

Thurston's Orchestra Coming Here For the Exposition Week Feb. 11

Big Warehouse Here
Now Taking on Carni-
val Air as Finishing
Touches Are Being
Completed for Rotary
Exposition and Fair

One of the out-standing attractions of 1935 will be the Hal Thurston's Orchestra when they come here for the Exposition and will play a series of 6 dances opening with a big dance on Monday night, February 11th. Hal has one of the best Orchestras this year, that he has ever had. Eleven picked musicians are carried and all are feature men. The Local Post of the American Legion are sponsoring the Dancing at the Exposition every night during the Exposition. The Opening Dance will start at 10 p. m., following the Stage Show. The Ball Room is being put in shape for the big week of dancing and the floor will be put in the very best of shape. The Ball Room will be beautifully decorated and a special stage will be erected, along with the Wilson's Sound System, using powerful Horns, so that every dancer can hear the wonderful music. Special Dances will be the rule through the week. One of the Out Standing Dances will be the Big St. Valentine Dance, and a special Ball on Friday night. The Band will open the show each night on the stage during the Exposition.



HAL THURSTON
One of the youngest professional
Orchestra Leaders in the Country
who will play for the American Le-
gion Dances here every night during
the Rotary Exposition, week of Feb.
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House Kills Bill On Death Chair

Senate Passes South- port Port Bill; High- way Patrol Increase Proposed

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—The House of Representatives yesterday killed a bill which would allow life imprisonment to be substituted for capital punishment when all members of the jury and the presiding judge so agreed.

The House tabled the bill without allowing one word of debate, although Judiciary Committee No. 1 had given it a favorable report. The bill was introduced by Representative Charles Jonas, of Lincoln, Republican leader of the House.

As reported by the committee, the Jonas bill would allow a Superior Court Judge to order the electrocution of a man convicted of capital crime, even though the jury did recommend mercy. But it would not allow the Judge to substitute life imprisonment unless the jury had so recommended. When it reached the floor Representative Pickens of Guilford offered an amendment which would leave the matter to the jury, alone. The moment he finished explaining his amendment, Representative Gardner of Cleveland moved that the bill and the amendment "lie upon the table." The motion passed, 55 to 45.

Baptist Orphanage Supt. To Speak Here Sunday

Superintendent F. G. Greer, of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, will address the local Baptist congregation Sunday morning, February 5, at the 11:00 o'clock service. According to Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor of the Farmville Baptist Church, Mr. Greer is outstanding among the leaders of his denomination in the State, being beloved as a Christian gentleman, and well known as a great advocate of child and youth education. As a speaker Mr. Greer is richly endowed with natural ability, which together with his ardent zeal in the cause of Christian education, gives him the inspiration for his messages of power and spiritual grace. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the service.

Four of Colleges including: The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia; Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.; North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.; and winding up at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va. Featured vocalists with Hal Thurston will be Tommy Dietrich, Mike Brady and Red Boykin. The entire band will offer novelties and close club singing.

Forsyth farmers are finding that tobacco farms make good sweet potato curing houses. L. D. Smith has cured 700 bushels in this way and the sweetens are keeping well.

Teachers May Take Courage

One Bill of Particular Interest Is That By Hauser, To Pension Teachers 60 or Over

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—The flood of bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly so far this session dealing with improved conditions of the public school teachers of the State are indicative of the wide-spread belief and feeling that teachers have been bearing the brunt of the depression and are now due more consideration according to the public opinion. One bill of particular interest is that by Representative Hauser, of Forsyth County, to pension teachers 60 years old, or more, who have taught in the State 30 years, are now unable to continue their teaching and have an income of less than \$300 a year. This bill would pay such teacher a pension of \$25 a month. Another bill, by Senator Griffin, of Franklin, would name a commission to make a study of teacher pensions and retirement plan with a view of legislation in 1937 to take care of aged teachers, Mr. Warren points out.

Another bill which serves to show a feeling of more consideration for teachers is Representative O'Berry's measure to provide six days of sick leave to teachers in the schools during the year. No such provision is made now. And another is to again place the teachers under the provisions of the North Carolina Workmen's Compensation Act. They were removed from the act by an amendment enacted two years ago. Several bills have been introduced which would increase salaries of teachers, and some of them include all State employees, from amounts ranging from 20 to 30 per cent. Just as important is the assertion of friends of Governor Ehringhaus that his suggestion of a 15 per cent increase was only with the idea of balancing the budget and that he would welcome an increase of 20, or even 25 per cent, of ways of raising the money for that much can be assured.

