

Towns Concerned Over Lack Of Financial Aid From State Collections

RALEIGH — Extreme concern over the General Assembly's failure to enact any legislation to relieve the pressing financial crisis of the State's cities and towns was expressed this week by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

City Manager R. M. Cooksey of Thomasville League president, declared the current legislature "appears so wrapped up in doing something for rural areas that it has forgotten the citizens of cities and towns who pay most of the State's taxes."

Cooksey declared that he termed the Legislature "slamming lack of understanding of the serious financial problems faced by North Carolina municipalities and their many thousands of harassed citizens."

His sentiments were echoed by Mayor Ray Shute of Monroe, chairman of the League's legislative committee.

Shute added that the League was "very concerned over the apparent rural-urban split in the Legislature" and he expressed regret that such a situation has been permitted by the State administration to develop.

"We don't want that sort of thing," Shute said. "We realize that the urban and rural segments of North Carolina must work together as a unit, for the welfare of the entire State. We believe forward-looking rural leaders agree with us. We dislike to see the Legislature or the administration or any other agency play one side against the other. We are sincere in warning the people of this State that such a policy will, in the long run, seriously hinder the general progress of North Carolina. We believe the problems of both sides should be considered and dealt with sympathetically."

"The municipalities of this State certainly will not sit by idly and continue to get the short end of the deal every time they ask for legitimate help. The patience of urban residents is getting short. They are the state's heaviest taxpayers and they are demanding to be included in any Go Forward program. No State can go forward by holding back one great segment of its population to the advantage of another. We must all go forward together."

Shute explained that the Joint Finance Committee had killed a League-backed measure to revise the State's Schedule B (privilege tax schedule) to remove tax discriminations between local businesses and to give municipalities more leeway in levying privilege taxes. Adoption of the proposal

State Imports Fourth Of Milk Used, Says Report

RALEIGH—(AP)—North Carolina imported nearly one-fourth of its fluid milk supply from other states last year.

C. W. Pegram, director of the dairy division of the State Department of Agriculture said the milk cost approximately \$5,500,000.

A report issued by Pegram based on information from creameries and distributors under the milk audit law showed that wholesale milk purchases from other states totaled 78,799,151 pounds in 1948 or 14,918,500 pounds more than 1947 imports of 63,880,651 pounds.

The percentage of out-of-state purchases to the total fluid milk supply was 25.5 per cent last year compared with 22.8 per cent the year before.

Purchases of Grade A milk from North Carolina producers also increased last year, the report showed while the quantity of ungraded or "manufacturing" milk, used for conversion into other dairy products, declined.

Pegram interpreted this as indicating that more and more North Carolina milk producers "are realizing the wisdom of improving their facilities so as to meet the State's standards for Grade A milk."

It would have meant approximately \$2,500,000 more in annual revenue to municipalities.

Shute also was critical of the lack of action on a bill that would give municipalities one cent of the State's 6c tax on gasoline. This would give municipalities about \$6,000,000 annually. The measure now is "bottled up" in the House Finance Committee, Shute reported. The bill was introduced on January 17. Since then, Shute said, the bill apparently has "hit a stone wall."

League officials pointed out that municipalities are entitled to substantial aid from gasoline revenues to relieve their burden in building and maintaining streets "which are used not only by urban residents but by farmers, tourists, through trucks and others," as well as by taxis, delivery trucks and other vehicles that rarely if ever leave the city limits.

American oilmen discovered oil in 1932 on the island of Bahrain in the Persian Gulf.

FOXY PARADERS RESTORE 'YOICKS'



TOGGED OUT IN RIDING CLOTHES, some mounted and some afoot, English farmers from Worcestershire and Gloucestershire parade through London's Piccadilly in protest against a bill that was aimed at banning their fox hunting rights. As a result, the bill was defeated. (International)

Redden Gets Lots Opinions On The Taft-Hartley Law

Rep. Monroe M. Redden of Hendersonville, has plenty of constituents who not only listen to the radio, but also have political opinions.

This is evidenced by the number of replies, about 150 to date, that he has received answering 20 questions asked by radio commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr., regarding the Taft-Hartley act. The commentator asked his audience to send numbered answers to their congressmen.

The story woven into the 150 messages, as Rep. Redden sees it, is that the people feel that certain portions of the Taft-Hartley act are indispensable and must be retained.

These include specifically the portion prohibiting secondary boycotts and the one prohibiting "feather bedding" on jobs.

The messages are practically unanimous in urging retention of the authority of the courts to enjoin strikes of a national character that affect the health and welfare of the people.

Jailed For Baby's Death

A 29-year-old divorcee was jailed in Rutherfordton on charges of hanging her newborn infant daughter.

