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Nation Mourns Death Of Thomas J. Walsh

74 Year Old Statesman Was Married Last Saturday at Havana, Cuba.

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 2.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, died suddenly of a heart attack aboard an Atlantic Coast Line train as it neared Wilson today while he was in route to Washington with his bride, he married Saturday, at Havana.

The Senator, who was named to be Attorney-General in the Cabinet of President-Elect Roosevelt only a few days ago, was stricken and died within a few minutes as he lay face downward on the berth of his drawing-room. He was 74 years old.

Senator Walsh died at 7:10 a. m. as Conductor Herbert Weathersbee, on the train operating between Florence, S. C., and Rocky Mount, held his pulse. Only the conductor, Mrs. Walsh and her Cuban maid and the Pullman car porter were present. Mrs. Walsh was described as hysterical by Conductor Weathersbee who said he reached the Senator's side at 7:02 o'clock.

Senator Walsh died while I held his hand," Weathersbee said. "Mrs. Walsh was hysterical. Dr. Costello was located on the train, but he arrived after the Senator died," he said. The physician Weathersbee referred to was Dr. Richard J. Costello, of Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Walsh, who speaks but little English, told Weathersbee that her husband about 6:20 was "doubled" in pain, she said, as she found him holding his stomach with both hands. The Senator rose from his berth in the drawing-room, crossed over to his wife's berth and then collapsed face downward. Mrs. Walsh said the negro porter was called and he immediately raced seven cars away to find Weathersbee and told him the Senator apparently was dying. Weathersbee said he reached the Senator's side in a few minutes, felt his pulse and death came while he held his hand.

Dr. Costello reached the drawing-room at this time, and as the train pulled into Wilson, Dr. A. M. Pittman was called to attend Mrs. Walsh, who was in a highly nervous state.

Dr. Pittman quoted Mrs. Walsh as saying that the Senator was ill when they left Daytona Beach, Florida, his blood pressure showing 200. He said Mrs. Walsh said her husband's trouble seemed not to be his heart but his stomach. Mrs. Walsh speaks very little English, and when I asked her if the trouble was with the Senator's heart, she shook her head and placed her hands on her stomach. She said it was his stomach that made him ill," Dr. Pittman said, Dr. Pittman said there was no way of determining the immediate cause of the death, but it was his opinion that it was a sudden attack of the heart. He said only a few of the train officials and Mrs. Walsh and her maid were present at the drawing-room when he boarded the train at Wilson after being called from a hospital there.

Dr. Pittman said he was uncertain whether he would continue on with Mrs. Walsh to Washington, and that while she had not said so, he expected she would board the same train that takes her husband's body to the national capital later today.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Shock and surprise was the reaction of the national capital today at word of the death of Senator Thos. J. Walsh, of Montana, in the midst of preparations for a brilliant inauguration that was to have brought him into the attorneyship. The Senate adopted resolutions of regret and adjourned out in respect for the deceased Senator.

TWO FATALLY INJURED IN CROSSING ACCIDENT

Wilson, Feb. 28.—Layso Evans and Charles Askew, negroes, were fatally injured and Bill Evans, also colored, was perhaps fatally injured Sunday afternoon when the through freight of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad struck a Ford sedan at Apple siding.

The injured men were brought to Wilson. Layso Evans and Askew were dead when the train reached here. The other man was taken to Murphy Hospital.

A large crowd of negroes had attended a funeral at Hall's Church, near Apple, and the Ford stalled on the tracks close to the railroad station.

The Ford was dragged nearly a hundred yards before the train could be brought to a stop. All three of the negroes were thrown out at practically the same time, almost fatally.

The wounded passenger train was derailed and brought to the station and placed on board.

The Ford was from Farmville, two of the passengers being brothers, sons of Frank Evans.

State Revenue Is On Decrease

Collections Off Over Three Millions, Maxwell Reports.

Revenue collections of the State of North Carolina for the first eight months of the current fiscal year are \$3,406,197.44 below the totals for the same period last fiscal year, A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, reported Tuesday.

General fund collections are \$890,273.66 behind the 1932 total with highway fund receipts \$2,015,418.52 off and auto license sales receipts \$499,505.26 shy of the 1932 mark.

February general fund collections of \$713,058.50 sent the eight months' total this fiscal year to \$7,964,129.51. In highway revenues a February sum of \$1,397,335.08 made the period total reach \$13,614,286.75. Auto license sales have brought in \$3,970,492.06.