"It is evident that with all of these bills, there is every assurance that the teachers of the State will be given some increase, the amount depending on the amount of money that can be raised by the Revenue measures finally adopted," said Secretary Warren.

Through State
Capital Keyholes
By Bess Hinton Silver

LIQUOR AND GOVERNORS — Some astute political observers in Raleigh express the opinion that passage of any bill to call a referendum on the question of liberalizing North Carolina's bone-dry liquor laws by the present legislature would work decidedly to the benefit of the potential candidacy of Clyde R. Hoey, silver-tongued Shelby orator, for governor next year. These political wise-acres figure that Mr. Hoey would lead once more the fight against liquor and that he would be successful. They say that this would be interpreted as a mandate from the people and that the Shelby attorney would be handed the Democratic nomination for Governor on a figurative silver platter.

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GASOLINE TAXES—It looks like everybody and his brother want to get their hands into tax money paid by automobile and truck owners of North Carolina. Around legislative halls can be heard many different proposals for using gasoline and license money for other purposes than roads. Some want it to pay government debts; others to establish employment offices and others for the schools. But the State's roads, especially the secondary highways, are not in the pink of condition and legislators from rural counties know that. Also some bridges still levy tolls for passage. It's likely to be a merry fight before the question of diversion of highway funds is settled.

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Drive Extended To Rural Areas

Farmers to Get Hous- ing Loans from Pro- duction Credit Groups

Charlotte, Jan. 29.—Farmers and residents of the rural sections of the Carolinians will be able to obtain loans through the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia for their home and farm modernization projects as a part of the building-repair and renovation campaign of the Federal Housing Administration. Miss Cora Annette Harris, field representative of the FHA called attention to this fact today.

Production Credit Associations, branches of the corporation, will be able to make the loans from their offices in the following North Carolina towns: Elizabeth City, Greenville, Washington, New Bern, Laurinburg, Fayetteville, Lumberton, Ahoskie, Kinston, Carthage, Cherryville, Wadesboro, Statesville, Louisburg, Henderson, Goldsboro, Dunn, Franklin, Rutherfordton, Hillsboro, Asheboro, Concord, Wilkesboro, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Smithfield, Rocky Mount, Weldon, Wilmington, Kenansville and Raleigh.

A rural housing advisory committee for the State has been appointed and consists of I. O. Schaub, State extension director; T. E. Browne, director of vocational education; Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, relief director; Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State home demonstration agent; Miss Helen Estabrook, extension specialist; D. S. Weaver, head of agricultural engineering; F. H. Jeter, extension editor; E. S. Van Atta, State garage master; M. G. Mann and V. Wheeler.

The first rural housing campaign in the State was begun Monday in Cleveland County by Richard Oulahan of Asheville, assistant State director of the Federal Housing Administration's campaign and others.

ping across the line that made him a candidate in 1932. There is considerable opinion that Mr. Bailey will also face opposition in the person of Governor Ehringhaus but the Governor is holding his peace on the subject.

ON THEIR TOES—Heads of State Departments and institutions are making good use of the hearings accorded them by the appropriations committees of the House and Senate. In most cases the Advisory Budget Commission cut their requests and having been on what they consider near starvation rations for the past two years (and not much wealthier the two preceding years) the boys and girls hope to impress the appropriations groups with the gravity of their situations.

NEW STAR—Arising in the political heavens is the star of Senator Harris Newman, of New Hanover, shining on the office of Lieutenant Governor. From close personal friends of the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee on Finance come word that he will make the race. Senator Newman is silent. If he runs he will face potential opposition from two other Senators, W. G. (Cousin Willie) Clark, of Edgecombe, and President Pro Tem Paul D. Grady, of Johnston. Definitely in the race is former Senator George McNeill, of Fayetteville, a few observers believe cannot be safely discounted.

SALES TAX—If membership of Senate and House finance committees is any index to the complexion of the General Assembly the three per cent sales tax will be enacted without prolonged opposition. Of course, there will be violent opposition but the votes in committees do not indicate any real threat of defeat or an impasse on the retail levy. Practically all proposals against the sales tax have been promptly voted down in committee meetings.

