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Gardner's Speech Denounced By Farmers From 17 Counties

Resolutions Deny Right of Governor "To Join Hands With Those Who Would Nullify MacLean Bill."

FAYETTEVILLE, March 24.—"We are astonished, crushed, and sorely tried at the position of the governor, this day discovered to the people, in which he throws the great weight of his office and influence against the only relief measure arising from and reaching to the vast multitude of tax burdened sufferers."

This is the language of a resolution adopted this afternoon by a mass meeting of farm and home owners from 17 counties who met here to protest against the repeal or nullification of the MacLean bill.

Three thousand persons attended the overflow mass meeting.

The resolution continues: "We deny his right as the people's servant in this great crisis to join hands with those who would not only nullify the MacLean bill, which is the law of the state, but by such nullification substitute a miserable subterfuge in the form of an equalization fund, and thus enable the powerful corporations to perpetuate their hold upon the state and avoid their equal share of taxation in the future as they have in the past."

"We are all the more convinced that, at this distance, he does not know the temper of the people and the law of the state, but by such the tendency of the times, and we call upon him to point out, if the power, tobacco, and other powerful groups are not to begin to bear their share of taxation, what source is to be drawn upon to supply the deficiency caused by the destruction of land values."

Half dozen speakers addressed the crowd from the court house steps. These were Dr. J. Y. Joyner of Raleigh, H. H. Clark of Elizabethtown, O. J. Peterson, editor of the "Chatham Record," Mrs. Marshall Williams of Faison, and E. J. Woolley of Richmond county.

Other sections of the resolution demanded such action as will preserve the benefits of the MacLean bill "without resort to ad valorem taxation or any sales tax on life's necessities" called on the known candidates for governor in 1931 for a statement of their position on the MacLean bill, and denounced the attempted return to the equalization fund as "a belated scheme of large tax dodgers."

B. Y. P. U. Conference At Red Springs

The following is the program of the Sixth Southern Regional B. Y. P. U. Convention to be held at Red Springs March 27-28, 1931.

Keynote—"Christian Living."

Friday Afternoon

2:45—Song and Praise Service—Carl Ousley, Bule's Creek and Maurice B. Cree, Fayetteville, Directors. Miss Hattie B. Marks, Rockingham, pianist.

3:00—Devotional—"The Life Beautiful Must be the Outflowing Life," Mrs. Paul Blake, Lumberton.

3:10—Special Music—Henry Beeker, Campbell College, Bule's Creek.

3:30—Keynote Address—"Along the Highway," President Charles B. Howard, Wake.

3:45—Announcements.

3:55—Conferences:

1. Associational Officers—M. L. Jones, Durham; James A. Ivey, Raleigh.

2. General Officers—James A. Ivey, M. L. Jones.

3. Adults—Rev. R. A. Britt, Delco.

4. Seniors—Miss Mary Ayscue, Rocky Mount.

5. Leaders and Sponsors—Miss Winnie Rickett, Raleigh.

6. Intermediates—Mrs. Paul Blake, Lumberton.

7. Juniors—Miss Pearl Casady, Linden.

5:00—Adjourn.

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MILITARY BANQUET COLORS WEEK END

Festive Saturday Will Bring Distinguished Guests to Raeford—Program Arranged Carries Talks by Military Officials

The stage is all set and the managers are all ready to raise the curtain on the Officers Banquet, an affair which promises to be one of the finest social events Raeford has seen in some time. The banquet and subsequent ball, given by the officer's association of the local National Guard units, have been the subject of weeks of planning and on a social mission military guests known not only in the State but over the nation.

Acceptances have been received from the majority of the officers of the 52nd Regiment. In addition to the military guests, the following civilian guests will be present: Major R. Lee Bethune, Mr. T. B. Upchurch, Jr., president of the Kiwanis Club, and Mr. Laurie McEachern, Hoke county's representative in the State Legislature.

An interesting program has been prepared for the banquet which will be given in the Kiwanis hall. Captain W. L. Poole will be toastmaster. Speakers on the program will include Lt. Col. R. B. Lewis, Colonel Melitz, Adjutant General of North Carolina, Lt. Col. Gordon Smith, U. S. Pand D. O. of North Carolina, Colonel Davids, Senior Instructor, Major Kemble, Instructor, and Colonel McIlwain, Commanding Officer of the 252nd regiment.

Following the banquet the visitors and their guests will be honored at a dance in the armory.

SISTER MRS. H. L. GATLIN PASSES

Mrs. Effie Trivett Parnell, of Maysville, S. C., sister of Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, died last Friday, after a lingering illness of many months. Mrs. Gatlin was with her when the end came and returned to her home here Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at eleven thirty and a number of Raeford people attended, despite the bad weather.

N. H. G. Balfour of Hoke County is building a profitable business with his Chinchilla rabbits. The meat is sold to a local hotel at 30 cents a pound and the pelts bring about 50 cents each.

