

State Operation Of Six Months Schools Biggest Topic Ahead Of Assembly This Week; Other Bills

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organization, who said a policy which maintained no relation between the amount spent for schools and the taxes paid was unsound and feared loss of local interest. State Supt. A. T. Allen, who did not speak also warns that if the six month law proposed is adopted, many small districts now operating eight months with equalizing and extended term aid, will be forced to reduce the terms or levy more taxes. The matter of revenue is worrying some legislators.

The educational commission's eight months school bill has not appeared, but the Butler bill introduced would provide an eight months term, 40 days of which the county board of education could suspend, if attendance went low.

It would require the state to raise \$20,000,000 and that a state-wide tax rate of 23 cents per \$100 property valuation be levied and collected by the counties, the proceeds turned into the "state school fund" in the state treasury and salaries and expenses be paid from this fund by order of the county boards. The state board of assessments would be authorized to raise or lower the 23 cent rate as conditions warrant. Teachers would receive their present salaries under the state salary schedule for two years, less the last increment earned through training and experience. Extra pay for teachers may be raised by local taxes, not to exceed 5 per cent of the total teacher budget.

A bill introduced that would cut teachers salaries 10 per cent was the subject of an exchange of letters between State Supt. A. T. Allen and Governor Gardner, the former asking if the latter favored a cut for teachers. Governor Gardner replied that he did not favor a cut for teachers alone, but knew bills would be introduced cutting them and concluded that if one should be cut, all public employes should be treated alike. He estimates that \$4,000,000 will be saved the taxpayers and states that others have received cuts in salaries to that extent or more.

A break, or near break, between Governor Gardner and Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, president of the senate, has developed over President Fountain's appointments on the committee to consider Governor Gardner's administrative reorganization plan, including the "short ballot." Inference is that the committee was "stacked" with members opposed to the governor's plan. Governor Gardner hopes, however, that his plan, including the appointment of all officers created by statute by the governor, will have fair consideration.

The Parker bill, not exactly the governor's proposal, would abolish the present highway commission, creating a commission of five, named by the governor, with legislative approval, who would create five districts, with chairmen of county road boards, elected by the people, as members of the district commissions. It would have the commission take over county roads.

Other bills introduced and of general interest follow:

Abolish the state highway patrol. Require a driver's license of all automobile operators, costing \$1 for two years for regular drivers and \$2 each two years for chauffeurs.

Making the colors of automobile tags those of the state university, white and light blue, alternating these colors between background and letters each year.

Allow deputy sheriffs, as well as sheriffs, to lay off homesteads.

Changing the state-wide primary from the first Saturday in June to Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

Decrease of at least 40 per cent in the cost of licenses for farm trucks.

Eliminate requirements of a private examination and voluntary assent in acknowledgements of conveyances by married women.

Extend time of open seasons for squirrels, making it September 15 to January 15, and for raccoons, taken with dogs, making it October 15 to February.

Would Lift Six Million Load Off

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merely making a suggestion, it recommends definite means by which the necessary funds may be raised to effect this relief. The suggestion is that the levy on gasoline be increased from 5 to 6 cents per gallon, and that the added revenue, together with the one cent increase made by the general assembly of 1929, be used for the maintenance of the county roads. The two-cent tax, it is pointed out, will provide sufficient funds for the purpose.

Those who favor the plan point out that the change will in no way affect the continuation of maintenance of the primary state highway system nor with the orderly retirement of interest and debt requirements of bond issues previously issued for highway construction since it will take only the amount of increase in the gasoline tax made after the state highway program was launched in 1921.

Eastern Carolina Gets Plums In N. C.

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less than one-third, while in the senate, approximately these same counties, with two or three additions because of district lines, in 18 of the 33 districts, have 24 of the 51 chairmanships, or less than half.

Two reasons, outside of the eastern political psychology, are given for the predominance of leadership in the east, one that President R. T. Fountain, who names the senate committees, and Speaker Willis Smith, who appoints the house committees, are both easterners, as a result of the alternating offices, and would naturally name more eastern men; the other that more shifts were made in the west in the last election, resulting in more new men, while the choice plums went to the more sea-oned politicians of the east. Few of the chairmanships of moderately important committees went west of Guilford and none of the always important five, finance, appropriations, education and judiciary 1 and 2, except the senate chairman of education and finance.