SLOT MACHINES—Past legislation have attempted to run slot machines out of the State by passing laws against them. The present legislature is of the same mind but since the general laws have not been successful, according to many members, this General Assembly hopes to tax them out of existence. That explains the upping of taxes on the little machines with holes for your nickels, dimes and quarters rather than any hope of increasing State revenues.

Drivers' License Bill With Teeth is Approved

Happy Birthday To Pros. Roosevelt

A Telegram Conveying Greetings from Farmville Citizens Sent to the President on His Birthday

The following telegram was sent to President Roosevelt, in observance of his 53rd birthday on Wednesday, January 30, by Farmville citizens, who were solicited by J. W. Joyner, local chairman of the President's Birthday Ball, for a special donation, to be sent direct to the Warm Springs Sanatorium. Telegraph service for this purpose was extended as a courtesy by the Western Union.

"President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, The White House, Washington, D. C.; Happy birthday, Mr. President! I am proud to participate in the sending of this personal greeting to you and thereby help in the fight against infantile paralysis, to which you have given such notable leadership. — J. W. Joyner, W. J. Raspery, Dr. W. M. Willis, Jack C. Roberts, Z. M. Whitehurst, W. G. Gay, John T. Thorne, R. A. Joyner, H. W. Kemp, John D. Dixon, T. C. Turnage, J. T. Bynum, J. Lee Tugwell, Rollins Cleaners and Dyers, B. Streeter Sheppard, H. Maynard Hicks, H. E. Bendas, J. M. Wheelers, R. A. Parker, R. O. Lang, T. W. Lang, Edgar Barrett, D. F. Lang, Will Vines, Floyd Warren, W. L. 'Bill' Smith, D. G. Allen, Fred E. Davis, C. V. Smith, C. L. Eason, A. B. Mewborn, H. E. Hart, C. T. Green, R. L. Davis, Janie Davis, Judd L. Walker, Arthur P. Joyner, George W. Davis, Margaret Davis, John Wheeler, Wilson L. Bullock, Annie Mae Morgan, D. E. Oglesby, Salie E. Horton, Charlie Walston, T. E. Dail, Ruby Rigby Jones, H. A. Jones, G. Alex Rouse, L. M. Holden, S. A. Roebuck, Dr. A. H. Stevens, A. J. Barody, G. M. Holden, J. M. Stanhill, Motor Inn Service Station, Leon Crumpler, H. M. Winders, J. W. Holmes, B. O. Taylor, S. T. Lewis, Jr., T. E. Joyner, M. M. Jones, L. P. Thomas, Emma Dale, E. Cannon, T. G. Reynolds, L. E. Chittam, E. A. Joyner, G. A. Jones, Frank Kammon, W. H. Moore, Jr., Lewis Alex, Gus Schofield, A. Q. Roebuck, C. H. Flanagan, Eva H. Shankleford, Chas. J. B. Gayle, Thos. B. Rouse, R. B. Fields, J. C. Pittman, W. A. McAdams, Dr. H. B. Smith, G. P. Burgeron, C. T. Dixon, Mrs. W. S. Royster, Mrs. M. V. Horton, E. C. Holmes, Ed Nash Warren, R. E. Boyd, W. E. Forbes, P. M. Murphy, Bert McCullom, John Moshing, W. C. Wooten, J. I. Morgan, Jr., Arch J. Flanagan, J. N. ElRamey, J. F. Carr, Watt Parker.

Roads Committee Also Hears from Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—The joint Road Committee of the General Assembly held two sessions to adopt with minor amendments a sub-committee draft of a stringent drivers' license bill and to hear representatives of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce plead for legislation to relieve counties of a part of the burden of highway bond indebtedness. The substitute license bill, designed as a safety rather than as a license measure, will be introduced in the General Assembly today or tomorrow. The 36 sections of the bill will be administered by "the department which shall by law control the highway patrol," but no action was taken to fix this department.

N. G. Bartlett led the delegation seeking aid in paying local road indebtedness and with Judge Guy Elliott of Kinston explained that many eastern counties are in serious financial condition because of road bonds issued prior to the taking over of all highways by the State. Spokesmen asked that committee to introduce legislation to set aside \$1,000,000 of the highway fund surplus annually for the next two years for their relief, but emphasized their opposition to diversion of the highway funds.

"We are not asking the State to assume our entire bonded indebtedness," Mr. Bartlett declared, "but to come to our rescue temporarily. The counties which built their own highways did so under the assumption they would be paid back from gasoline and motor vehicle taxes and were left holding the bag when the State took over the roads. Other delegates, including Ray Cook, chairman of the Pitt county commissioners, Dr. J. C. Grady, of Johnston county and Duncan Shaw, of Cumberland county, also were heard."

