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Naming of New Road Body May Wait on Adjournment

Six-Cent Gas Tax To Go Into Effect—New Highway Commission to Assume Control July 1.

Speculation as to whom the Governor will name on the reorganized State Highway Commission has for the past few days given way to predictions that the Governor would not name the seven members of his new highway body until after the Legislature adjourns. However, under the terms of the new highway act, ratified on March 20, the present Highway Commission automatically goes out of office on April 1 and from the chairman through most of the district commissioners its members are winding up their affairs with a view to quitting office on April 1.

Several provisions of the act went into effect immediately on ratification, the most important being that which prohibits local road governing bodies from purchasing or selling any road machinery or equipment except the purchase of supplies for the maintenance and repairs of machinery owned when the act was ratified.

Local authorities are also forbidden to sell any bonds or to issue any notes heretofore authorized except for the purpose of completing contracts entered into prior to March 20, and are likewise forbidden under terms of the act to enter into any contract for road construction project that cannot be completed and paid for prior to July 1.

In its final form the act does not provide for the State to reimburse counties for the road machinery, equipment, and supplies which it takes over, as was suggested in the Senate, but merely provides that the Highway Commission shall "duly inventory and appraise" such property as the State desires to utilize, and permits the counties to sell the balance, the funds to be applied to road indebtedness or held as a special fund for road work in the county.

On Friday of this week, the present Highway Commission is advertising the last letting in the \$4,000,000 emergency Federal aid program, and on the following day the board has planned its last meeting here.

A week from today the public will be made aware of the at least one provision of the new act which goes into effect that day—namely, the six-cent gasoline tax. The new State Highway Commission will not actually assume control of county roads until July 1.

Commits Suicide With Cop's Gun

Oscar Shirley of Greene County Fires Bullet Through His Own Heart After Borrowing Gun From Policeman.

Greenville, Mar. 25.—Oscar Shirley, 35 years of age, of Greene County, committed suicide on the streets of Greenville this morning by shooting himself through the heart with a pistol which he borrowed from a policeman in the midst of a conversation.

The body was taken to his former home between Farmville and Snow Hill, but funeral arrangements had not been completed this afternoon. It was expected, however, that burial would take place in the family burying ground near Farmville.

Shirley and Officer McKeel were engaged in a conversation in the front of the Norfolk and Southern depot on Dickinson avenue when the fatal shot was fired. In the course of the discussion, Shirley was said to have requested the policeman to let him look at his revolver, a .32-20.

The officer pulled the gun from his holster and handed it over to Shirley for inspection. After commenting on the gun, Shirley was reported to have stepped back, whirled around, and fired a bullet through his heart.

Saying "goodbye, McKeel," he died almost instantly.

Although officers were unable to advance any motive for the suicide, belief was expressed that Shirley was suffering from despondency and decided to slay himself.

CHEVROLET PRODUCTION IN FEBRUARY WAS 67,318.

February production of the Chevrolet Motor Company was 67,318 cars and trucks, according to W. S. Knudsen, president. While the total is 3,448 under that of January, when 70,766 were produced, daily output was higher in February, with its three fewer working days, than in the previous month.

Final figures on Chevrolet's February production show an increase of 2,678 over preliminary reports and indicate that schedules originally set for the month were followed.

March schedules, according to President Knudsen, have been placed at 78,000 and confidence is expressed that the figure will be surpassed. Current factory employment of Chevrolet is approximately 34,000 men.

DARE COUNTY TO STAGE MAMMOTH CELEBRATION

(By Victor Meekins)
The 344th anniversary of the Birth of the first white Child in America, will be the center of a mammoth celebration to be staged in Dare County in August, when that county will devote an entire week to the entertainment of more than a thousand sons and daughters who have wandered far afield. Announcement of the second large homecoming for Dare County was made this week by D. B. Fearing, Chairman, who states that within the next few weeks, invitations will be mailed to all the former residents of the county.

Dare's chief theme of rejoicing at this time will be over the fact that the county is united for the first time in all its history, with the great state of which it is a political subdivision, by the completion of a hardsurfaced highway some 25 miles in length, which connects with some four miles of bridges over navigable waters. While the State highway connecting with Currituck will be completed sometime in April, the celebration is postponed to the summer when a larger celebration may take place.

