

## MISS HANAN DIES WITHOUT TELLING STORY OF KILLING

Daughter Of Wealthy Shoe  
Manufacturer Carries Cause  
Of Tragedy To Grave

### MOTIVE FOR SHOOTING MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

John S. Borland, Who Was  
With Miss Hanan When She  
Was Shot By Mrs. Laws,  
Who Later Committed Suicide,  
Says Loss Of Financial  
Support Responsible.

New York, Sept. 25.—Miss Mildred Hanan, daughter of the late Alfred P. Hanan, shoe manufacturer, died early today without having advanced any explanation as to why she had been shot Friday morning by her erstwhile chum, Mrs. Grace Laws, who later committed suicide.

John S. Borland, importer and Dartmouth college graduate who was in her company when the shooting took place outside the apartment of a mutual friend on Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, was at her bedside when she died at 4 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Clara H. Hanan, her mother, and several other relatives also were present, but the girl, who had lapsed into unconsciousness shortly after midnight did not recognize any of them.

An autopsy performed by Dr. Carl Bestiger, assistant medical examiner, showed that a bullet pierced the thorax and the abdomen and lodged under the ninth rib on the right side. A blood transfusion, made Friday seemed to give the girl additional strength but a relapse set in Saturday evening.

The real motive for the shooting may never be known publicly. Police expressed the theory that jealousy was a contributing factor but they were unable to determine whether it was because of Borland or because of the severance of Mrs. Laws' friendly relations with Miss Hanan. Borland told police that he believed Mrs. Laws was driven to the act as a result of having lost the friendship and financial assistance of Miss Hanan. He also expressed the belief that this was followed by excessive drinking which Mrs. Laws admitted in a letter to her sister in San Francisco several months ago.

Mrs. Laws had lived with the Hanans until about two weeks ago when a quarrel between her and Mildred at Shoreham, Long Island, resulted in Mrs. Laws taking rooms at a hotel not far from the Hanan home on Park avenue. On the evening preceding the shooting, Miss Dorothy Gottschalk, a friend, had dined with Miss Hanan and Borland at the Hanan home and Borland later decided to accompany Miss Gottschalk to her home in Brooklyn and it was while emerging from her apartment the shooting occurred.

Except to state that Mrs. Laws had shot her and that Borland had nothing to do with it Miss Hanan had declined to answer the inquiries of police seeking to establish a motive for Mrs. Laws' act.

## 630 BALES SOLD IN ONE DAY HERE

Friday Cotton Receipts Largest  
On Record — 360 Sat-  
urday

Cotton receipts on the local market broke all previous records Friday when 630 bales were weighed at the central yard on Lockwood square and 80 bales were weighed at the oil mill. Approximately \$70,000 was paid for this cotton and three car loads of seed brought to market on that day. 340 bales were sold here Saturday.

The best previous record for one day on the local yard was 500 bales brought in during the time that H. C. McNeill was official weigher several years ago.

Up to Saturday night nearly 4,000 bales of the staple had been marketed here. This places the market about 2 months ahead of last year in quantity sold and has turned approximately \$400,000 into the trade channels here within the last thirty days. Cotton marketed so far averaged 19 and 20 cents. The heavy selling throughout the cotton belt all last week drove the local price down to 19 cents Saturday from the 19 3-4 at which it stood all day Friday.

## 10,000 PEOPLE WATCH TWO DIE ON GALLOWES

Then Crestview, Florida, Crowd Con-  
tributed Over \$1,000 To Fam-  
ily Of The Deceased Men

Crestview, Fla., Sept. 25.—A double execution took place here today when Patman Ponsell and Jake Martin paid the death penalty for the murder of John Tuggle on July 4th near this place. The trap was sprung at 10 minutes past 12 and the men were pronounced dead in 18 minutes.

A crowd estimated at 10,000 persons had gathered to witness the hanging, which was a public one. Both Ponsell and Martin admitted their guilt just before the execution, and a letter from the mother of John Tuggle was read to the men in which she said that she had forgiven them.

