

Free Textbook Plan Stirring Up Some Skepticism

Commission Gill However Go Into Question Of Cost At Later Date.

RALEIGH.—The recommendation that the state provide free textbooks for all the elementary schools in the state, just made by the state school book commission, is being regarded in some circles here with a certain amount of skepticism. Some frankly see in the recommendation the influence of the textbook publishers and distributors and believe that the free textbook plan is being recommended because of the patent impossibility of instituting such a plan at this time rather than the state rental plan as advocated by Commissioner A. J. Maxwell when he was seeking the democratic nomination for governor.

It is no secret here that the school book publishing companies, book depositories and distributors are vigorously opposed both to state rental or free textbooks, since either of these plans tends to reduce the yearly sale of textbooks. It is also well known that the school-book publishers bitterly fought the candidacy of Commissioner Maxwell because of his advocacy of a state rental system and lower prices for school books.

Because of the fear on the part of the textbook publishers and distributors that an effort will be made in the forthcoming general assembly to set up a state rental system of textbooks, a member of observers here think they have come out for free text books, knowing that the free textbook plan is virtually impossible of attainment. The book publishers evidently believe that if they seem to favor the free textbook plan it will act as a smoke screen and divert attention from the rental plan, which could be put into effect with much less expense than the free book plan, it is pointed out.

There is no suggestion, of course, that the school book commission is in any way conscious that it has been influenced at all by the textbook publishers. There is every reason to believe that the members of the commission are perfectly sincere in their interest in the welfare of the school children in the state in recommending free textbooks. It is also generally agreed here that if the state could find the money with which to finance a free textbook system that it would be an excellent thing for the school children and their parents.

It is admitted by Dr. A. T. Allen, however, that the commission has not yet made any estimates as to how much free textbooks would cost, although the commission expects to go into the question of cost later. Unofficial estimates are, however, that it would probably cost the state at least \$5,000,000 to provide the free textbooks and supplies the first year and probably in excess of \$1,000,000 a year for new books and replacements for each succeeding year. In the case of the state rental plan, the cost the first year would be about the same. But the initial outlay would be in the form of a self-liquidating loan to the schools to be paid off eventually from the rental paid by the school children. It is agreed that this would reduce the book cost from 50 to 75 percent in a great many instances. But the

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Colt Savage writing for the Morganton News-Herald under the heading "Do you Remember?" cleverly sets down some facts that perhaps some of the older readers of the younger generation would enjoy. What was true in Burke county was more than likely true in Haywood county:

When saloons were in Morganton—and it was the custom to shoot up the town on election day?—When all women wore long hair and long dresses—and any deviation from this standard would have been considered very un-lady-like?—When there were no automobiles, trucks or motorcycles—and courting was done in buggies, wagons or afoot?—When Morganton was lighted by kerosene—and the streets were good in dry weather?—When there were no motion pictures in North Carolina—and people entertained themselves at home with a stereoscope?—When radios were un-heard-of—and any news that floated into the community was chewed, swallowed and thoroughly digested—when ice in summer was considered a luxury of the rich—and ice cream existed mainly in dreams of children—when Burke county men hunted squirrels with rifles—and shot only at their heads?—When cigarettes were called "coffin tacks" and girls did not smoke them—while their grandmothers puffed smoke from homemade tobacco in a clay pipe?

cost of free textbooks would be an out and out expenditure.

The method pursued by this commission is similar to that followed by Representative A. D. MacLean and those favoring state support of the six months school term in the 1931 general assembly in passing the law for the state support before it was determined how much it would cost or where the money could be found. The legislature stayed in session five months trying to provide enough revenue to carry out the "MacLean law," and finally adjourned without being able to find it all, having to impose a 15 cents ad valorem tax to provide for \$4,000,000 of the six months term expense.

It is generally conceded that the 1932 general assembly will remove that 15 cents tax. If it does, it means that it will have to find \$4,500,000 of additional revenue from some other source. If the free textbooks should be adopted, it would mean that the general assembly will have to provide about \$9,500,000 more for schools from indirect sources than it is now providing, without taking into consideration the \$7,000,000 deficit the state will have.

This is evidently the reason the textbook people feel safe in advocating free textbooks.