With its 85 miles of ocean frontage, Carolina's greatest ocean county is the scene for a truly big time summer celebration. Tourists will then find the weather more ideal for camping. From time immemorial Dare has been unto itself, surrounded by water, wrapped in its atmosphere of tragic history and tradition, remote, inaccessible and far from the madding crowd.

Nearly a million dollars has been spent to put Dare County on the highway map. A bridge and causeway three miles long has been built at Roanoke Island; a three mile bridge has been built across Currituck Sound, and the intervening beach has been connected with a modern highway built by the State. The county seat of Dare is now within five hours journey from Raleigh, and only two hours from Norfolk.

A committee in every community of Dare County is now busy with the task of compiling a list of names and addresses of all former residents of the county, some of whom are scattered all over the world.

Dare County's first homecoming was held in 1926. The chairman, who so successfully managed it, was Mrs. Renne Griffin Williamson. Hundreds of boats voyaged to Fort Raleigh, and many who wanted to come, could not find passage, and were turned away. At that time there were no roads and bridges, yet more than 5,000 people attended the ceremonies on August 18th on Old Fort Raleigh, the site of the first English settlement in America.

The principal address on that occasion was delivered by Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador to the United States. The event was widely heralded in this country and in England. It is planned to secure a speaker this year, of national importance, and with the interest that has grown in this historic section, it is believed that at least 25,000 people will visit Roanoke Island during the month of August. There are over four million people living within a comfortable days motor trip to Roanoke Island.

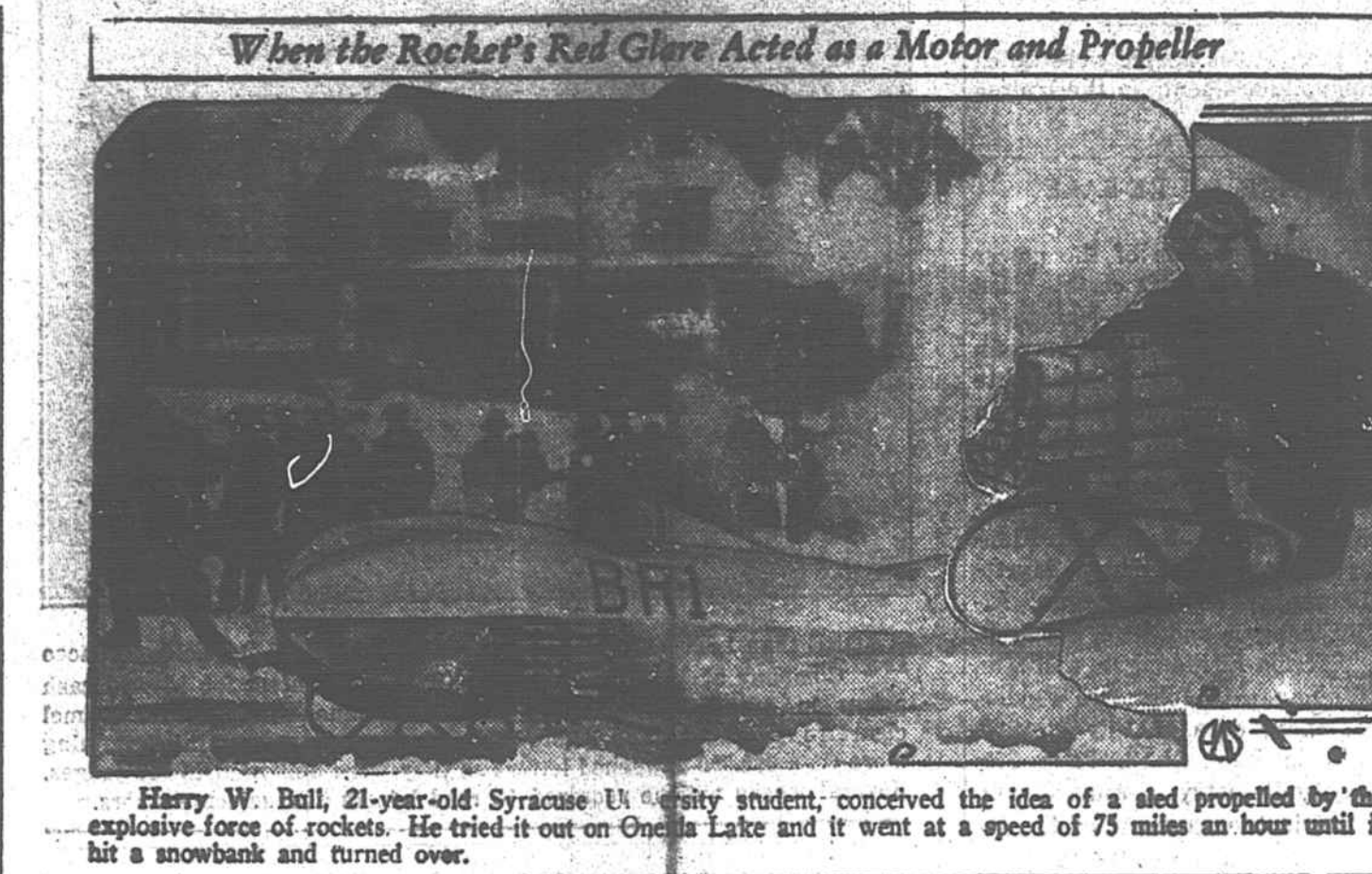
Further interest attaches in the fact that the tourists to Dare County will this year view the construction of the memorial to aviation, now being erected on Kill Devil Hill, by the Federal Government, at a cost of a quarter million dollars. This memorial sponsored in Congress by Lindsay Warren of the First District, will be on the hill, where the Wright Brothers flew the first airplane in 1903. Now under construction, it will be rapidly taking shape by August.