## GOVERNOR REFUSES TO INTERFERE AND HARRIS WILL GO TO THE CHAIR

Former Governor Craig Sits in Chair  
And Begs For The Life Of  
Harris

By W. T. BOST in Greensboro  
Daily News

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Former Governor Locke Craig sat in an invalid's chair this morning and in an hour and ten minutes of argument begged the court of Governor Morrison for mercy on Tom Harris, convicted slayer of F. W. Monahan, of Ridgecrest, but the Governor with inverted thumbs dictated the death warrant of the accused.

To be perfectly literal Mr. Craig was not in the comfortable chair of the sick and Governor Morrison did not give the sign of the mercies which he had shown the Roman arena where men fought for their lives. Mr. Craig is still able to walk and he occupied just an ordinary rocker in the Governor's office. But the former chief executive sat and spoke his tender heart for a man who has found mercy nowhere west of Raleigh and it wasn't here today.

The speech of the former governor this morning was quite as notable as that of Ex-Judge Frank Carter yesterday. Mr. Craig was blowing up a minister's character and therefore more spectacular. At times he was a torrent of invective. Mr. Craig occasionally let loose a burning sentence; but for the most part he was content to ask his excellency what the court of clemency is for if it is not to touch the human side of the wretched devil under death sentence to forge a chain of fire about his body?

Dr. May's away, Craig contended, there is no established motive. There is an inexplicable homicide which fragments of testimony picked up here and there upon the stand and a jury called upon to reduce the guilt of the accused. But it was May who beat down and caught from a victim sailing into the other world, the dying declaration against "moonshiners." It was the same Mr. May who wrapped his living arms about the accused and made the dull, gross, stupid murderer, and in the relation priest and confessor, tore from him the perfect proof of rationality. It was Rev. Dr. May who brought from the dead proof of premeditation and deliberation. It was Dr. May who bore from Harris the confession that he would never have Harris from the chair. It was Dr. May again who conveyed from the prisoner the announcement that he was not stirred by boose to commit the assassination; but rather that the prisoner chose perfect control of his nerves then took a drink to celebrate the great event.

To all this Governor Morrison entered no demur. He congratulated his death warrant without a doubt of anything that Brother May, of the Furman university faculty might say. But omitting it all, the governor does not see what avail it is to Harris who should have been convicted, his excellency thinks, without any May's at all.

The defense lost its heart when it saw the governor dissociating the jury and Dr. May. To the defense there was no motive without May's evidence, there was no suggestion of rationality with May's left out. There were all sorts of evidence for and against insanity before and after the homicide. The jury could believe that the jury would not have convicted of murder in the first degree without direct testimony and deliberation and premeditation. Such testimony May's furnished.

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS FOLK SING AT BETSEDA

Choirs of Many Churches Gather At  
Friends Church For Annual  
Convention

By D. R. Lee

One of the most enjoyable events in the history of Bethesda church, (the home of Brotherly love) transpired on Saturday September 24th. The meeting, together with the P. W. B. Sunday school, choir and different points covering a large territory, in their annual convention. The convention was opened with prayer and an eloquent address of welcome by the Rev. Mr. P. V. Pike, pastor of the Friend's church. After this came the uplifting, inspiring, and stirring heart-melting songs of joy, hope, praise and love delivered in the way that only God's people, brought up in God's free country and under His leadership, could deliver them.

I sit safe in saying that among that vast concourse of people were some of the sweetest singers in the world. I am not trying to disparage the Adeline Fazio or the Caruso or any of the other famous musicians; it has been my good fortune to hear. When I say that they could not have tempted me away from that convention with a season ticket.

The convention was presided over by Mr. E. H. Jernigan who for seven years has held this position of honor. New Zealand churchmen were the convention to be held on the same day next year. By the way, those Bethesda folks have under construction and nearing completion a handsome six-room bungalow on the church lot for the use of their pastor. They also have one of the nicest little infant choirs imaginable under the leadership of that loved lord of the children, Hughie Mobley. Good behavior among the spectators was the order of the day. In fact, there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the 1,000 people who attended.