**Never Told
Till Now!**

What happened
behind the scenes
IN FRANCE

**General John J.
Pershing's**

*My Experiences in
the World War*

in the

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KIWANIS SPORTING PROGRAM BIG EVENT

Bizarre Costumes Feature Club Basketball Game—Fighters Give Crowd Thrills—Lady Skater Thrills and Delights

Before a large and very responsive crowd the Kiwanis club effectively carried out the novel program which had been brewing for several weeks. In the armory last Friday night the townspeople and visitors were entertained by a program which was humorously conceived and happily carried out. Not in many days has there been a more entertaining program nor has any been more sympathetically received. From the time when the Raeford business men charged out on the floor in the regalia which purported to be basketball uniforms to the time when the arm of an elongated and dusky arm was raised as a symbol of its owners victory in the last fight, there was action and laughter in wholesale lots.

Soon after eight o'clock the basketball game between the Raeford and Sanford Kiwanis clubs took place. As a basketball game it might not perhaps have pleased an audience which looked for clever court work and smooth team play, but as an exhibition of honest effort and plain and fancy tumbling it was all that could be desired. Garbed in a bewildering parade of ghostly garments, the Raeford team made up in the eyes of the populace what they lacked in co-ordination. The team was in there, there could be no doubt of that, for a continuous shrieking of costumes and stalwart frames unaccustomed to such exertion made itself heard to the crowd. Although the game had at times tendencies toward football, ice hockey and clap-in and clap-out, it was a huge success and the enthusiasm of the spectators knew no bounds. Even the result of the game was quickly lost in the admiration of the ardor and earnestness of the contestants. The forgetting of being especially appropriate for Raeford rooters.

Between the halves of the basketball game there was a fight between Battling Bill Upchurch and Tiger Mitchell. This three round wizard with action from start to finish with the fighters weaving in an out in good style. The galleries cheered their favorites impartially and proclaimed it a good fight, after Referee Lewis had proclaimed the Battler victor.

What proved to be the climax of the evenings hilarity and interest came when the West Coast Wizard, Fulton McMillan, sailed out on the floor incognito on roller skates. The promised pillow was replaced by the voluminous draperies of feminine make-up, and with skirts whirling gracefully, Steamboat put on an exhibition of plain and fancy skating and notions in the best California style. Whirling and turning, making right angles at lightning speed, skating backwards with dizzy ease he electrified the crowd and mingled just enough sudden spills in his program to make the evening perfect and bring the (Continued on Back Page)

SANDHILL PEACH ORCHARDS BECOME FAMED BEAUTY SPOTS

The rolling orchards of the Sandhill section are expected to reach their height in color this week. The tourist traffic has been unusually heavy with hundreds of visitors choosing this time to visit, in order to see the beauties of the country in peach blossom time.

The Sandhill section is rapidly gaining a name throughout the country for beauty, with the height of interest being the season which is at its best now. Few landscape pictures can compare with that which is formed by the vast foreground of lacy pink, the background of dark pines, swaying ever so slightly in the spring breezes, and the whole scene overlaid and made wonderful by the

VANITY, VANITY, ALL IS VANITY

Goerch Sees Little Hope for Taxpayer's Relief By Legislators

By CARL GOERCH
It wouldn't surprise me in the slightest to see a riot start up in Raleigh at any time.

The boys are getting so mad that there's no telling what will happen next. They're fighting each other now, instead of fighting for lower taxes.

Out in the world thou goest,
Oh, treasure of my heart!
Now hark to what I tell thee,
Ere moving to depart.

Become a lawyer if you wish;
A doctor or a barber.
Against these not a single
grudge

Doth mankind ever harbor.

Become a farmer or a clown—
Or even be a waiter.

But for the love of Pete, my son,
Don't be a legislator!

The short ballot bill got on last week. And that uncovered a lot of opposition which, until then, had kept itself more or less in hiding. You see, there are some members of the legislature who never have been and who never can be actual leaders. They resent the idea of anyone else attaining any prominence along those lines. The Hon. O. Max has been doing some mighty effective leading during the last couple of months, and some of the boys don't like it. They're now snapping and yipping at his heels like a bunch of terriers. What they're trying to do is to tear him down, even though they have to tear down some mighty good bills in order to accomplish their purpose.

The drug-store liquor bill didn't stand much of a show. What's the sense of loading up all our drug stores with liquor when you can go out into the country and get all you please. Useless and entirely unnecessary.

And this week we came to the oft-discussed and oft-cursed MacLean bill, which has to do with the State support of schools. This bill, unless it gets defeated, is bound to pass. Members of the senate and house have held it in reserve and are presenting it now as a grand finale, with everybody joining in the singing.

Revenue Commissioner Maxwell spoke against the bill over the radio. This radio-speaking business is getting to be mighty popular. "It used to be that our public men went to the newspapers and had their views inserted there. The trouble with that course, however, was that the newspapers make a permanent record of your remarks. With the radio it's different. If somebody doesn't like what you say, you can always tell them that they misunderstood you."