Dare County is further noted from the fact that important experiments in the development of wireless telegraphy took place therein in 1900, and because of several battlefields, and old forts of the Civil War. It is also famed for its Oregon Inlet fishing, now a growing summer business, for sportsmen.

Dare in area is the largest county in the state, being 85 miles in length, and about 80 miles in breadth. It is composed mostly of a number of widely separated islands, and its area is over half water.

Tourists to Dare County are now able to drive directly to Cape Hatteras, the "graveyard of the seas," as a ferry is now operating across Oregon Inlet, and this famous place attracts many.

A short cut from Columbia, and even Raleigh, which saves 75 miles of driving between the Capital and the sea, is provided by two ferries, one of which operates across Alligator River from Tyrrell County, to the Dare County mainland, while the other operates across Croatan sound, making a distance of only about 25 miles between Columbia and Hatteras.



When the Rocket's Red Glare Acted as a Motor and Propeller

Harry W. Bull, 21-year-old Syracuse University student, conceived the idea of a sled propelled by the explosive force of rockets. He tried it out on Oneida Lake and it went at a speed of 75 miles an hour until it hit a snowbank and turned over.

Ben Cozart Dies 'By His Own Hand'

Prominent Wilson Business Man Grieved Over Loss of Son and Over Bad Health.

Wilson, March 24.—Ben H. Cozart, prominent local tobaccoist and fertilizer distributor, died in a local hospital at 4:30 this morning from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head. The shooting occurred about 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home on West Nash Street.

Mr. Cozart was found unconscious in his home by a neighbor shortly after the shooting took place and was rushed to a hospital. He never regained consciousness.

There was no one in the house at the time of the act of self-destruction. Mrs. Cozart being in Jacksonville, Fla., with friends. She was immediately notified and left Jacksonville last evening at 9 o'clock and arrived in Wilson this morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Cozart was born and reared in Oxford, N. C., and was the son of the late B. H. and Frances Cozart. Before coming to Wilson, he lived in New York City, where he met and married Miss Kathryn Gehring. In 1918, Mr. and Mrs. Cozart and their son, Hubert, moved to Wilson. Mr. Cozart was connected with the Centre Brick Warehouse and was also district manager of the American Agricultural Association.

He was one of the leading citizens of Wilson, and was prominent in both the civic and social life of the city. He had an unusual capacity for making friends and his popularity extended throughout eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Cozart had never recovered from the loss of his only son, the late Hubert Cozart, in 1928, and that together with poor health is believed to have been the cause of the tragedy. He was 55 years of age and in addition to his widow he leaves a brother, U. H. Cozart of Wilson, and two sisters, Mrs. E. L. Smith of Durham, and Mrs. George Hayes of Baltimore, Md., a half brother, Jeffries Cozart of Abingdon, Va., and two half sisters, Mrs. Frank Morrison of Concord, and Miss Sadie Cozart of Durham.

Funeral services will be held at the home on West Nash street tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor of the Methodist Church. Interment will be made in Maplewood cemetery.

YOUNG MAN HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER.