## SINGING CONTEST FEATURE OF FAIR

\$250 In Prizes Offered Classes  
Of The Dunn Dis-  
trict

Not even the day on which Herbert Hoover and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt are to speak at the Dunn Fair is expected to see as many people within the Fairgrounds as will Friday, fourth day of the big event, when all of the singing classes of the surrounding country will gather to compete for ten cash prizes offered by the Harnett County Agricultural Fair association.

Winner of first prize in this contest will get \$100, winner of the second will get \$50, winner of the third will get \$25, winner of the fourth will get \$15, and winner of the next six will get \$10 each. A special auditorium for the holding of these contests is being equipped at the Fairgrounds now. It will seat more than 1,000 persons and will be fitted over a convenient for the singers. Already several class leaders have expressed their determination to bring their classes here for the contest. It is probable that twenty classes will compete. Ellis Goldstein, business manager of the fair association and T. L. Riddle, secretary, will devote much attention to this feature of the fair. They advise that all class leaders who desire to participate in the contest communicate with either of them immediately and learn of the rules and regulations governing the contest.

An effort will be made to get most of the classes which participated in the Labor Day Sing at Lillington here for this occasion. Mr. Goldstein and several other officials of the fair association visited many of the leaders whose classes took part in the Free Will Baptist convention at Bethesda Saturday and were assured that many of them would sing at the fair.

The liberal prizes offered by the fair association are attracting much attention from rural singing classes and it is certain that there will be a keen spirit of rivalry in the contest. No free admission tickets are to be issued to singers, however, since it is certain that ten of them will win prizes sufficiently large to pay all admissions for average size classes. Mr. Goldstein believes that this attraction will be one of the most interesting of fair week, although each of the five days from Tuesday to Saturday are to have some big features.

July Fourth celebrations have always attracted hundreds of visitors from the country. This contest, being on a larger scale than any ever before attempted here, is expected to bring thousands to town.

## WATSON TO SPEAK AT CLINTON FAIR

Georgia Senator Accepts In-  
vitation on Condition That  
He Can Get Away

Washington, Sept. 25.—United States Senator Tom Watson of Georgia, is to be the speaker at the Sampson county fair in Clinton on November 2, if nothing in Congress keeps him in Washington at that time. The invitation to the Georgia Senator was extended through Senator Overman, who had been requested to do so by J. A. Stewart, president, and T. E. Smith, secretary of the Sampson county Agricultural association.

This will be the third time that Mr. Watson has spoken in North Carolina, the first time having been in Goldsboro, 1891, with L. H. Folk, then president of the Farmers Alliance, Mr. Watson having then just been elected to Congress as a Populist; the second time in 1904 at Newton when he was the Peoples party candidate for President.

The invitation to speak at Clinton, the county seat of the greatest population in the State, is rather unique in that former Senator Watson is unique in that he was the national chairman of the Populist party in 1898 when Mr. Watson was the Populist nominee for vice president, that party having endorsed the nomination of William J. Bryan for President, and that of former Senator Butler, whom in a very recent issue of his paper he declared had betrayed him in the 1896 campaign. And another matter of interest in connection with the invitation is that George E. Butler, the brother of Marion Butler, is one of the directors of the Sampson county fair. Speaking of the invitation Senator Watson said:

"I hope that nothing will prevent me from filling the engagement. I have the greatest admiration for North Carolina. I believe in its Mecklenburg declaration of Independence, and have said in one of my books. And I believe in the valor of the North Carolinians at Alamance. It is a great State. I remember my two visits to it with great pleasure."

## TO MAKE THOROUGH PROBE OF THE CHICAGO POLICE

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 25.—Federal officials today had started an extensive investigation of the Chicago Police Department as a result of an appeal last night by Charles F. Morris, chief of police, who declared that, in his belief "half of the city's 5,000 policemen were bootleggers, playing their illicit liquor operations much more industriously than they watched over the city."