Mary Keeter of the Mount Vernon community was transferred from the Rutherfordton hospital to the county jail five days after she allegedly gave birth to the child unassisted in an outside toilet.

The baby girl weighed 9 pounds.

Scott Not Interested

Governor Scott made it clear he has no intention of stepping down as Governor in order to succeed J. Melville Broughton in the U. S. Senate.

He Packs A Wallop

Police Officers J. E. Phillips and R. B. Evans were struggling to force a drunken Negro into a Fayetteville jail cell. The prisoner resisted violently. Officer Evans swung a haymaker. The Negro ducked. The blow knocked two teeth from Officer Phillips' mouth.

Johnson Joins Securities Firm

Charles M. Johnson, former State treasurer and gubernatorial candidate, has joined the First Securities corporation of Durham as vice-president.

Charles F. Jones, president of the corporation, said Johnson will assume his duties immediately and will continue to live in Raleigh.

Pinned Under Wreck

A driver lay pinned nine hours under the cab of his truck after it overturned three miles north of Winston-Salem.

Discovered at 8 a.m., Bernard Newman, 20, of Fancy Gap, Va., was suffering from shock, exposure, and head and hip injuries.

His unloaded vehicle plowed down a 100-foot embankment on the Mount Airy highway.

Catches 375 Cases Booze

Constable O. D. Barrs, former Catawba County sheriff and now attached to staff of Sheriff Ray Pitts, captured 375 cases of taxpaid whiskey east of Newton but with the comment that "he didn't lose publicity." Barrs declined to give the exact location of the seizure.

The whiskey is stored in Hickory.

Asheville Being Sued

The city of Asheville is on trial in Buncombe Superior Court in a \$50,000 damage suit filed by the mother of a traffic accident victim.

Mrs. Florence E. Lowman charged the city with negligence in connection with the accident April 24, 1947, in which her 16-year-old daughter, Gay Ree, was killed.

The complaint said the auto in which the girl was riding hit a retaining wall after going out of control. It alleged that a hole in the road caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

The city counsel denied that there was a hole.

Jail Is Empty

Rooms for rent—reasonable!

That was the sign posted on the Pasquotank County jail as Jailer Johnny Anderson threw the doors wide open while awaiting new customers.

Jailer Anderson said it was the first time in more than 18 years that the jail had been without at least one occupant.

Payment In Full

A guilty conscience has resulted in the payment of another old debt.

J. P. Walker, manager of a Dunn store, said that he had received a letter with 19 cents enclosed from a woman who said she "lifted" a head band from the local store many years ago.

Church Safe Robbed

Officers described the \$5,500 cracking of a church safe at Fairmont as similar to a Lumberton safe-blowing job a month ago.

Sheriff Willis Britt said there had been no arrests in either case.

"The drilling was exactly alike on both safes," Sheriff Britt reported.

North Carolina News

From The Wires of Associated Press and United Press

Held For Child's Death

A warrant charging Clarence and Rita Overman with the murder of their 2½-year-old crippled daughter, Mary, has been sworn out in Ashboro by Randolph Sheriff Ben Morgan.

The warrant said in part: "Clarence and Rita Schneider Overman did unlawfully, willfully, and feloniously slay and kill one Mary Overman, aged 2½ years."

Killed By Train

A 45-year-old woman met death when she stepped into the path of a Southern Railway passenger train at a crossing near Mooresville.

The victim, Mrs. Martha Honeycutt, wife of a Mooresville lumberman, apparently failed to hear the blasts of a warning whistle witnesses told police.

Kills Two Over \$5 Debt

Police Chief William H. Ferrell said a Whiteville Negro has admitted the slaying of two other men in an argument over a five-dollar debt he owed them. The officer quoted Jasper Jenkins as saying he shot the two Negroes in self-defense after he was attacked with a knife. He said Jenkins surrendered shortly after Richard Ardell and Leander Kelly, both 26-year-old Negroes, were shot to death.

Pickpocket At Church

Police reported that a pickpocket attended services at the First A.M.E. Church in Charlotte.

Pocketbooks of three members of the church choir were taken from the choir room while services were in session, officers said.

Church Buys Bus

High Peak Baptist church of Burke county has purchased a bus to transport members to and from church services.

No Legal Betting

There'll be no election on legalizing pari-mutuel betting in nearby Washington park, as far as the city fathers are concerned.

Lawyer Smashes Camera

Attorney Sam J. Morris, retained as lawyer for John Robert (Jack) Bridges, in Raleigh, damaged the camera of News and Observer Staff Photographer Lawrence Wolford in an effort to keep him from getting a picture of his client.