General license tax collections for the eight months are off over \$400,000, the report showed, while the insurance tax receipts are \$200,000 below those of 1932.

Gasoline tax revenues are \$1,399,477.46 below the 1932 figures.

Trailer License Now Only \$2 Year

Licenses for Trailers and Semi-Trailers Weighing Less than 500 Pounds are now Only \$2 a Year

Raleigh, March 1.—Licenses for trailers and semi-trailers weighing less than 500 pounds and with a carrying capacity of less than 1,000 pounds are now only \$2 a year instead of from \$5 to \$7.50 a year as formerly, it was pointed out today by L. S. Harris, chief of the automobile license division of the State Department of Revenue. This reduction has resulted from the enactment of House Bill 179 and ratified last week, fixing the charge for all semi-trailers of this weight at \$2 a year.

Since the price on these licenses has been reduced to \$2 a year, this price holds good for the entire year and will not be reduced each quarter, as is the case of the other license tags, Harris pointed out. So farmers and others who have been waiting to get their trailer tags later on in the year, when the prices became less, will not save anything by waiting and might as well get them now.

The rate for licenses on trailers was formerly 55 cents per 100 pounds, so that a license tag for a 500 pound trailer cost \$7.50 for an entire year or \$3.75 for half a year. But now the license for the entire year is less than it formerly was for only six months. As a result it is believed that thousands of farmers and others who have operated their light semi-trailers for only a part of the year will now get their tags and use the trailers more.

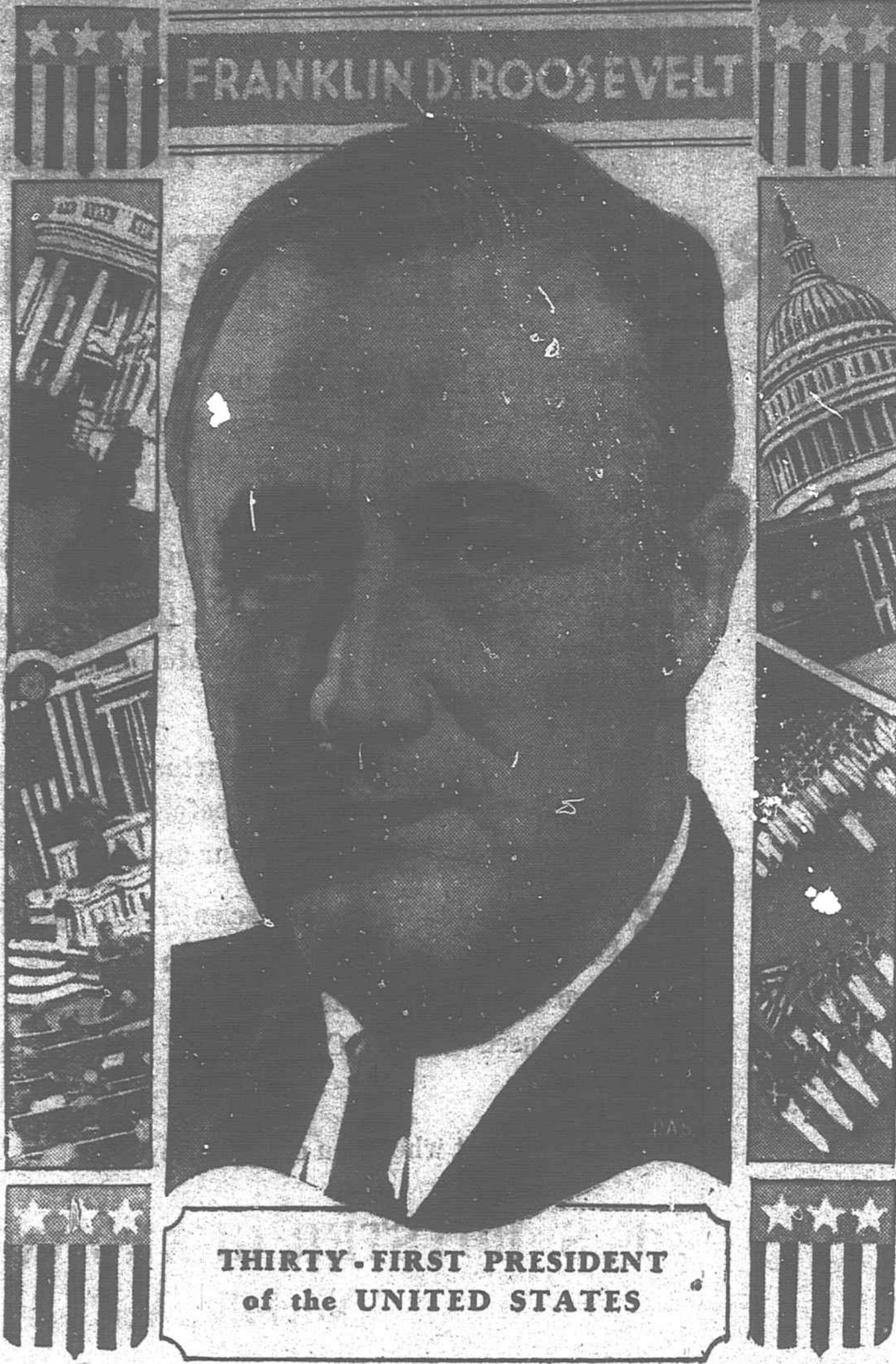
Already the demand for these trailer licenses is increasing, Harris says, indicating that the sales will climb faster yet when the people generally learn that they can get these licenses for only \$2 for the entire year.