—Why does a wig resemble a list? Because it is a falsehood.

## NATION WILL PAUSE 3 MINUTES TO HONOR UNKNOWN DEAD

Unknown Soldier Will Be Buried  
Life In France To Be Observed  
In Arlington

The nation will pause for two minutes on Friday day to pay honor to the unknown dead of the great war. Detailed plans for the ceremony at Arlington national cemetery on that day when the body brought back from France is to be buried were made by President Harding, who by proclamation has called for a two minute halt in the day's work throughout the nation to be devoted to prayer and reverent memories for the dead.

The body returned from France on the cruiser Olympia on November 9, and will lie in state in the Capitol building until Armistice day, November 11. It will then be escorted by a great official military party to Arlington cemetery, the line of march being guarded throughout its length by troops stationed along the route. The mourning party will include all living heads of the congressional model of war who are desired to come, one member of every 10,000 in the great army and an enlisted man from each unit of the army, navy, and other veterans of the war, and the various patriotic organizations. From American points everywhere in the war zone of mourning will be observed from sunrise until after the funeral ceremonies in Washington have been completed.

Plans for the ceremony were made by Major General Harbord, acting secretary of war, and chief of staff today in the name of Secretary Weeks and General Pershing. They were drawn under General Harbord's personal supervision and provide with the details of the ceremony of army orders, the field for every regiment of the army, the order with which the soldiers will pay tribute to the man whose name was lost on the battlefields of France.

## MUST MAKE OIL MORE PRODUCTIVE

Methods Suggested Used in  
State and National Oil  
Graduate School

It is the big problem before North Carolina farmers according to Prof. C. B. Williams, chief of the Division of Agronomy at State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Engineering. "Since from the cultivation of the soil, directly or indirectly, most of the wealth of this state is derived, it is but natural to conclude," he states, "that one of the greatest of our needs is for a fuller and more complete knowledge of the many factors that contribute to making our soils more productive and their cultivation more remunerative."

"Even though well cultivated, a soil to produce large crops must be thoroughly drained; must be well supplied with organic matter; and should have plant food constituents present in sufficient amounts in available form for the production of good yields of crops. If any one of these controllable factors is lacking, it will not be possible for the farmer to secure the best and most profitable growth. It should always be kept in mind by us, however, that it is not necessary for the farmer to produce the largest yields who is going to secure the greatest net profit per acre. We should never be misled into believing that the methods used in producing these enormous yields are the ones of necessity must be used by farmers generally in order to produce the largest crops. They may be, but they are not the ones that a farmer for any good farmer, or almost any intelligent man, with fair cultivation and ample rainfall, to produce large yields, but it takes a wise and thoughtful farmer to produce large yields on poor soils, and at the same time secure a reasonable profit on the operation, and have his farm at the end of each year be in a more highly productive state than it was at the beginning of the year."

The methods that have been used for so commonly in this State, as well as throughout the nation, have led to a gradual depletion of the soils. It has been assumed in far too many cases that the soil contains an inexhaustible supply of materials necessary for plant growth, and that the only things that have to be looked after by the farmer, especially if weather conditions are favorable, are the preparation of the soil and fair cultivation. This plan, although an unwise one, could be followed while our soils were in a virgin condition, and it may be used, although unwise, at the present time on soils that are being brought under cultivation for the first time. The far too common use of this method has led, however, to the depletion of many of our soils of their available plant food. It has always been and will always be, to such an extent that it is not possible to secure large yields on many of them, even with the best systems of cultivation and under the most favorable weather conditions. It is, in many cases, true too, that one, two or more of the usual plant food constituents are limiting factors in growth of crops on our soils. It matters not how abundantly a soil might be supplied with potash and phosphoric acid, if the supply of a valuable nitrogen is only sufficient for the production of twenty bushels per acre, this is the maximum yield (Continued on page 4.)

