

State Legislative Plans Aimed At Segregated Or No Public Schools

Saturday the tentative legislative program to be presented to the special session of the General Assembly which will be convened July 23rd was unveiled to the public at meetings in Raleigh and Asheville.

Five printed bills were released to the press by Governor Luther Hodges and were summarized by Attorney General William Rodman in the Raleigh session while Thomas Pearsall, chairman of the Advisory Committee on Education, presided over the Asheville session.

In a nutshell the proposed legislation would amend the North Carolina Constitution and add such necessary general statutes needed to permit the people of the state to vote on a plan under which local districts could vote to close public schools if the racial situation became intolerable. And if the local district voted to close its schools then all students in that district of both races would become eligible for expense grants for private tuition.

Boards of education in each district are empowered in this proposed legislation to call such elections, but if they refuse to call an election then petition by 15 per cent of the qualified voters of that district makes an election mandatory.

If in that election the majority of the people vote for integrated schools, any individual who objects to having his children sent to a mixed school may apply to the board of education for relief. If the child cannot be re-assigned to another school where the situation does not exist then that child becomes eligible for the same expense grant for private tuition.

Governor HoRdges emphasized that this effort is something that has been forced upon the people of North Carolina by outside sources. He invited criticism of the proposed legislation but asked critics "to be good enough to suggest an alternative plan".

Hodges and Rodman expressed the hope that the legislation would

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Trenton Probationer Is Held On Larceny Charge

Dalton Dewey Brock (alias Sam) is held without privilege of bond in the Jones County jail charged with breaking and entering W. F. Hill's filling station on the night of July 1 and stealing eight new tires.

Sheriff Brown Yates, who arrested Brock, reports that none of the tires has been recovered. Brock says somebody stole the tires from him after he went to the trouble of stealing them from Hill, Yates reports.

Sheriff Yates also reports that Brock is under five years probation on a three to five year prison term given him nearly three years ago for breaking into the Colonial Oil Company in Trenton. He is being held for action by probation officials, as well as trial for the latest charge to be placed against him.

Other indictments of the past week reported by Yates included that of Tom Berry of Trenton who was booked last Thursday on charge of beating his wife; William Henry Foy of Beaver Creek Township charged with driving without a driver's license and Joseph Hadlock of Trenton who was arrested last Thursday on charge of speeding over 55 miles per hour but less than 70 miles per hour.

Eight Jones 4-H'ers To Attend Meeting July 23 - 28th

Jones County will be well represented at the annual 4-H Club week meeting to be held July 23-28th at State College with eight of the top club members in the county scheduled to go.

Patricia Parker, Jane Pollock and Kay Mallard will represent the feminine side of 4-H'ism, with Miss Mallard participating in the dress revue.

Linwood Hill, H. L. Adams Jr., Bobby Barbre, James Simpson and Sammy Davis will represent the male type activities. Hill and Adams will present a vegetable production demonstration and Adams will take part in the tractor maintenance and operation competition while Simpson will compete for statewide honors in the cotton production program.

ROTARY GOVERNOR VISITS

District 278 Rotary Governor Jim Watson of Home, Ohio, made his annual visit to Maysville Rotary Club last Wednesday night for the club's regular session.

Jones County Farmers Put Only 500.34 Acres Into Soil Bank Program For '56

Jones County ASC Secretary Nelson Barker said on Tuesday that so far only 500.34 acres of land had been put into the soil bank program by Jones County farmers.

The vast majority of this (475 acres) was for corn which was put into the soil bank by 28 farmers, who will receive \$12,405 for either not planting or cutting down part of their corn crop.

Cotton totalling only 17.6 acres was put into the bank by eight farmers while payments will total \$804.63.

Only three tobacco farmers put acreage in the soil bank and their total acreage amounted to just 7.74 acres for which they will receive \$1,881.76.

Barker says checks in payment for these soil bank participations will be mailed out in September. The checks will total \$15,091.39 and will be divided between 39 farmers.

Most of the corn put into the soil bank came for the 18 per cent increase given corn planters in June above the February corn acreage allocation.

The cotton was largely unplanted. Five acres of the 7.74 acres of tobacco was heavily hit by black shank, and now Barker says, the owner wishes he had put more in since the rest of his tobacco has been hit hard by this disease.

The other tobacco was from underplantings.