State To Furnish Free Garden Seed

Raleigh, N. C., March 1.—Contacts for 125,000 packages of garden seeds for use in planting gardens for destitute families were awarded last week by the State Department of Purchase and Contract. These seeds will be paid for by the Governor's Office of Relief and in turn be made available for those destitute families who have agreed to plant gardens so as to become self-supporting. The details of working out the plan are in charge of the county farm agents and the relief directors in the various counties.

Every possible assistance is being offered by the Governor's Office of Relief in carrying out the program which is designed to enable destitute families to produce all the food they consume. A planting calendar setting forth in detail the dates for planting gardens, the amount to be planted, and instructions for cultivating have already been broadcast throughout the State.

The State College Extension Service has also published for widespread distribution a guide to community farm budgeting, a pamphlet which will be of material assistance to relief directors in starting community farms, which will provide foodstuffs for these destitute families who do not live on farms.



THIRTY-FIRST PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES

Dr. Landrith To Speak Here Wednesday Mar. 8

This Noted Lecturer at Methodist Church next Wednesday Night at 7:30.

DR. IRA LANDRITH



Swinging through the South on a tour of two hundred cities as part of an educational campaign being conducted by the Allied Forces, Dr. Ira Landrith, former college president and leader in temperance and prohibition, will arrive in Farmville, Wednesday, March 8th to speak at a mass meeting at 7:30 in the Methodist church.

"Putting Down the Bi-Partisan Rum Rebellion" will be the subject of Dr. Landrith's address. Members of all church groups, young people's societies, and local citizens generally are invited to come and hear the facts about the temperance issue as presented by an expert in the field.

Dr. Landrith has been prominent in this work for a great many years and was formerly Chairman of the National Temperance Council. He has a way of combining wit and humor with his logic and is a popular speaker before Chautauquus, lyceums, and organizations of various kinds. He is Citizenship Superintendent of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, so is well known to many of the members of that organization, and was formerly President of Ward-Belmont College.

During the last two years, he has been associated with the Allied Forces as speaker and organizer. With the Allied Campaigners, under the leadership of Dr. Daniel A. Foling, internationally known dry leader, he traveled in more than five hundred cities in 261 days, covering every state in the Union and speaking seven days a week, often in two or three cities a day. In a subsequent campaign Dr. Landrith visited two hundred additional cities, and now is engaged in still another gigantic tour. Everywhere he had found encouragement in the attitude of the American people toward prohibition, and feels confident that with a little more time and experience, they will rise in its defense.

"Not half tried and still in its childhood, prohibition has not failed," Dr. Landrith asserts. "Its half-hearted official friends have failed, and even its best friends in some cases have been inadequately vigilant and determined. Its foes have won a victory here and there, because we have trusted some politicians too easily but too well, and because we have underestimated the number of cherishing good citizens who would rather be regular than right."

Prohibition has not failed. That issue was only a minor one in the 1932

Inauguration To Be Largest In Our History

Far Greater Numbers Than Ever Before Will Attend Ceremony Saturday.