## COLORED PEOPLE WILL HELP FAIR

Are Given Separate Depart-  
ment And Independent  
Prizes

Colored people of the Dunn District will take an active and important part in the forthcoming session of the Harnett County Fair. This was assured last Friday night when directors of the fair association determined to provide funds for a department in which colored men and women could place exhibits competing for prizes offered only to colored people. A space fifty feet long in the main exhibit hall of the fairgrounds was set aside for these exhibits.

Professor James W. Vines, principal of the Harnett County Training school, Dr. C. D. Coddington, colored physician, and Miss Pearl Alston, supervisor of rural colored schools, were appointed an executive committee to arrange all details for the colored exhibits. Dr. Coddington is business manager of the fairgrounds.

Prizes aggregating \$150 are offered by the fair association for exhibits in this department. The committee plans to six meetings in various parts of the surrounding country in an effort to arouse a widespread interest in the fair among colored people. The first of these meetings was held last night in the colored Odd Fellows hall here. Another will be held in Linden school house tonight.

The other meetings will be held as follows:

Grove church, Nell's Creek, Wednesday night.  
Wesley Chapel church, Lillington, Thursday afternoon.  
Harrington, Upper Little River, Thursday night.  
Duke school house Friday night.

Colored farmers are asked to prepare exhibits of corn, hay, peanuts, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, vegetables, hams and hocks, live stock, cattle and hogs. Colored women will be given prizes for exhibits of home economics, poultry, cooking, fancy work and miscellaneous articles of craftsmanship.

Professor Vines stresses the importance of this department to the colored people of this section. "They send of strangers will visit the fair this year and he is anxious to see the colored department show to a good advantage in order that these visitors may be favorably impressed with the industry of Dunn District colored people."

The prizes offered are open to all of the colored people of the four counties comprising the Dunn District and are to be distributed to the member of the committee or with Secretary Riddle for any information they may be desired concerning the department.

## WARNS GINNERS TO GET LICENSE

Commissioner Of Agriculture  
Says Many Are Liable  
To Fine

Cotton ginner who have not ap-  
plied for State license to operate  
are subject to be fined \$5 for each day  
they operate without the license. So  
says a letter received yesterday  
from Major W. A. Graham, commis-  
sioner of agriculture. The letter  
reads:

There are a number of cotton ginner in the State who have not yet applied for license to operate a cotton gin during this season. Their attention is called to the fact that the last session of the legislature passed a law requiring that all ginner make application for license to the Commissioner of Agriculture for the next year a tax of twenty-five cents per bale of cotton ginned, rendering this tax monthly to the Department of Revenue.

The law imposes a fine of five dollars per day on all ginner who operate without securing State license. Therefore, it is directed that ginner who have not yet secured their license to operate write the Commissioner of Agriculture requesting a form of application for license, which should be filled out and forwarded immediately.

As a matter of information I desire to state that the tax referred to constitutes a fund which guarantees the integrity of the warehouse receipts issued under the State Warehouse System, and that nine-tenths of this fund will be loaned for the construction of warehouses, the individual loan not exceed fifty per cent of the total warehouse cost. The attention of your readers is called to the benefit which they may obtain by availing themselves of the provisions of this law either in regard to the operation under it of existing warehouses or in borrowing money for the construction of new warehouses.

## JUNIOR FARMERS IN IOWA ORGANIZE THROUGHOUT STATE

A State-wide organization of Junior farmers was started on August 29 by 800 members of boys' and girls clubs, who met at the Iowa State Fair. The object of this State organization of club members is to assist the county club agents of the United States department of agriculture and the State agriculture colleges and other club workers with the establishment and conduct of local clubs, to promote club work at county fairs, and to assist the State club leaders of the Iowa agricultural extension in carrying on successful club exhibits, team demonstrations, model activities.

## THERE'S MORE TROUBLE FOR TAXING POWERS OF STATE THAN EVER

Is Max Heard Southern Power Does  
Not Like Southern But That  
S. P. Likes Watts

By W. T. BOST in Greensboro  
Daily News

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Three star observers in North Carolina taxmen looking from without into "Judge Boyd's house of refuge" for the taxed, are enjoying immensely what appears to be going on therein.

