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FARMERS ROUSED TO SPEAK THEIR MIND

Danger That Taxes On Land May Stay Calls Landowners to Capitol—Luxury Tax Versus Sales Tax—Visitors Meet House Committee on Finance.

As far as the farmers and landowners of the state are concerned, the crisis of the present legislative session will be reached today (Thursday) when the hearing of farmers all over the state before the Senate Committee on Finance will be held with regard to the method to be employed in putting into effect the McLean Bill for State maintenance of six months term for all state schools. This bill which was passed earlier in the session, has promised to be a big relief, in its provision, especially for maintenance of schools on funds other than those derived from taxes on lands. Immediately upon passage of the bill work was begun on plans for providing funds to provide for this school term. In the main two propositions have been submitted, the Day bill, providing for the income from a general sales tax and the Hinsdale bill providing for the money to be derived from a tax on the sale of luxuries.

Much opposition to these two plan has been manifested by those who find that the bill strikes very close home. Merchants from all over the state have stoutly opposed the general sales tax bill, so staunchly indeed that on Monday afternoon of this week there appeared in the state capital over three thousand merchants of the state, in open revolt against the bill as proposed. Proposition of a sale tax on luxuries, under which head come tobaccos, soda drinks and other things which cannot be considered as necessities of life, has met with equally strong resistance upon the part of large manufacturing interests.

A general appeal has been issued to farmers and landowners through the state, to urge them to make an appearance at Raleigh on Thursday to show in present form their opposition to the possibility of not relieving the tax on land. A general fear has sprung up among those most closely allied with the welfare of the farmer, that the position manifested by manufacturers and merchants will be powerful in discouraging what they consider the good efforts of the legislature. Charles F. Cates, president of the State Farmers' Alliance and W. Kerr Scott, master of the State Grange, have spread the alarm throughout the state asking the farmers to rise up and let their voice be heard.

Opinion is general among the farmer sympathizers that the Hinsdale luxury tax is the preferable measure. In fact the officials of (Continued on Page Four)

Cotton Stationery is Slap At Depression

The seriousness with which the women of Gastonia are pushing the revival of cotton through the interest of women, is proven by a letter received this week by Mrs. P. R. McCain. The letter was written on attractive stationery made of cotton fibre. This original and unusual idea that through them must come much of the impetus to the revival of cotton.

The letter follows:

Dear Mrs. McCain:

We women of the south are vitally interested in cotton, because the demand for cotton influences the economic welfare of practically every one of us in some way. When the cotton farmer, the cotton merchant and the cotton manufacturer prosper, the effect will be felt throughout the South.

Attached to this letter is a small folder which I believe that you will find of special interest, as it brings to your attention a movement which, if sponsored vigorously in every Southern community, would soon benefit all of us very materially.

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Local American Legion Post Active

The Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion is active in Raeford these days and is planning for greater activity during the spring and summer. An enthusiastic meeting was held on last Friday night when numerous plans for future activity were made.

The first social activity will be a shad roast which will be held on Friday the 3rd of April. Members are looking forward to this affair when the warm days come on. Later a picnic will be held, the date being set tentatively to split the period between the shad roast and the fourth of July. For this latter occasion plans are also being made. It is probable that Raeford will this year have a small but interesting celebration on Independence day.

American Legion officials are making an effort to have an interested and active post in Raeford and are anxious to welcome back into the fold many of the old members who have let their interest lag.

C. M. T. C. Ranks Rapidly Filling

Registration of men for the summer encampment of the CMTC is progressing rapidly according to reports received from District headquarters in Winston-Salem. Hoke County however has sent in only one application, whereas the county quota is six. Scotland, with a quota of three has filed no application, Moore has none in their larger quota of eight, but Cumberland has filed five of their possible twelve. Buncombe, Cherokee and Gasline are among the counties which have already filed applications far in excess of their quota. The CMTC camps afford a fine chance for recreation and serious training to men and boys who are not otherwise taking military training.

