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## Hopes To See His Amendment Submitted Without A Fight

### Superintendent A. T. Allen Thinks Legislature Will Undoubtedly Submit Eight Months School Term to Vote of People Without Much of Legislative Fight; Governor and Commission Not Committed

A. T. Allen, superintendent of Public Instruction, is hopeful of getting the proposed constitutional amendment for a minor school term of eight months submitted to vote of the people without much of a legislative fight. Mr. Allen bases his optimism on intimations that have already been made to him by members of both Houses.

"We have been notified of some opposition, but we have been assured of support from counties where we least expected it, and I am hopeful that the bill submitting the question will go through without much of a fight," said Mr. Allen yesterday.

"A little fight would be good rather than harm as it would serve to get the matter before the people, but I hope that the matter will be passed on for the people to vote upon without much of a contest and I believe that will be done."

"I have not asked anybody how they were going to vote on the question, but I have discussed it every time I have had an opportunity and a number have voluntarily committed themselves," he said.

Governor and Commission Mr. Allen is looking forward with much interest, but apparently without apprehension to the Governor's message to the General Assembly and the report of the educational commission which is studying the entire educational question.

Governor McLean has previously stated that he was in favor of an eight months school term as soon as the State could afford it. Further than that he has not committed himself and some speculation has been to the effect that he would not go further, but would leave the matter to the Legislature, which would have to provide for the funds, if the amendment should be voted by the people.

Another possibility that has been suggested is that the Governor will await the report of the educational committee which he appointed under legislative authority requested by him. This report will hardly be made before the Legislature convenes and may not be available until sometime after that body meets.

## Make Christmas Sane! Is Bit of Advice Which It Is Foolish To Ignore

### "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early," and Also "Send Your Christmas Mail Early," Are the Two Bits of Advice That Are Important at this Time.

There are two bits of advice which it is folly to ignore in this season. The one is "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early," and "Send Your Christmas Mail Early," is the second. Fools heed neither, but if the observance of both is proof of rare wisdom then the world is becoming wiser.

It was but a few years ago that the major portion of the Christmas shopping was done during Christmas week and the Christmas rush in the mails did not begin until the eleventh hour. The result was that unfavorable shopping conditions and congested mails ruined Christmas day for countless thousands.

How much saner and how much more satisfactory for all concerned are the modern practices of starting the gift-buying season in November and of starting the gifts through the mails in ample time to insure their punctual delivery.

Whether one looks at the question from the selfish or impersonal points of view the arguments are all in favor of early shopping and early mailing.

Early shopping gives one the pick of the new and undepleted Christmas stocks, leisurely selections, more satisfactory service and less waiting. Early mailing is a guarantee of timely delivery and minimizes the danger of damage and loss in transit.

## SPECIAL TERM CRIMINAL COURT BEGINS MONDAY

### Special Term Will Face Docket Of Over One Hundred Cases, Including Three Murder Cases.

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 8.—More than a hundred cases compose the criminal docket that will be tackled here next Monday morning when a special term of criminal court opens under Judge D. L. Ward, of New Bern. Owing to the congested docket the special term was recently ordered by Governor A. W. McLean.

Notice of the special term has been given and all witnesses and defendants scheduled to appear here for the January term have been ordered to appear next Monday. Included in the docket are at least three murder cases and it is expected that the court will attract large crowds from all sections of the county.

The following is a list of the jurors who will serve at the special term: C. H. Rodgers, O. W. Rollins, J. D. McLawhorn, Lyden Township; W. O. Grimes, L. E. Ward, Jr., W. J. Taylor, Bethel Township; D. A. Smith, I. P. Williams, Rufus H. Galloway, J. H. Clark, L. A. Arnold, Chitwood Township; D. S. Rollins, T. L. Perkins, R. A. Robbuck, F. E. Briley, J. I. Taylor, A. L. Woodruff, W. D. Whitehurst, Carolina Township; E. G. Mays, C. V. Duke, Falkland Township; G. H. Joyner, W. E. Mays, R. O. Taylor, John T. Hyman, C. H. Montague, A. B. Mays, Farmville Township; L. A. Stroud, H. L. Carr, A. R. Barnhill, N. W. Jackson, G. B. W. Hadley, L. W. Tucker, J. Harvey Briley, C. M. Warren, Greenville Township; C. J. Satterthwaite, Pactolis Township; J. L. Joyner, Swift Creek Township.

## Rules Governing The High School Basketball Tournament.

### Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia Basketball Tournament to be Held at Peanut Exposition, Windsor, December 27th to the 31st.

1.—Any school in Tidewater Virginia or in Eastern Carolina or the counties covered by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce may enter a team in this contest.

2.—Nothing but bona fide high school players will be allowed to participate in this tournament.

3.—A list of players must be certified to by the principal of the school and sent to the secretary-manager, N. G. Bartlett, Kinston, N. C., not later than December 20th, 1926.

4.—Each team will be allowed five regulars and three substitutes to play in this tournament.