Greenville, March 24.—Raymond Stancill, young white man of the Belvoir community, was held in the Pitt county jail today charged with the murder of Henry Abrams, whose body was found beside the highway about two weeks ago. Five other men, one white and four colored, are also being held in connection with the crime.

The arrests followed investigations by sheriff's officers which has continued unremittingly since the murder was committed. Officers state Stancill would be charged directly with the crime, while the remainder of the group would be held purely as material witnesses. It is alleged that one of the witnesses now being held has made the statement that he saw the dead body of Abrams in the house of Stancill a short while after the murder occurred.

The 11 lepers who will soon be released from Carville (La.) Leprosarium, make a total of 89 lepers restored to health in the 10 years the institution—the only one of its kind in the United States—has been conducted by the Federal Health Service.

After Joseph Stolzer, a crazed Lawrence, Mass., man, had thrown boiling water on his 19-year-old son and inflicted nine wounds on his wife with a hatchet, Stolzer plunged thru a second-story window to the pavement where he was captured by the police.

Social Service Conference To Meet April 7, 8

Goldsboro To Be Host—President Hugh MacRae Announces Important Program.

The North Carolina Conference for Social Service will hold its nineteenth annual meeting in Goldsboro April 7th and 8th, according to an announcement by President Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, and Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro, secretary.

The program will feature the interrelation of agriculture and other phases of economic and social life, including standards of living, employment, and industry.

In conjunction with the Conference, meetings of related groups will be held. These include: Association of Superintendents of Public Welfare; Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment; North Carolina Association of Travelers' Aid Societies; Family Welfare Societies; Red Cross Workers; Public Welfare Department of the Women's Clubs; Social Service Committees of the Churches; Young Men's Christian Associations; Young Women's Christian Association; and the College Student Group.

Among the speakers will be men and women prominent in their fields of work. They will include Governor Gardner; Mr. David R. Coker, outstanding agriculturist of South Carolina; President Frank P. Graham; Josephus Daniels, editor News and Observer; A. J. Maxwell, head of the department of revenue, and others of importance.

Group meetings will be held Tuesday morning beginning at ten o'clock, followed by a luncheon at one. At this time, W. C. Jackson, vice-president of N. C. C. W., will give a legislative review. The afternoon session will feature unemployment, the problem being presented from the viewpoint of the responsibility of agriculture by Dr. G. W. Foster, State College; of industry, by Dr. G. T. Schwemmer, University of North Carolina; and of the News and Observer. Dr. Graham will speak at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, with the program also including the presidential address by Mr. Hugh MacRae, and an address by Dr. Carl C. Taylor, dean of State College graduate school.

The annual library breakfast will be held Wednesday morning at 8:00 o'clock. The morning program will center about the topic: "A Balanced Agricultural and the Productive Means to Achieve It." The same topic from the viewpoint of organization will be the subject for the luncheon Wednesday. A business meeting will be held in the afternoon. Addresses by Mr. Coker and Governor Gardner are scheduled for the evening session.

Brooks Issues 'S. O. S.' Call

Smithfield Man Says "Lobby-Ridden" Legislature Is Laughstock of Country.

Smithfield, March 24.—Under the glaring heading, "S. O. S. Call!" the Smithfield Herald today carries as its most conspicuous front page article an appeal signed by one of the leading citizens of Johnston county, urging every land owner in Johnston county to write the two Senators and the two Representatives of the county in the Legislature, reiterating the recent Democratic campaign slogan, "Tax reduction, relief of the overburdened real estate, and placing a reasonable tax on foreign stocks, power companies, manufactured products and luxuries."

The statement declares: "This lobby-ridden and driven Legislature is the laughingstock of the entire nation. To observe how the committees take orders from paid lobbyists and do or refrain from doing, as they may direct, is sickening and disgusting. The Governor and the would-be governors had better get their ears to the ground and hear the rumblings back home, and govern themselves accordingly, else they will break loose in Carolina should the Legislature adjourn without giving substantial relief to the over-tax-burdened land owners. I think it is dangerous to engage in idle conversation or writing about what might happen in the event the Legislature fails to give substantial relief from taxation or real estate, for the people of the State are worried and disgusted at the facade being pulled off at Raleigh, and are only waiting for a leader— they are at white heat and ready for anything. God only knows what might happen should the mob spirit override the judgment of the people and they march on Raleigh to demand relief at the point of bayonet and shotguns. I am not a Radical (Republican) nor a Red (Communist) but a Democrat of the old school, but am really alarmed as I read the papers and note what the Legislature is, or is not doing, and as I hear the comment on the street corners. The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House and the leaders of the Senate and House, as well as the United States Senators and Representatives in Congress should become alarmed at the present status of affairs, and should throw themselves wholeheartedly into the fray and save the Democratic party and the State, for it will be too late after the Legislature adjourns without giving the expected relief from real estate taxation."