Washington, March 1st.—The capital is dressing up. The unwinding of miles of bunting began today as decorators prepared for Saturday's inaugural ceremonies. Already flags are flying in great numbers. More than 35,000 seats for those who will watch the three hours' parade have been completed. Finishing touches are being applied to the platform erected on the front steps of the capitol where Franklin D. Roosevelt will take his oath of office.

The flow of visitors has already started with the big invasion set for Friday and early Saturday. Incomplete reports from travel bureaus and hotels said that the early estimates of 200,000 visitors may prove to be too modest. Requests for lodging from the Southern States have far surpassed expectations. More than 9,000 Democrats will come from New York, while States that were swept into the Democratic column last fall have doubled their usual number of reservations in the past week. In all thirty-seven governors will attend, the majority staying over for the conference called by Mr. Roosevelt for following day. Inaugural historians said this would be the largest attendance of governors at any inauguration. Invitations of the first meeting of Presidential electors have been accepted by a far greater number than the committee had expected. It had reached 800 acceptances today with possibilities of swelling to 400 before Friday.

The man in the house shut his eye.

Miss Smith, Evangelist To Occupy Methodist Pulpit Sunday Night

Miss Annie Agnes Smith, evangelist of nation-wide note will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church at the regular Sunday evening service hour, March 5th. The public is cordially invited to hear Miss Smith both on Sunday evening and in the afternoon at 3:00 when she will give some Bible Dramatizations in costume. A silver offering will be taken at this time.

The evangelist, described by those who know her, as a preacher of great eloquence and dramatic power, is a native of Canada, having received her education in New York City.

Miss Smith and Miss Virginia Smith, also of Norfolk, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roebuck during the week-end.

Senate Takes Steps To Effect Relief For The Delinquent Tax Payers

Two Boys Held For Robbery

Robbed Winterville Filling Station Early Sunday Night.

Greenville, March 1.—Raymond Stocks, 15, and David Ross, 15, white boys of the Winterville section, were given hearings in Juvenile Court late yesterday before Judge J. E. Harrington and placed in the county jail to await being sent to a reformatory for robbing Roy Cox's filling station at Winterville.

The robbery occurred Sunday night between 8 and 9 o'clock when the boys broke into the station and stole a quantity of cigarettes, cigars and candy. Officers investigating the robbery were informed that one of the boys had been selling some cigarettes at five cents a package Monday, and yesterday the boys were arrested in the vicinity of Kinston. It seems that Stocks' parents had moved to the Kinston section Monday and the Ross boy had gone on there with the Stocks boy.

Following arrest the boys denied any connection with the robbery, but later, under questioning, confessed that they had committed the crime.

Last Rites Held For McD. Horton On Saturday Morning

On Saturday morning, February 25, amid one of the largest concourses of friends ever gathered here around a departed friend, the body of McD. Horton was placed with his loved ones gone before. The large and handsome floral offering bore tribute to the esteem in which he was held.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 from the residence by Rev. C. B. Mashburn of the Christian church, who read the poem, "Let me Live In a House By the Side of the Road" as significant of the life of his friend, Mr. Mashburn was assisted by Rev. J. R. Roberts, Primitive Baptist minister, Rev. H. L. Hendricks, Methodist, and Rev. J. Q. Beckwith, Jr., of the Episcopal church. Familiar hymns were rendered by a quartette composed of Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, John Dwight and Elbert Holmes.

Pall bearers were: Active, M. V. Horton, J. O. Pollard, Kenneth Park, Harold Suggs Askew, John King Jr., and Lath Morris. Honorary, J. Y. Monk, W. A. Pollard, R. L. Davis, Frank Capps, George Beckman, W. L. Nannie, J. C. Gaskins, Frank Harrington, Hubert Joyner, J. W. Joyner, W. E. Joyner, R. A. Parker, Lennie Russell, D. E. Oglesby, Dr. W. M. Willis, Dr. D. S. Morrill, J. T. Thorne, J. W. Holmes, R. E. Belcher, G. A. Jones, I. E. Satterfield, G. A. Rouse, S. A. Whitthurst, J. M. Hozwood, Servia Watkins, T. M. Dail, G. E. Moore, George Gates, R. H. Knott, C. F. Baucom, John T. Bynum, W. J. Rasberry, S. A. Roebuck, L. T. Pierce, B. F. Lang, R. R. Newton, L. W. Godwin, W. J. Turnage, and R. A. Joyner.