Wolford snapped a picture of Bridges as he was being taken into an anteroom in Wake County courthouse.

The picture was good—and was published on Page one.

A Lot Of Checking

The Mechanical Inspection Division inspected 239,405 vehicles from January 1 through February 25, when the inspection program was abolished by act of the Legislature. The Motor Vehicles Department reported.

This was almost as many vehicles as the division checked during the entire last six months of 1948, when 255,973 vehicles went through the lane.

Cow Has Rabies

Veterinarian J. E. Reed in Gastonia said he will have to kill a cow who contracted rabies, a disease usually striking only dogs and cats.

"She paws the ground violently, foams at the mouth and charges anyone who gets near her," Dr. Reed said.

Negro Dives in Well

A spectacular head-on dive into a 45-foot well ended the life of Benjamin Wicker, a 20-year-old Negro, at Osgood, eight miles north of Sanford, Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

One hundred persons watched the efforts to recover the body, which was accomplished about 9 o'clock Sunday night.

Court Room Fight

A fight broke out in Charlotte City Police Court.

When the combatants, a Negro man and a Negro woman, were separated, the woman was charged with assault.

She had been in court to appear against a man—whom she had charged with assault.

But her case will have to be tried in county court.

Both Police Court Judge E. McA. Currie and Solicitor John McRae, Jr., witnessed the battle.

Aggie Ace



COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—J. D. Hampton, who paced the Texas A&M in the Southwest Conference cross-country title last fall, now has his sights set on the conference one-mile and four-mile events this spring. He raced six times last fall and was automatic. The six-foot, 111-pound Aggie has run the two miles in 9:29.

Indian Service Plans 'Open House' At Cherokee

CHEROKEE—All divisions of the Indian Service will hold open house at Cherokee March 18, in observance of the 100th birthday of the United States Department of the Interior.

On that day the public will be invited to visit the Reservation, and become acquainted with the work of the Indian Service.

Guides will be provided to show visitors through the agency office and explain the work there. Visitors will be invited to observe the teaching in the classrooms, to inspect the cooking and sewing laboratories, and to watch the weaving and basket making classes at work. Most visitors will be interested in seeing students at work in the wood-carving, furniture making, art metal work and pottery departments at the central school. Kitchens, dining rooms and dormitories will be open to the public, as well as the carpentry, plumbing, electrical and auto repair shops.

The three-day schools on the reservation also will welcome visitors.

The dairy barn and the herd of milk cows which supply milk for the school children, the school hogs and poultry flock will interest many.

The Soil and Moisture, Forestry, Agricultural Extension, Roads and

Health department on hand to explain their divisions.

Members of the Tribal Council, government and Cherokee people.

The Boundary Commission Enterprise, owned by the Hand will be public, and inspection. Friends also are invited to display and sell their Craft Cooperatives.

Rejects ABC

A proposal to create a bill providing an establishment of a City Council without a City Council without a City Council without a City Council.

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Ice On Parking Lot Starts Car Spree

ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—Driverless autos played tag all over the river front parking lot when a sudden drop in temperature created a half-inch ice cover.

The skidding autos didn't stop until they hit other parked cars. Some were dented on three sides when other vehicles converged on them.

Informed of the situation, the department of streets sent a truckload of ashes to the scene. The truck slid into the lot broadside and crashed into four autos.

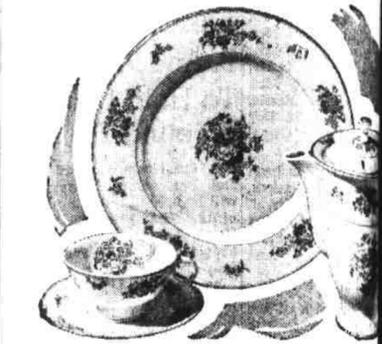
Deadly Gas Shell Makes Better Coyote Trap

KINGSVILLE, Tex. (U.P.)—King Ranch has developed a better coyote trap.

A small circular affair, the trap contains a .38 caliber shell loaded with cyanide gas. The device is cocked, inserted with half-decayed meat and stuck into the ground.

The coyote smells the meat, tugs at the device to get it out of the ground, the mechanism fires, and the cyanide gas goes down his throat.

In one month alone the ranch counted 150 dead coyotes.



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You Are Cordially Invited To Attend a Fashion Show by WINNER'S AT THE EAST WAYNESVILLE SCHOOL Friday, March 11 at 7:30 p. m. Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi 40 Models Will Be Shown Bride and Attendants Tickets On Sale At Winner's - Waynesville Florist - Gibson's - Laine's - Fayre Beauty Shop - Charles's DOOR PRIZES Admission 50c Each

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