The stars differ in glory as most of them do. First is Allen J. Maxwell, who was promised the ministry of taxation and for whom the place was created at the instance of the governor. Mr. Maxwell looks in after the fashions of John Webster's birds, his bird is in like a summer bird, cage—the bird without the cage weary for fear they shall never fly in, and the birds within despair lest they shall never get out. Mr. Maxwell "wanted" in; Mr. Watts doesn't want out.

Next there is Josiah William Bailey, whom "I told-you-so" statesman in North Carolina. He delights in the spectacle of a great railway company highballing it to the federal courts in defiance of Josephus Daniels, champion de luxe Yarborough's house prisoner and the best fed martyr who ever told a federal judge to go to hell. The Southern was a revolutionary because it believed Mr. Bailey when he sneered at Maxwell and company from the heights of academic perfection and dared then to do their duty by taking one penny off corporations and laying it on agriculture which notably taxes. The Southern remained put; Mr. Bailey didn't. And he has the laugh on it.

Third and last, most brilliant of the three luminaries, is Thomas Walter Bickett. This isn't saying that Bickett has more brains than Maxwell and Bailey, rather that he is a man of more common sense. When Bailey said his policy would create an orgy of extravagance within the 16-cent proper limit, then came Morrison and Watts with their seventy or so million program with no valorem at all. When Bickett coined his expressive "taxbook" speech, the administration was at the back of the curtain, the "cry," another fellow of Bickett's house. They are "back" there now and Bickett enjoys party in to the house of refuge where Colonel Moss Watts and the administration are taking a whet with 49 cents.

Maxwell, Morrison and Bickett do not differ in one thing. They are all to penetrate Governor Morrison's speech when he should be silent. But Maxwell is human and Bickett is humorous. If they cannot enjoy the disfigurement of the told-you-soers and the back-to-the-constitution, the pendulous, the renunciations, and the local self-government monomaniacs who fancy that a great state business can be run on little county junk of it, something is wrong with Maxwell and Bickett. Mr. Bailey thinks it is the cutest little thing in the world that the Southern which averaged a uniform and truthful violation of property should have received more than it bargained for, and Maxwell and Bickett must be somewhat pleased that in the destruction of the state system and the transportation of the back to the administration is one little house of refuge.

Allen Fox Tax Law Unconstitutional San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 12.—The State alien poll tax law was declared unconstitutional today by the State Supreme court in unanimous decision which held that the measure was in violation of the 14th amendment to the United States Constitution and to the treaty between the United States and Japan.

## SHERIFF MASSEY SELLS ENTIRE CROP OF STILLS

Amounted to 1,694 Pounds And  
Brought 36 Per Pound  
Netting \$59.23.

The rear of the sheriff's office has had its fall cleaning. All the crop of copper stills which were stored there have been sold to junk dealers in Raleigh. They came, they bought and carried it off. And now there are only little fellows as a next egg.

The copper in the stills amounted to 1,694 pounds and brought 3 cents per pound f. o. b. Raleigh. The net income from the harvest amounted to \$59.23. The deal was made through Sheriff Massey and the Raleigh junk dealers, of Raleigh. The great moonshine containers were washed and battered into all shapes to render them useless again to their calling. There were some big fellows which caused many onlookers to whisper "I wish it was mine." But to us now as it was hit in the head with an ax and battered into a shapeless sheet of copper. The little ones had to be washed carefully during the moving as some of the "bearded" men came to take a last look at their pets. They were made in all sorts of styles and fashions, which showed the taste of the owners. And now it is wondered if some of the little fellows didn't get lost in the rush.

The sheriff and his deputies are laying plans to gather in a new harvest as they have found a new sale for their entire crop. The sheriff says he is the first in the county to start the co-operative selling plan—Smith-Field Observer.