The monotonous consideration of the provisions of the drivers license bill was broken sharply by Capus M. Warnick, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, when he expressed himself in no uncertain terms on the State Highway Patrol and the private collection of motor vehicle license taxes.

"I am of the opinion that the character of the highway patrol has been destroyed in the past few years," barked Mr. Warnick after declaring that his is a "hands-off" policy. "I think the patrol ought to be strictly a police force or be disbanded."

Later the chairman said: "I do not think you ought to farm out in North Carolina to a private concern the sale of motor vehicle license."

He was obviously referring to the Carolina Motor Club, which operates about 50 branch offices to aid the State in distributing licenses each year, collecting a percentage of the proceeds for its services.

Reports from local flour mills in Union County indicate that more than 1-1/2 times as much flour has been ground from home-grown wheat as compared with previous years. Craven county farmers have appointed a legislative committee to consult with their representative in the General Assembly to regard legislation affecting agriculture.

Reveals How To Eliminate War

Tesla Says He Can De- stroy Anything in Ra- dius of 200 Miles

New York, Jan. 29.—A new idea and a perfected means by which war can be effectively eliminated from the face of the world has been discovered by Nicola Tesla, world famous inventor and physicist, he announces in Liberty Magazine.

"My invention," writes Tesla, "requires a large plant, but once it is established it will be possible to destroy anything, men or machines, approaching within a radius of 200 miles. It will, so to speak, provide a wall of power offering an insuperable obstacle against any effective aggression."

Because this machine is practically limited to use as a defense, being available for use only in a limited way on big battleships, it will render the weakest of nations capable of successfully defending itself against the strongest and thus make war unprofitable.

In the year 2035, predicts Tesla, robots will do all of the mental work and newspapers will save front page space for news of scientific importance, turning mere "stickfuls" of crime and political news to unimportant positions. Health will become a more vital concern of the human race than it is at present.

The Secretary of Hygiene or Physical Culture will be far more important in the cabinet of the President of the United States who holds office in 2035 than the Secretary of War. . . . New York City will seem as unthinkable to our children and our grandchildren as life without plumbing seems to us. . . . Bernard Macfadden has shown how it is possible to provide palatable food based upon natural products such as milk, honey and wheat. I believe that the food served today in his puny restaurant will be the basis of epicurean meals in the smartest banquet halls of the twenty-first century."

Peanut Contract Protects Tenant

The peanut adjustment contracts contain a special provision to protect the rights of tenants, says B. Troy Ferguson, of State College, who has charge of the peanut program in North Carolina.

The land-owner who signs a contract, Ferguson points out, agrees not to reduce the number of his share-tenants or share-croppers in 1935 below the number in 1934. Furthermore, the owner agrees under the contract to apportion to each tenant the same percentage of the total crop on the farm that he grew in 1934.

Tenants who produce peanuts on farms covered by contracts will share in the benefit payments in accordance with their respective interests in the total crop, Ferguson explains. The land-owners will sign the contract and receive the payments, but he will be required to distribute the payments equitably among the tenants and make a report showing how it was divided.

Although the benefit payments are measured by the 1934 crop, Ferguson adds, they are to be given for adjusting the 1935 crop acreage and all tenants or croppers who produce peanuts in 1935 on a farm covered by a contract are entitled to share in the payments.

If the tenant or cropper produced peanuts on that farm in 1934, his share of the payments will be in proportion to the part he produced of the total crop. If he has moved to another farm, he will receive that proportion which would have gone to the tenant who was on that part of the farm last year.

Find Man Dead Near His Auto

Milton Grimsley, 43, member of a well known Greene county family, was found dead near his automobile on a woods road near his farm, five miles from Hookerton early Wednesday morning, according to information reaching here today. Death was believed to have resulted from exhaustion and exposure as he attempted to extricate his automobile which was stuck in the road.

Grimsley, a bachelor, boarded, and when he failed to appear for breakfast Wednesday morning, someone was sent to his room to awaken him. When his absence was discovered a search was started.

Grimsley's body was found lying back of the automobile. He was rushed to a doctor's office but died on the way.

Grimsley was reported to have left home early Thursday night and nothing was seen of him until the searching party found his body lying in the deserted road leading to his farm.