5.—After all of the teams shall have been entered a drawing will take place by numbers and the teams will play in order of the numbers drawn. For instance, team No. 1 will play in the first game, team No. 2 will play in the first game, Nos. 3 and 4 will be together and so on. The elimination contest will follow the order as the various teams are eliminated.

6.—The players will be entertained by the good people of Windsor, free, while they are there for the tournament.

7.—A referee and umpire will be selected from schools that do not have teams entered in this tournament.

8.—A silver loving cup will be awarded the team winning out in this tournament.

9.—The tournament will begin on Tuesday afternoon, December 28th and will last as long as necessary; the final to be played off at night, either Wednesday night or Thursday night as the case might be.

10.—The 1926 rules will be used in this tournament.

For further information write N. G. Bartlett, secretary-manager, Eastern Carolina Chamber headquarters, Kinston, N. C.

## Abolition of Fires At Christmas Is Goal Aimed At By State Dept.

### State Insurance Department Working For the Doing Away With The Christmas Fireworks Menace; Reported That These Fires Are Usually Caused by Candles And Fireworks. Want Sale Stopped.

The abolition of all Christmas celebrations is the immediate goal being aimed at by the fire prevention forces of the State Insurance Department at present. These fires usually come from two major causes, candles and fireworks.

Concerning fireworks, Sherwood Brockwell, State fire engineer, recently said that though there had been a 30 per cent reduction in the number of fires and casualties from fireworks, there was still much to be done.

"But regardless of the danger involved," he added, "to give a ten-year-old boy a can of gunpowder to explode doesn't seem to be the proper way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ."

The following statement has been issued by Mrs. Sue V. Hollowell, director of safety education, concerning the danger of Christmas candles.

"Many fires are caused by candles on Christmas trees. The tree should be fastened firmly, so that it cannot be upset, and should not be decorated with cotton, paper or inflammable material. Cotton, which is used to represent frost or snow, catches fire very easily. The same effect can be secured by the use of asbestos or mineral wool, which is safe.

The county and town authorities should see to it that the laws regarding the sale and the use of fireworks in the town and county are rigidly enforced and perhaps by this method be the cause of saving many lives, and if not lives, eyesight and other wounds of more or less serious nature. Children are naturally careless and if able to get fire crackers and other fireworks of explosive nature, are not only liable to hurt themselves, but other children as well.

## THE FARMER WHO IS REALLY INDEPENDENT

### Does Not Keep His Corn Crib, Smoke Houses and Hog Barns In The North and West.

During these days of low priced cotton and tobacco, we often hear people say, "Well, I don't know what the farmers are going to do, they can't pay their debts and make a living of it."

This is true if they depend entirely on cotton and tobacco and devote all their energies to making these two money crops and keep their corn cribs, smoke houses and hog barns in the North and West.

There is a farmer now and then that is prosperous and independent in spite of the low price of cotton and tobacco. Mr. C. L. Spivey is one of these farmers. In 1919, when land prices were at the peak, Mr. Spivey bought a farm in Green County for \$20,000. Mostly on credit. The farm had nearly no buildings on it. Mr. Spivey went to work and now there is not a better equipped farm in Green County in every respect.

In 1920 when cotton went down, Mr. Spivey quit planting it altogether. Instead he built a potato curing house and planted his cotton land to potatoes and food stuffs. He built a poultry house and hog pasture. Instead of devoting all his time to cotton and tobacco he raised all his food and feed stuff and some to sell.

Last year Mr. Spivey made profit

Wheat and Corn	\$150.00
Potatoes	200.00
Corn	150.00
Corn	150.00

## Nation's Youngest



Miss Joyce is the youngest child in the State. She is only 10 years old. She is a graduate of high school and is now teaching in a rural school. If you know of a younger teacher this newspaper would like to receive your name and age.

## TOBACCO MARKET WILL CLOSE DECEMBER 17

Goldboro, Dec. 17.—The Goldboro tobacco market will close December 17th, in order that all employees may have the opportunity to observe the Christmas holidays. This has been an unusually successful year for the warehousemen and the farmers have gotten good prices for their tobacco. Nearly six million pounds have been sold on the floors.

## LENOIR MAN TWICE TAKEN FOR THE OUTLAW WOOD

Lenoir, Dec. 9.—Bill Green, arrested furniture man who travels this territory was stopped twice while en route to Elkin one day last week by officers who thought he was Otto Wood, the notorious criminal who escaped from the State prison a few days ago. The case of the outlaws is still open.

## Farm Agents In Annual Meeting Out at College

### County Agents Have Great Opportunity to Teach Agriculture Today, than Ever Before, Says Brooks.

"Never before in North Carolina have you county agents had a better opportunity to teach agriculture than right now," stated Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State College, in addressing the 29 agents who assembled Monday at the college for their annual conference.

"This is true," Dr. Brooks continued, "because of the plans and instructions that you have already given and the work you have already done. There should be a unity in your deliberations here this week because of the great problems before you. I believe that home marketing will now become one of your major activities because of the diversification program which you are advocating. Diversification will not succeed unless the surplus can be sold to provide money for paying the taxes and the expenses of the farm."