Death of Father of Mr. C. W. Seate

The people of Raeford and the vicinity feel deep sympathy for Mr. C. W. Seate in the severe loss which he suffered in the death of his father who died on March 10. Mr. Seate left Tuesday for Virgillina to attend his father's funeral. His father had suffered for some years from heart trouble. A recurrence of the malady brought on his death. He died at the ripe old age of eighty three years, loved and respected by his community. He is survived by four sons and two daughters, in addition to Mr. Seate of Raeford.

Highway Commish's Days Limited

What will probably be one of the last meetings that the present Highway Commission will ever hold in its present form was held on Thursday at Raleigh. The old commission will be dismantled late in April and the new organization, fostered by Governor Gardner's Highway bill will come into force.

James L. McNair, of Laurinburg, the most recently appointed district commissioner is considered as one member who will probably retain his seat on the new board. This new board will have only seven members. The commission in its meeting on Thursday was to let bids on twenty-two separate units of highway construction of which the road from Hamlet to Gibson was one unit.

Dr. Matheson left Thursday morning for Live Oak, Florida, to join Mrs. Matheson, who is there on a visit to her parents. He was accompanied as far as Valdosta, Ga., by Miss Elizabeth Hoyle, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tommie Upchurch for the past several weeks. Miss Tappan of the school faculty, went as far as her home in Georgia. Dr. and Mrs. Matheson and Miss Tappan will return Monday.

LOCAL KIWANIS WILL RENEW YOUTH

Members Will Be "Tired Business Men" if Plan for Basketball Game With Sanford Club Are Carried Out—Promise Ringers Also.

Raeford sport fans will be treated to a sporting event of the first water next Friday night, the 20th of March, when plans now being formulated between the Kiwanis Clubs of Raeford and Sanford, will be put into execution. The key word will be variety, according to the Kiwanians, and all different sorts of variety.

Taking place as the feature of the evening's entertainment will be the basketball game played by selected teams from the two clubs and by special permission of the copyright owners. Raeford fans have seen many different brands of basketball on the local court this year, but this is a game that promises to be brand new. Rivaling the modern movie, it promises to be a new sensation with sound effects, all talking, all dancing, with a superb cast.

The presence of "ringers" in this athletic program will be nothing to regret for the men will be some of the most accomplished fighters ever to enter the local ring. Some lusty bouts are promised between colored fighters of local fame and a full carload of haymakers, straight lefts, uppercuts, and weaving one two's will be opened up before the audience.

Rumor is whispering too, that a certain California fire-eater who performs equally well in any sport from swatting flies to elephant tumbling, is practicing on the town hall rink in preparation for giving a fancy skating exhibition. A special dog sled has been dispatched to Oakland for his skates and in the meanwhile he is practicing with bed rollers.

Dispatches from Sanford are enthusiastic over the sports night and everything points to a gala night.

Scouts Work On Public Program

Work is steadily progressing in the local troop in preparation for the coming public program which will be given some night this spring and in which the scouts will attempt to show the parents and others interested in the work, that their organization is not just play but that they are doing real work and engaging in helpful study. Scoutmaster Sexton is not over-eager to divulge his plans and is keeping the majority of the program as a surprise for those who are not familiar with scout work. However, the scouts are in the meanwhile busily brushing up on their first aid, drills and the underlying principal of scouting so that when the program comes off they will be able to give their audience a fair and comprehensive idea of what Scouting means to the boys and through them, to the community.

NOTICE.

A Pellagra Clinic will be held at the Court House in Raeford at 9 o'clock, Wednesday, March 18. All the county patients are urged to be present. Free yeast will be distributed at this time. (Signed) DR. R. L. MURRAY.

A Correction

In an article published in The NEWS-JOURNAL last week it was stated that Mr. B. L. Cox and Mr. J. L. McLeod were called to the Federal Court and were not allowed to serve. What the writer referred to, upon his information, was organization of a line or two a member of the same body. This jury handled fifty-seven cases and did their job with such dispatch that the work was disposed of in two days. The NEWS-JOURNAL regrets error which occurred in this article.

LINDSAY TO TALK IN RED SPRINGS

Famous Poet Will Appear at Flora Macdonald College—is Internationally Known—Has made Successful Experiments in Poetry.