In early manhood Mr. Horton married Miss Lillie R. Askew, who with two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Shackelford of Farmville and Miss Evelyn M. Horton of Washington, D. C., survive him.

A life full of unselfish love and usefulness to his fellowman made all classes admire him and feel the keen loss of his passing. When we pause in silence to wipe away our tears we are comforted with the thought, "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die," and the kind word and tender smile of "Uncle Mac" will linger like footprints on the sands of time.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Mrs. Helen Adkinson Watkins, to whom he was married three years ago and a step-son, Bert Watkins of Washington, D. C.

FIDELIS CLASS

A delightful meeting of the Fidelis class of the Baptist Sunday School was held at the home of Mrs. D. R. Morgan on Thursday afternoon. Entertainment was presented by Miss M. M. Morgan. The public is cordially invited to hear Miss Smith both on Sunday evening and in the afternoon at 3:00 when she will give some Bible Dramatizations in costume. A silver offering will be taken at this time.

The elevator push buttons on the main floor of most of New York's skyscrapers are dummies. They are for a psychological reason. Parsons in a hurry put a finger on them, heard down for a few seconds. Nothing happens but the bell-pusher feels better.

Though It Takes More Than Two Hours Talking to Get Vote, the Senate Passes 47 to 0 the Clement-Dunagan Measure to Abolish Tax Penalties for Five Year Period.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 25.—The state senate today took steps to effect relief for delinquent tax payers of North Carolina while the lower division of the Assembly killed the Turner bill which would have enlarged the scope of compulsory school attendance.

Though it took more than two hours talking to get to a vote the senate passed 47 to 0 the Clement-Dunagan measure to abolish tax penalties for a five year period and give a person whose land had been sold for taxes a five year period in which to redeem the property. The proposal was sent to the house.

Both branches of the legislature found themselves tied up with local legislation as lengthy sessions were held.

The house through State Treasurer Chas. M. Johnson sent a letter that passage of the measure meant repudiation of the debt of the county passed and sent to the senate the Barden bill to limit the levies on Craven county to \$1.30 per \$100 valuation.

Johnson's letter predicted similar bills for "every county, city and town in the state" would be offered and might be forerunner for a similar state wide bill in 1935.

House approval was given the Thompson resolution demanding heads of state departments remove from their payrolls one of each thirty married couples now in state employ.

The house failed to pass the Aikin bill to direct the highway commission to reimburse the town of Newton for losses in a damage suit. Representative Scarborough of Richmond gave the house two resolutions asking the finance committee be instructed to include the 15 cent ad valorem tax for school purposes in its revenue bill and the appropriation group be instructed to provide for six months state supported school term. Both were placed on the calendar to be taken up tomorrow.

The house set for special order tomorrow the measure already passed in the senate which would consolidate the prison and highway departments. All controversial measures on the house calendar were carried over including special order to provide for incorporation of the state bar and regulation of all attorneys in the state.

North Carolina's Greatest Need

Greenville, March 2.—"Farm ownership by a greater number of the farming population is rural North Carolina's greatest need, according to D. H. Conley, superintendent of Pitt county schools, who said this would result in "a more stable population, improved home conditions, and stronger civic interests, and the resultant advantage will be passed on to the various other industries of the State."

"Increased farm ownership will open the way for a greater supply of meat, milk and livestock which are not possible under the present system of tenant farming," he said. "The increase of the milk supply will decrease the present high death rate among the younger children of the State by giving them the foods best suited to their needs."

Mr. Conley said an important step toward realization of increased farm ownership would be to make a revision of local debt service obligations, to postpone the time of maturity without any danger of loss to the bond-holders.

He said this would result in "decreased tax rates and with reductions in current expenses of national, state and local government, should give rural North Carolina a fresh state toward increased farm ownership by a greater number of the farming population."

Mr. Conley's article is carried in the sixth annual essay contest booklet of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. The subject of the contest this year is "Rural North Carolina's Greatest Need," and Mr. Conley is one of the more than 50 leading North Carolinians whose views on this subject appear in the booklet.

Keen interest is being shown in the contest this year, said M. G. Munn, cooperative secretary-treasurer, who has charge of the essay contest work.

Unemployed architects are serving as sight-seeing guides in New York.