## PINT EVERY 10 SECONDS

Albany, Ga., Sept. 25.—A giant moonshine still producing a pint of corn whiskey every 10 seconds was captured by federal officers in Greene county Thursday afternoon. It became known today when they brought it to Athens headquarters.

## LEVINSON FIGHTS PROJECT TO GET COATS OFF ROAD

Expresses Amusement Over  
Activities Of Lawyer  
Politicians

### DUKE NOT ENTITLED TO CONSIDERATION

Maintains It Is Neither Town  
Nor Agricultural Center  
And Should Be No More  
Favored Than Should High-  
man's Mill — Coats Route  
Would Serve More.

Expressing amusement along with his displeasure over the proposal to route the east and west highway through Harriet that it will not touch Coats, L. L. Levinson, a Coats lawyer and judge of county recorder's court, writes as follows:

I am frankly amused to learn that prominent lawyers of Dunn are circulating petitions to change the route selected by the State Highway Commission for construction of the east and west highway via Coats so as to make same go direct from Duke Creek to Duke. These men have evidently accepted from a large land owner of the county a thousand acres of whose land would be touched should the road go direct from Duke Creek to Duke. I do not believe a lawyer who occupies a good part of his pettifoggery from this section ought to, or can conscientiously, accept a fee to fight a thing which is morally right and economically sound.

If the purpose in building these highways is to make a business direct from point to point, then why should this road go to Duke at all? Duke is not a town, and as an agricultural or commercial center is entitled to no more consideration than other like communities in the State. Tilden's Lumber Mill, for instance, is argued that Duke of Tilden has good roads. He has Duke, North Carolina, what good would roads do us, or Duke either for that matter, if they could not get to our townships? After all I have said above, I wish to state that it is the opinion of the overwhelming majority of our people that the road should go by Duke and it is likewise my opinion that this is the ground that the great majority of our people would support.

It is a well known fact that the river route would not serve one-tenth of the people that the Coats route would, simply because this is a commercial center, the center of what looked like a great number of territory, thickly settled, North and East of Coats would be adversely affected should the "Layton" route be selected. The former State Highway engineer for this territory also advised that the river route would cost almost double the other route to construct, and would be more difficult to maintain.

There is also another argument in favor of the Coats route and that is that the Grove Township and Black River Township road commission have agreed to construct and maintain a good sand-clay road which will connect with the Varina road to Raleigh. This will give us a good road direct from Raleigh to Dunn. Whereas if the Coats route is not selected then this road as traffic would have to be materially diverted and substantial delays would have to be made in order to reach Duke Creek.

The difference in the two routes is a fraction more than two miles, and I am surprised that men will willingly misrepresent this fact for fee, in order to create confusion.

In conclusion let me say that Dunn is not gaining anything by the attitude in this matter. The great majority of our people now prefer to go the way to Raleigh to do their shopping in preference to Dunn simply because the citizens of Dunn have frequently shown their antagonism towards this vicinity.

There are more things of this kind which are crying for public sentiment in this locality in favor of a virtual boycott against Dunn. There is nothing better that the Dunn chamber of commerce could do to allay this antagonism than to pass a resolution in favor of the Coats route. If something is not done the results are menacing. And to say this is a great political blunder would be made in carrying the road by "Layton's."

## COATS SPELLING BEE TO BE STAGED FRIDAY

George I. Smith, Promoting Event—  
George C. Greenham Leads  
Dunn Spelling.

A spelling bee of unusual interest is scheduled for Coats next Friday night when five classes from as many communities of the county will gather to compete for the championship.

George I. Smith, of one time principal of the Dunn High School, is promoting the event. He has secured the following leaders for the respective communities:

George C. Greenham, Dunn.  
L. L. Collins, Duke Creek.  
Miss Nora Smith, Oakdale Springs.

Miss Ethel Stewart, Coats. Each of these leaders will appoint a class of four others. The several classes will each hold a preliminary contest between their members. The surviving members in each class will compete for the championship tomorrow.

The contest will be held in the school auditorium at Coats.