This is the Maysville Memorial Baptist Church which is now under construction. Outside work on the newest Maysville house of worship is expected to be finished in about 60 days, after which a "rest period" is to be taken by the congregation before moving on to completion of the interior. The Sunday School rooms built at an approximate cost of \$25,000 was first used Easter Sunday 1953. The church was organized in 1952. The contract for the chapel amounts to \$41,000 and upon completion it will comfortably seat 300 worshippers. The present pastor is M. J. Hicks Jr.

Contractors' Spokesman Says Federal Highway Bill Will Disrupt Local Wage Levels

The spokesman for the construction industry in North and South Carolina warned today the new Federal Highway Act contains a "hidden danger" that could easily upset wage scales and "steal money right out of the public purse."

Robert Patten of Charlotte, managing director of Carolinas Branch, Associated General Contractors of America, pointed to the Davis-Bacon wage-fixing provision of the Highway Act as "the trap set for an unsuspecting public."

He added, "The construction industry knows from long experience that the public who suffers from what seems like an innocent gesture to the working man."

"In truth, the Davis-Bacon wage-fixing provision is a tool of power hungry union officials bent on the mass organization of workers, their organizing attempts so far have been largely unsuccessful in the South so they have persuaded the government to do the organizing for them."

"In other words," Patten said, "the union-influenced U. S. Department of Labor now sets the so-called 'prevailing wage rate' and saves the union officials the trouble of even making a gesture toward directly looking after the interests of the workers through honest bargaining with the employers."

Patten said the effect of Davis-Bacon on the local economy "will grow and spread like a cancer." He noted that high wages paid on federal road projects will certainly have their effects on other types of construction projects. Communities will find that their school bonds aren't big enough to pay the increased labor costs. Home builders will also feel the increased costs, he said, when wage competition increases.

"There is no such thing as raising the wages of one craft and not raising the others," Patten said. "Sooner or later the other crafts will be demanding the same increase. Even a pay increase for common laborers — small as it may seem — has widespread effects. Its only human for skilled workers to want more money if the unskilled are getting it."

Patten added, "The political parasites are aware of this chair reaction. If one group obtains a raise the other groups will want it too. Thus you will have satisfaction — the stuff that unions thrive on."

"The construction industry has been caught in the union govern-

ment squeeze play for 25 years, ever since Davis-Bacon became law. However, this is the first time Davis-Bacon has been applied to federal highway construction," he said. "The construction of federal aid buildings has been covered for 25 years."

"The construction industry is at the mercy of the U. S. Department of Labor and so is the public. If the department sets a wage rate that is out of line, there is nothing anyone can do. You can't even take that to court. The only saving feature in the Highway Act is the clause that makes it mandatory that the department give due regard to recommendations of the state highway departments before making a wage determination. However, the construction industry's long experience with the clause 'due regard' has proved the words mean nothing."

Patten said the public interest is vitally concerned because "it is the public who will pay the bill. However, if wages increase after the general contractor signs the contract, the contractor will have to absorb the loss."

The construction spokesman said higher construction cost "is only a part of the overall cost to the public. Government control and bureaucratic red tape cost money and in most cases the delay caused by government meddling is also expensive."

K-9 Vet Passes On

John Holden, Maysville auto dealer, reported the death last week of his K-9 Corp veteran war dog "Minka". This World War II veteran who served for two years in the K-9 Corp of the 4th Infantry Division in Europe was brought back to the states in 1945 by Holden, who asserts that the dog understood three languages, German, French and English. Cause of death was called heart trouble. He was interred with partial military honors.



Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds George Noble reports the issue of two marriage license during the past week.

On July 13 to James Jones, 22, and Ethel McDaniel, 20, both of Trenton.

On July 14th to Carl Wilson Shivar, 17 of Cypress Creek Township to Rose Marie Walker, 15, of Alabama.



Pictured here men and equipment of the Barrus Construction Company are at work re-surfacing the Kingston-Trenton highway. This latest improvement extends from Leslie White's Store to the Trenton city limits. Other surfacing work to be done in the near future in Jones County includes the connecting road from NC 41 to NC 12 which passes Mark Smith's farm, 2.9 miles of the Black Swamp Road

below Maysville and a rural road extending from near Stanley Robinson's station to the Sasser Mill paved road. In Lenoir County the road from Sandy Bottom to South-west Creek which crosses the Kingston-Pink Hill road at Albritton's Crossroads and the old Asphalt Plant road near Kingston which connects the Richlands and Pink Hill highways are also to be paved in this same group of contracts.