The sales tax is still up there. Any well informed advocate of such a proposition can, without the slightest trouble, set forth 2,453 sound logical reasons why a sales tax should be adopted. And any

FARM AGENTS HERE IN GROUP MEETING

Gathering at Court House Tuesday Attended By Demonstration Agents of Nine Counties—Plan Work for Coming Year

DEZERN CASE STARTED WED.

Local Man On Trial At Sanford On Manslaughter Charge

People throughout Hoke county are deeply interested in the outcome of a trial now in progress in Lee county where Paul Dezern, popular agent of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad, is charged with manslaughter in connection with a wreck on Christmas day near Sanford, when four people were killed by their car running into a tobacco barn.

The case was begun Wednesday with Solicitor C. L. Williams representing the state and McNair Smith, A. E. F. Seawell, and Justice L. R. Varner representing the defendant. Most of the testimony of the state was put on Wednesday and friends of Dezern felt very much encouraged at the adjournment of court Wednesday evening, state's witnesses failing to make as strong a case as was anticipated by some. Many discrepancies in the testimony of the star witness for the state, one Jones, were noted. His testimony Wednesday being somewhat different from what he gave at the coroner's inquest. He also overstated details, many think, and it was anticipated that his evidence would be greatly discounted on account of his mis-statements.

The outcome of the trial is unknown as this is written but defense attorneys expected Thursday morning that the case would be concluded that day.

A large number of Hoke county people attended the trial and the confidence shown in Dezern by all of them is something of which anyone could well be proud.

Short Session In Recorder's Court

Only one case was up for trial in Recorder's court Tuesday, it being the shortest session held in many months. This case was a submission, being a case against one John Henry McGill, colored who plead guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was taxed fifty dollars and the costs.

CHURCH NOTICE

Preaching at Sandy Grove Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, March 29th.

well informed opponent to the measure can—also without trouble—give you 2,453 equally sound and logical reasons why it should not be adopted. Take your choice; there's no use in my trying to say anything about it.

Almost three months since the gang got together. Three months of wrangling and fussing. Seems like a pity, doesn't it? Particularly when most of us were interested in only one thing—and that was a reduction in property taxes. Thus far, that is the only thing which has not been given any serious consideration. They have legislated in favor of or against practically everything under the sun, to say nothing of the moon. They have even gone out of their way to find bills which they could introduce and pass. The only thing they've left undone so far is the one thing, above all others, which we wanted them to do.

However, while there's life there's hope, although it must be admitted that there is very little life left in Old General Assembly at this particular time.

A gathering of County Farm Demonstration Agents from nine counties was held at the Courthouse in Raeford on Tuesday, March 24th. The meeting was a group meeting of the South Eastern District which embraces 21 counties in South Eastern District of North Carolina. The other group meetings were held which included the 13 agents not present in the meeting at Raeford. Mr. E. W. Gaither, District Agent for the South Eastern Division was present and led the discussion and study at the meeting. Under the direction of Mr. Gaither an exhaustive study was made of the propositions which face the farmers of this section during the coming year. In addition to such routine matter as the discussion of reports and county studies, the agents put their attention on several concrete problems for 1931. Attention was given to the renovating of farming methods to suit the changing conditions of the times. The problem of investigating land and power utilization on the farms of the district was discussed.

Of particular interest is the problem of the 4-H Clubs which are being established in farming communities all over this state and the nation. The purpose of these clubs is to establish a new conception of farming among the youth of the country, to instruct them in up to date principals of farming, and to inspire them toward intelligent and beautiful work in the cultivation of the soil. Hoke County at present has two 4-H clubs now organized, one at Antioch and one at Milledgeville. These organizations are new but are working and the county agent hopes at an early date to establish others in the various communities of the county.

The meeting also considered the means of a more widespread use of live-stock as a means of farm income. This is one of the cardinal points of agricultural development to which farming people have turned very little at present.

The farm demonstration work of the state is under the direction of Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College Station, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Schaub has under him four District agents and 98 county agents. He and his helpers are doing a wonderful work for agriculture in North Carolina and will do even more as the farmers realize the progress that may be made by the using of the experts who are placed in every county at their command.

SISTER MRS. WILLIAM LAMONT PASSES

Mrs. W. F. Stephenson, wife of Congressman Stephenson, and sister of Mrs. William Lamont, died at her home in Cheraw Tuesday, after an illness of more than one year. Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at three o'clock and a number of Raeford people attended.

Amos McDonald, colored, Passes
Amos McDonald, aged 75, a highly respected colored man of the Dundarrh community, died last Thursday, March 19th. His remains were buried at Laurel Hill church Sunday. A large crowd, including many white people, attended the funeral.

Dora White, colored, of the Rockfish section of the county, died March 21st of pneumonia. She was 22 years of age. Her remains were buried at Galatia last Sunday.

Inelle Morray, colored, aged 24, who lived on one of the McLauchlin farms near Raeford, died Wednesday of pneumonia. Her remains were buried at Silver Grove Thursday.