PROGRAM FOR FIFTH SUNDAY

Program of Fifth Sunday meeting to be held with the Ratcliff Cove Baptist church, October 30th. 10 a. m. Worship and song service led by C. L. Allen. 10:15 a. m. The beatitudes, Matt. 5: 3 to 12, F. H. Leatherwood. 10:30 a. m. The Christian's relation to the world, Matt. 5: 13 to 16, T. M. Cogburn. 10:45 a. m. Standards contrasted, Matt. 5: 20 to 25, O. F. Burnett. 11:00 a. m. A manner of prayer, Matt. 6: 9 to 13, J. P. Beam. 11:15 a. m. The Kingdom law of riches, Matt. 6: 19 to 21, Jesse James. 11:30 a. m. Sermon. Rev. I. A.

Mars Hill Honors Slave Who Was Sold To Pay For College

Granite Monument Erected To Memory Of "Joe" On School Campus.

MARS HILL.—(Special to The Mountaineer).—Mars Hill college departed from the usual Founders Day procedure on Wednesday, October 12, when the college celebrated the seventy-sixth anniversary of its founding with an interracial program climaxed with the unveiling of a memorial to a negro slave, who in 1856 was taken for the final payment on the first buildings of the college.

With negroes and whites participating, the day was made an occasion for promoting interracial good will and understanding. W. W. D. Weatherford, president of the Y. M. C. A. Graduate School of Nashville, Tennessee, and Blue Ridge, N. C., and author of several works on the negro in the South, was the principal speaker on the Founders Day program. He spoke on "Education the Antidote for Prejudice." Other visiting speakers were C. K. Robinson, editor of the Asheville Times, who made the main address at the unveiling of the memorial, and the Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist church (colored). Music for the exercises which comprised mainly spirituals and selections from negro composers, was provided by members of the college glee club and orchestra and the local negro choir.

Following the Founders Day exercises which were held in the college auditorium, where a section was reserved for negroes, 500 students and teachers of the college with a large number of visitors present for the day, gathered in a natural amphitheatre on the campus where ashes of Joe had been reinterred and where a granite marker had been erected to his memory.

At the beginning of the unveiling ceremony, J. Bascom Huff, of the English department of the Mars Hill college and the grandson of Edward Carter, on whose land the first buildings of the college were erected, presented the living descendants of Joe who were present. The granite marker, the gift of C. M. Palmer of the Palmer Stone Works of Albemarle, N. C., was unveiled by little Marie Ruth Carter Tilson and Master Edward Poole, great-great-grandchildren of Edward Carter. The memorial bears the inscription "In memory of Joe, a slave who was taken by the contractors of the first building of this college as a pledge for the debt due them, 1856."

Joe, believed to be the only human being who was ever actually taken to help pay for a college, has become a symbol at Mars Hill of the human values which have gone into the founding and maintenance of the college and the story of his incarceration has become a campus legend.

When the first buildings of the college were erected in 1856 something like \$1200 were due the contractors, Shackelford and Clayton, of Asheville. The local people who desired a college in the vicinity had given, they thought, to their limit, land being plentiful, but money exceedingly scarce in this mountain region at the time. The contractors accordingly levied on a negro youth, Joe, belonging to J. W. Anderson, chairman of the board of trustees, taking him to Asheville, eighteen miles away. Because Joe was a favorite in the community or because they did not want Mr. Anderson to bear all the debt, the members of the board each assumed a share of the indebtedness and finally redeemed Joe, who lived the remainder of his days in the community. This summer his ashes were removed from a nearby cemetery to a site on the campus where a marker has been placed to his memory.

Rhinehart. 12 o'clock. Dinner on the ground. 1:30 p. m. The two ways, Matt. 7: 13 to 14, P. C. Hicks. 1:45 p. m. The difference in doing and not doing, Matt. 7: 24 to 27, R. P. McCracken. 2:00 p. m. Our enlistment plan, H. W. Baucom.

There has been a 10 per cent increase in output of the leather footwear industry in Canada for the first quarter of the current year. Seeing its reflection in a store window, a ram in a flock of sheep being driven through Berwick, England, jumped through the glass to attack his supposed rival.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, HAYWOOD COUNTY, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, BERTHA MELTON, Plaintiff VS. IRA MELTON, Defendant. The defendant, IRA MELTON, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Haywood County, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce on statutory grounds. That said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the Court House in Waynesville, North Carolina, on the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 1932, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This, OCTOBER 18, 1932. W. G. BYRNS, Clerk Superior Court, Haywood County, N. C. Oct. 20-27-Nov. 3-10-17 (GHW)

DID YOU KNOW?

—THAT relief loans totaling \$1,221,835 to Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Arkansas, Michigan and Montana were recently issued by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Prior to this time \$193,236 had already been advanced to Tennessee.