Four potatoes, each measuring 9 inches in length, were exhibited recently by a Burley (Idaho) farmer.

Voice Astonishment at Position of Governor

Denunciation and Exposure of Pernicious Lobby Infesting Capitol Demanded.

Fayetteville, March 24.—"If our senators and representatives do not represent us, they are traitors to the state of North Carolina and we should demand that they represent us," said Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Duplin county, a gray haired mother of a World War Veteran, as she looked in the faces of more than three thousand farmers and home owners assembled in a great mass meeting here this afternoon. Mrs. Williams was one of seven outstanding men and women who addressed the mass meeting which has seldom, if ever, been equalled in this part of the state for anything interest, intense feeling and settled purpose.

This settled purpose is to see that taxes on farms and homes are reduced in North Carolina. And any man who saw and heard the way in which these owners of farms and homes went about that business would be easily convinced that this purpose will be carried out, or somebody will know the reason why.

They came from 17 counties of Eastern and Central Carolina, these taxpayers. They came to state the faith that is in them, the faith that North Carolina will and shall be ruled for the benefit of the plain people. And they stated this faith and the determination to make it effective in unmistakable terms.

Capital City Votes for New Memorial Auditorium

Jim Hinson Dies From Injuries Caused By Stepping Out Car.

Jim Hinson, 56 years of age, died Tuesday morning at 2:30 as the result of an accident, which occurred when he stepped from a moving car Monday evening about 7 o'clock.

Mr. Hinson, a white tenant farmer on the Ben Lewis farm near here, jumped on the running board of a car driven by Ben Lang, to ride a short distance to his home on the Farmville-Wilson highway, and stepped from the car before it was brought to a standstill, to recover his hat which had blown off. He was rushed to the Greenville hospital where an examination showed the skull cracked to three places.

Mr. Hinson leaves a wife and three children, Lydia, Ed Lee and Archie Hinson; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. Tom Tagwell and Mrs. George Baker, of this section; four brothers, Drew, of Phoebus, Va., Ben, of Roanoke, Va., Bob, of Farmville and Jesse Hinson, of Fountain.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the home and interment was made in the Smith burial ground near Bell Arthur.

Bond Issue of \$250,000 Carried by 104 Votes Against Registration of 5,498.

Raleigh, March 25.—Raleigh will have a new city auditorium—a memorial to its war veterans—erected on the Centennial School site facing the State Capital from the end of Fayetteville Street, according to the decision of voters expressed yesterday in the \$250,000 auditorium bond election.

A total of 2,883 votes were cast in favor of authorizing the bond issue, or 104 more than the majority necessary to carry the bond issue, the vote being taken against a special registration of 5,498 names. Interested citizens working on behalf of the bond issue yesterday found apathy an even greater obstacle than active opposition to the measure the vote being so light owing to these causes and threatening weather that grave fears were felt for the success of the election. When an unofficial check of the returns last night showed a clear majority, although slight, there was considerable rejoicing among those desiring the new memorial auditorium. The city board of canvassers will meet at noon today to officially certify the vote.

On the preferential ballot between the Centennial School site and the site of the auditorium destroyed by fire last October, the Centennial was chosen by a vote of more than three to one, 2,549 votes being cast for this site as compared with 815 for the site of the old auditorium.

An auditorium building commission set up in a law enacted by the present Legislature will have charge of the construction of the new auditorium which will stand at the foot of Fayetteville Street on an historic site once occupied by the Governor's Mansion. When the Mansion was moved to its present location on Blount Street, the City of Raleigh purchased the site for its first brick school building which housed the first public graded school. As decades passed, however, and the center of ward and away from this section, attendance at the school dwindled until the school board decided that after this year it would no longer be economically profitable to operate the school. Students there can be cared for in other nearby public schools at a smaller per capita cost.