Indications at the conference are to the effect that the agents have done almost nothing toward a reduction of cotton acreage. Several weeks ago 1,000 reduction blanks for farmers to fill out and sign were sent to the agents in order that they might be tried out and changed, if necessary, before the State-wide campaign in January. Only 100 of these blanks have been returned so far.

Conspectives of the State College plan of diversification of farm products was put before the agents at the day's meeting, but will come up for consideration on Wednesday.

## North Carolina Leads In Per Capita Tax Payments In The U. S.

Washington, December 8.—North Carolina paid the largest per capita tax to the Federal Government of any State in the Union during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, according to the annual report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue David H. Blair, which was made public today.

The reports state that the North Carolina taxes paid into the Federal treasury amount to \$67.32 for every citizen in the State.

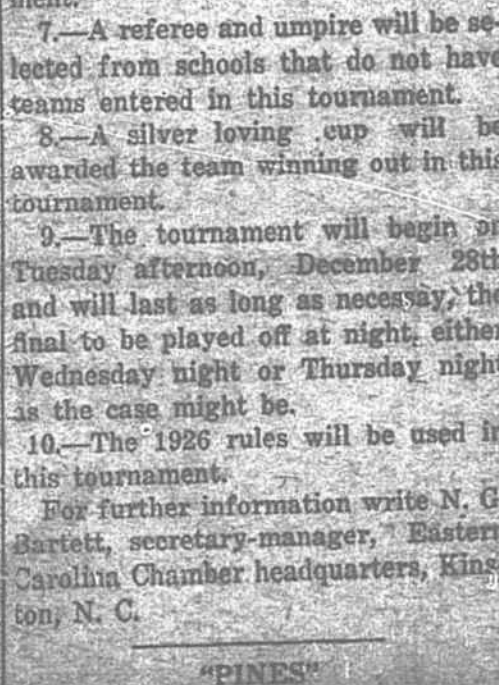
The State held its place at the fifth State in Federal tax paying rank during the fiscal year with a total of \$192,493,894.34 or 6.78 per cent of the National tax total although the State represents only 2.21 per cent of the National population.

North Carolina's tax total was made up as follows: Income tax, \$17,677,326.94; and miscellaneous taxes, including the tobacco taxes, \$174,725,694.40.

Tobacco taxes give North Carolina its priority as a tax paying State, and the report states that the State is not really entitled to credit for these taxes because they are paid by consumers throughout the country.

North Carolina's priority as a tax paying State is shown by the fact that while the tobacco taxes paid by the State in 1925-26 were \$174,725,694.40, the National income tax payments were only \$12,577,326.94, or 7.1 per cent of the total.

## Wins in Maine



Arthur L. Goss, of Maine, has recently elected in Maine one of the seats in the recent election. He is the son of a farmer, and a child of the hills, and was charged with liberal campaign expenditures.

## Regular Meeting Of Order of Eastern Star

On Tuesday evening the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held its regular meeting with a splendid attendance. Mrs. Haywood Smith, worthy matron, presiding. Two Masonic brothers were elected to receive the degrees of the order, one death was granted.

An interesting program on O. E. S. education was given and the chapter donated \$25.00 to the Orphans' Educational Fund.

Some new chairs and curtains have been purchased by the chapter, which add a great deal to the looks of the hall.

Flowers have been sent to sick members, and a letter to a bereaved brother. A communication was read from the Grand Matron, Mrs. Maude E. Hester, of Rutherford, which made a very strong appeal to the chapter for the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, and the Oxford Orphanage.

Several years ago Farmville chapter adopted Mrs. Daly Rice, one of the grandest of the home, and at Christmas time she is to be presented with a beautiful new dress by the chapter.

Interesting reports were given of chapter activities in all sections.

The next meeting will be Tuesday evening, December 14th, at 7:30 o'clock.

## Main Open Golf Tournament Now In The Limelight

The Main Open Golf Tournament, which is being held at the Greensboro Golf and Country Club, is now in the limelight. The tournament is being held from December 15th to 17th, and is expected to attract a large number of spectators.

## CLOUDS OF WAR ARISING IN THE BALKANS REPORT

### Steady Stream of French Soldiers Moving Into French Side of the Italian Border.

Budapest, December 7.—Balkan clouds are hovering over the Balkan countries once more.

It is reported that a steady stream of French troops and military supplies is being sent to the French side of the Balkan border, the entire Balkan, have been thrown into a state of suspense by Mussolini's act with Albania.

It is believed that he has created a bridge head for an attack on the Balkans in his policy of expansion and imperialism.

The second resignation today of the Jugo-Slavian president, has greatly intensified the excitement and uneasiness in Southeastern Europe.

The Jugo-Slavian press emphasizes the gravity of the situation with Mussolini's second expansive thrust across into the Balkans, and his policy of encircling Jugo-Slavia.

## REV. H. G. ENGLAND

Rev. H. G. England, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be in the city for a few days.

The people of Farmville are a community which has been blessed with a number of new churches.

## WELTER CHAMPION OVER ROSSMAN MAN

Welter champion, who has been defeated by Rossman man, will be in the city for a few days.