(Communicated) Music, drama, poetry and the dance will be combined in a novel lecture-recital given next Monday night, March 16, in Flora Macdonald College Auditorium by Vachel Lindsay, one of the most celebrated of Modern American Poets. He interprets his own poems with all the passion and physical expression of an actor. These poems are all written to be read aloud, chanted or declaimed; in some cases they are to be danced to, also, and played as games. They possess a deep rhythm, with a rush and a real life in them. His "Chinese Night-gale" is thought by some to be the "greatest poem written in America since the Pilgrims came over." Mr. Lindsay, who is a modern troubadour, has stramped thousands of miles of this country, singing his songs from coast to coast. His work is by no means limited to America. A London paper not long ago published a eulogy to him in which the following appeared: "America can never be regarded as submerged by commercialism so long as Vachel Lindsay chants his songs from New York to New Mexico."

This is the last of the attractions booked for the year and the committee on the lecture and concert course are to be complimented on their varied and delightful selections.

Death of Mr. W. N. Brown of Montrose

Mr. Will Brown, a man well known and liked, both in the Montrose section and throughout the county, died on Monday, Mar 9. He was born in Moore County but for thirty years had been farming and running a mercantile business. His death came as a result of an attack of pneumonia. The funeral was conducted at two o'clock Wednesday, by his pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell at Old Shiloh church and his death is mourned by a large number of friends. Mr. Brown was sixty-nine years old at the time of his death.

Third Poultry Car Here This Week

County Agent Burton announces in this issue the Poultry car which will be here on Wednesday, March 18. The poultry cars have thus far afforded local poultry raisers the opportunity of concerted marketing of their fowls once every month. The last car was shipped from Raeford on February 17. Prices that will be paid for poultry at the door of the car are announced elsewhere in this issue. Hoke County people who are interested should notice the date of this car, which included in its trip Fayetteville, Dunn and Selma in addition to Raeford.

Bill Authorizing Extra Jurors Passes

The bill, introduced by McRae of Mecklenburg to allow a superior court judge to authorize the selection of a thirteenth juror in the case it is needed, passed both houses of the legislature and became a bill on Wednesday night. Heretofore twelve jurors were selected for a trial and in case of the failure of any jurymen to perform his duty to the end, a mistrial was the result. The bill, without doubt, grew out of an incident in the famous Aderholt trial at Charlotte. In this case, a juror cracked under the strain of the trial when it was about over. A mistrial was declared and the resultant expense upon the state was tremendous. The authorization of a thirteenth juror should prevent a recurrence of such a situation and prove a valuable resource to the court.

Raeford Ladies At Music Contest

The annual contest between members of the Junior Music clubs of the state is underway and the contest for the Capitol Club District of North Carolina was held in the Flora Macdonald College Auditorium on the morning of March 5th. Contestants were present from all over the district of which Raeford is a part and much talent was shown by the contestants. Four contests were held for individual piano playing and one for ensemble work. The winners of these contests will go to the state contest at Goldsboro in April.

The judges for the present contest were Mrs. C. G. Vardell, of Red Springs, Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, of Raeford, and Mr. Veely, director of the music department of Elon College. Other Raeford ladies attending were Mrs. Ina Bethune, Mrs. Lewis Upchurch and Mrs. W. T. Covington.

Raeford Ladies At Mission Conference

The churchwide Women's Mission Association of the Baptist Church is in session at the First Baptist Church in Gastonia this week and several Raeford ladies are among those in attendance. Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Mrs. Crawford Thomas, Miss Susan Gullede and Miss Mildred Peele, left Tuesday for Gastonia where they will remain until Thursday. The conference is a gathering for furthering world-wide vision and consideration of the mission function of the church. Over one thousand ladies are in attendance and the gathering will be addressed by national figures in mission work, both Home Secretaries and active workers in the mission fields.

Military Banquet To Be Given Here

One of the most brilliant social events of the year will be held in Raeford late in March when the Officers Association of Hoke County will entertain the officers and guests of the two hundred and fifty second regiment of the Coast Artillery of the National Guard. Entertainment will be in the form of a banquet, at the Bluemont Hotel and a social evening at the Armory. Formal invitations will be issued at an early date. In the meanwhile, plans are being laid to make this affair the best of its kind ever held in Raeford.