Frank Page is chairman of the building commission. John A. Park, secretary, and Josephus Daniels the third member. An advisory commission includes: Graham H. Andrews, J. Sherwood Upchurch, J. R. Weatherpoon, Charles Kuffin, E. B. Crow, H. O. Lineberger, C. B. Barbee, Leon S. Brinsfield, Mrs. W. T. Bost, Mrs. J. W. Bunn, and Mrs. Frank Capps.

In addition to the \$250,000 from the bond issue authorized yesterday, the commission will have available \$50,000 insurance from the old auditorium, making a total of \$305,000 available. The building will likely be of the same style of architecture as that of the State Capital which will face the length of Fayetteville Street.

Questions and Answers In The Language of States.

"Some time ago you asked in the col'm 'What did Delaware?' writes a contributor from San Diego, Cal. 'Of course, the answer is "She wore her New Jersey," as you'll see be one verse in the enclosed copy of Crazy Quilt State Songs." The verse to which he refers reads as follows: O what did Delaware-ware, boys, O what did Delaware-ware? I ask you as a personal friend, What did Delaware-ware? She wore her New Jerseys, boys, She wore her New Jerseys, I tell you now as a personal friend, She wore her New Jerseys. I tell you now as a personal friend, She wore her New Jerseys. Other questions and answers, in a similar vein, are as follows: O what did Tennessee-see? She saw what Arkan-saw. O why is Pennsylvania-va? She has a date Georg-ia. O what did Ida-ho? She heed the Mary-land. O how did Connecticut-cut? She cut with her New Hamp-shires. O what does Io-va. She weighs a Washing-ton. O what did Indi-ana buy? She bought My Old Kentucky Home. O where has Ore-gon? He's seeing Okla-homa. O how did Wisconsin-win? She stole a New brass-key. O what did Missis-sip? She sipped a Minne-sota. O what did Michi-gan? She gained what Chi-o-ed. O when was Chicago, Ill.? When Providence, Rhode Island. O where is N. Da-kota? She's gone to Se-attle. O what did Flori-da? I dunno, 'Al-aska.

THE RIGHT OF THE LITTLE MAN TO LIVE.

I have stated more than once that the biggest issue in America today is the right of the little man to live—Governor Gardner, March 16.

The right of the little man to live is not a figment of the imagination. It is a fundamental issue in North Carolina—Governor Gardner, March 24.

Judged by the report of the Tax Commission and the Governor's speech yesterday, "the right of the little man to live" is not denied if he can survive the taking of his crops at below the cost of cultivation; if he can eke out subsistence from the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table while the power companies, the tobacco companies, the picture show companies and the other modern descendants of Dives live in luxury, exempt from just taxation; if he can keep life in his body while his property is sold for exorbitant taxes and the schools to which his children are entitled are in jeopardy; and if no single measure of real relief is to come from this legislature—if the "little man" can keep breath in his body under such circumstances, his "right to live" is not taken from him. But Equality and Uniformity are denied him.

The Governor's doctrine is "not a figment of the imagination," but it finds no expression in shifting the burdens from his back to those more able to bear them, the only way this legislature can help him.

The "little man" should have more than "a right to live." He should enjoy some of the advantages of modern improvements and not be doomed to mere existence. As long as giant corporations get the cream, the "little man" gets only the skim milk and little of that.—News and Observer, March 25.

TOBACCO COMPANY ISSUES STATEMENT.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Mar. 21st.—The appearance of a number of fake telegrams falsely notifying individuals in various sections of the country that they have been awarded one of the prizes offered by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in the Camel cigarette contest, led officers of the company to issue this statement today.

"We have learned through numerous letters, telegrams and newspaper articles that practical jokers in some sections of the country are sending telegrams purporting to come from us notifying individuals that they have won a prize in our \$50,000 Camel Cigarette contest," the statement said. "We regret the appearance of these hoaxes and wish to assure contestants and the public generally that NO prize selections have yet been made. In fact it will be several weeks before the Judges and their staff can possibly make selections.

"Approximately a million answers were received in the contest. Obviously a fair reading of so many letters requires a considerable period of time. Every letter is being given a careful reading. Those with special merit must be studied.

"We want to thank all who entered the contest and to ask them to be patient. Several more weeks must elapse before the judges can render a decision. The names of all winners will be included in our formal announcements just as quickly as the letters can be examined and selections determined."

NECESSARY PRELIMINARY

"So Edith has caught that young fellow who rescued her while skating. He seems awful shy." "Yes, she had to break the ice."