—THAT Governor Roosevelt said recently that he would say something on the bonus question "some day." Political leaders believe he will give his views on this question while on his tour in the South.

—THAT 25 agricultural students from the Summerfield and Stockdale high schools narrowly escaped serious injury near Burlington last week when the truck in which they were riding catapulted more than 100 feet when rounding a curve. One boy was expected to lose an arm as the result of the accident.

—THAT the sales tax of 2 percent in Mississippi produced \$740,395 in revenue since the law became effective May 1st. The legislature of that state estimated the tax will bring \$1,300,000 into the state treasury each year.

—THAT former Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia, said he had seen nobody who believes Hoover can win the coming election. He predicted a close campaign but thinks the Democrats will win by a smashing victory.

—THAT Robert R. Reynolds and Jake F. Newell endorsed the economy program which suggests that the Federal Government expenses be reduced \$750,000,000 a year.

—THAT the citizens of Charlotte will have to pay only 23 1-3 cents tax rate this year as compared with 59-cent 1929 assessment.

—THAT the kiln dry plant of the Foard Vencer Company at Hayesville was destroyed by fire Saturday. The loss was estimated at \$8,000.

—THAT Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt is scheduled to visit North Carolina October 25. He will stop in Raleigh, and probably a few other places enroute south.

—THAT Miss Marie Logan, of Asheville, a trained nurse, has been named as one of the many people and organizations sharing the large fortune of Henry Ford. Miss Logan's share is \$50,000.

—THAT President Herbert Hoover launched a two-fisted attack on the policies of Governor Roosevelt in Cleveland Saturday. He made a plea for a chance to carry on.

—THAT Vice President Charles Curtis suffered a strained shoulder resulting from an automobile accident at Salt Lake City Saturday. He continued his campaign tour, however.

—THAT A. C. Bryson, of Balsam, is an officer during the week and a preacher of the gospel on Sunday. He has made good at both jobs.

—THAT J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Democratic nominee for governor of this state, recently said that his party "offered a principle of government, not a prescription of belief."

—THAT Governor Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith will share the platform in closing the campaign of Mr. Roosevelt in New York. The return of the "Happy Warrior" to the Democratic rank, it is said, has strengthened the Democratic party.

—THAT football Saturday as usual attracted thousands to the many games throughout the country. Some of the scores were: Tennessee 7, Alabama 3; Vanderbilt 6, Tulane 7; North Carolina 6, Georgia 6; Duke 3 Maryland 0; Wake Forest 0, State 0 (played Friday); Auburn 6, Ga. Tech 0.

Question: Is it advisable to feed yellow corn in the scratch feed in preference to white corn? Answer: Yes. Yellow corn is much more valuable for scratch feed than white corn. It not only contains vitamin which is so necessary for poultry growth, but it also contains a pigment called xanthophyll which produces a rich, yellow color in the yolk of the egg. It should be used whenever possible in poultry feeding.

Tax Notices

(Continued from page 4.) IRONDUFF Crawford, J. M., 4 acres .... 7.48 Downs, Mrs. J. N., 23 acres, Bal. 10.93 Hannah, Violet, 50 acres .... 6.15 Haywood Electric Power Co., 61 acres ..... 20.41 Jolly, Mrs. Albert, 30 acres ..... 5.92 Jolly, A. P., 14 acres ..... 10.04 Kinsland, Herman, 109 acres ..... 40.43 Kinsland, R. W., 125 acres .... 43.52 Palmer, Mrs. M. W., 10 acres ..... 2.30 Rhinehart, Robt., 10 acres .. 4.85 Rhinehart, Mrs. Robt., 33 acres 11.33 Sloan, B. J., 88 acres ..... 54.30 To the foregoing taxes will be added penalties of 1 per cent per month, beginning with the month of February, 1932, and cost of this notice. Sale made pursuant to Chapter 342 Public Laws 1931, and the order of the Board of County Commissioners. This the 5th day of October, 1932. J. C. WATSON, Tax Collector.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PARDON

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to his Excellency, O. Max Gardner, Governor at his office in Raleigh, North Carolina, for a parole. The undersigned having been convicted at the July term, 1931, of the Superior Court of Haywood County, for an assault. This notice is given in compliance with the statute, and all persons who are opposed to said parole are hereby notified to enter their protests. This October 15, 1932. LARRY BROWN.

Turning Fast "Say, I saw the awfulest thing happen the other day! Mr. Stone and Mr. Wood were standing on the corner talking, when a good looking girl passed by." "Stone turned to wood, Wood turned to stone, they both turned to rubber and the girl turned into a drug store."

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