SOUTHERN PINES NOVELIST IS APOSTLE OF LOCAL BEAUTY

Notwithstanding the fact that his name is sounding all over the nation for the excellence of his literary works and New York critics stage a fight over the proposition as to whether he will stay in North Carolina or return to the French coast this summer, Struthers Burt, Southern Pines Novelist is going quietly about his work of interesting the people of the small towns of the sandhills in the beautification of their homes and home towns. Friday of this week Burt will talk at the town hall in Vass on "Town Beautification." His work on this same theme has made Southern Pines one of the prettiest towns on any North Carolina highway. Such a combination of interest in novel writing and in helping his neighbors is a striking compliment to Mr. Burt.

MISS MARY SNEAD HAS POSITION WITH HOSPITAL

Miss Mary Snead, of Raeford, who has been for the past several years a book-keeper and stenographer with the Clinchfield Manufacturing company in Marion, N. C., will arrive in Raeford this week. She has accepted a position with Highsmiths Hospital in Fayetteville where she will do office and stenographic work.

Mr. Raymond Hall, of Durham, visited relatives in town Sunday morning.

RAEFORD P. T. A. ENDS MEMBER DRIVE

To Plant Shrubbery this Week—Committees Appointed—Enjoyable Program—Members to Submit Problems for Discussion.

The Raeford Parent-Teacher Association held its regular meeting on March 9, at the school building. The meeting opened with the singing of America. Mrs. W. M. Fairley led in prayer. Roll call and minutes of last meeting by secretary. 169 members are on the roll with 126 who have paid their dues. The membership campaign ended today with Miss Jess Heavener's 4th Grade in the lead. They got a half holiday as a prize. C. H. Giles, Jr., won the prize for the individual bringing in the most names of new members.

The following committees were announced: Program for next meeting, April 13, Misses Carrie Sturgis, Elizabeth Tyson and Lois Wailer.

Finance Committee, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas, Mrs. Paul Dickson, Mrs. C. E. Upchurch, Mrs. Lawrence Poole, Mrs. C. H. Giles.

Membership committee, Mrs. H. S. McLean, Mrs. W. R. Barrington, Mrs. G. W. Brown, Mrs. B. P. Polston, Mrs. John McDuffie, Mrs. Ben Gullede.

All ladies are urged to come to the school house Thursday p. m., at 2 o'clock, to plant shrubbery. Bring or send any shrubbery that you wish to donate on that day.

Mrs. C. H. Giles was in charge of the program.

Two songs—Good Afternoon Little Bird, by Helen Patricia Stewart.

Story—Jumping Jacks Journey, by Dan Cox.

Story—Three Little Kittens (read) by Lonnie Teal, Jr.

Play—Three Little Kittens. Mother Cat—Helen P. Stewart. Three Kittens—Mary Thomas Carswell, Annie Mae Shaw and Josephine McLaughlin.

Mrs. J. W. Currie made a very interesting talk on why Raeford should have a Parent-Teachers' Association. She suggested that a question box be placed at the entrance of the building at the next meeting for the mothers to put the questions that are troubling them concerning their children. These questions are to be discussed at the next meeting.

MRS. J. S. JOHNSON, Pres. MARGIE CAMPBELL, Sec.

Second Square Dance Is a Success

The second square dance of the season was held last Tuesday night and drew another good crowd. The folks of the section have taken well to the revival of the old dances. In addition these dances have and are turning out in good numbers. One of the most fertile sources of dispute, that has been available for some time. Almost any wildly talking group in sight these days may be engaged in a fiery controversy over the relative merits of the old and the new dances. It has been urged that a date be set for a joint debate with exhibitions of each type.

Presbyterians Start Canvas This Sunday

On Sunday March 15, a campaign will be launched when the Presbyterians Every Member Canvas begins in every Presbyterian church throughout the entire south. This campaign is a regular feature of the church program every year but has become a great problem with the last few years. Officials state however that this years campaign will be intensive with the goal to be a contribution by every member, no matter how small the gift. Church officers everywhere will put their shoulders to the wheel during the coming week and it is expected that the campaign will bring a good response.