In the house, the two Robert M. from Forsyth, Cox, veteran legislator, and Hanes, one of the leaders, were given the rules and insurance chairmanships respectively. John A. McRae, Mecklenburg, who nominated the losing speaker candidate, got nothing, along with the other two Mecklenburg representatives. Neither of the Buncombe representatives was honored. Two from Guilford, Thomas Turner, Jr., and C. M. Waynick, both of High Point, were given chairmanships of corporations and trustees of the university, respectively. Ira T. Johnson, Ashe, has revision of the laws and R. F. Crouse, Alleghany, public and private local laws.

The mountain section was fairly well taken care of in the house, E. B. Cloud, Polk, heading privileges and elections; R. E. Hipps, Haywood, trustees of State college; Thomas A. Cox, Jackson, conversation and development; Dr. W. A. Rogers, Macon, health; Oscar T. Pitts, Catawba, expenditures of the house and S. J. Ervin, Jr., Burke, enrolled bills; Mrs. Lillie M. Mebane, Rockingham, heads public welfare; R. G. Cherry, Gaston, banks and banking; E. M. Gill, Scotland, senatorial districts; F. E. Thomas, Anson, the Journal, and T. Wade Bruton, Montgomery, corporation commission.

The prize senate committee went to Frank L. Dunlap, Wadesboro, who heads the finance committee, but of little more importance than education, which went to John H. Folger, Mt. Airy. Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City, heads salaries and fees; Mrs. E. L. McKee, Sylva, public welfare; S. G. Barnard, Asheville, trustees of State college; B. F. Williams, Lenoir, institutions for the deaf; Peyton McSwain, Shelby, corporation commission; W. K. McLean, who gets his mail through South Carolina, The Journal. W. R. Lovall, Boone, heads two committees, enrolled bills and senate expenditures; H. P. Grier, Statesville, congressional districts; Kemp P. Nixon, Lincolnton, game laws; W. M. Hendren, Winston-Salem, constitutional amendments; Allen H. Gwyn, Reidsville, printing; Dr. J. T. Burrus, High Point, public health; R. Grady Rankin, Gastonia, conservation and development; Heyden Clement, Salisbury, courts and judicial districts; F. O. Clarkson, Charlotte, federal repatriation; F. J. Haywood, Concord, manufacturing; H. L. Price, Monroe, agriculture; A. W. Burt, Biscoe, railroads; W. R. Jones, Rockingham, labor and commerce; M. M. Johnson, Aberdeen, claims and J. R. Baggett, Lillington, insurance.

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Miss Beulah Nesbit Dies In Charlotte

The body of Miss Beulah Nesbit who died in Morganton Wednesday of last week of pneumonia, was buried in Elmwood cemetery, Charlotte Friday afternoon. Miss Nesbit lived in Shelby with her mother a number of years ago. Miss Nesbit, the daughter of the late Capt. A. R. Nesbit and Mrs. Mary E. Nesbit, of Charlotte, is survived by two sisters, Mrs. D. B. Jones and Mrs. Grace Gordon, and a nephew, Hazel Gordon, all of Charlotte.

Booth's Kin Assails Modern Girls

Victoria Demarest Says Sports Tend to Unsex Moderns, Although Last Year Sweet Unaffected Maidens Carried Off Many Athletic Honors.



(By ALICE ALDEN.)

New York.—Are girls unsexing themselves by constant participation in strenuous sports? Every now and then, scientists, educators and doctors rise up and thunder against the girl athlete and we hear of the dire things that are going to happen to the sweet girl athlete whether she be swimmer, runner, golfer, or tennis player. But up to now nothing very serious has occurred save to Gertrude Ederle who attributes her deafness to her Channel swim. But whether we agree or disagree with the latest attack on the athletically inclined woman, there is much of interest in what Victoria Booth Demarest, has to say about her. Mrs. Demarest is the granddaughter of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army and she has been a keen student of her sex both in Europe and this country. She believes that men do not admire the "steel-muscled, flat-chested channel-swimming marathon-running Amazons" that the colleges and athletic societies are turning out today. And she says that man is becoming cynical in his attitude to the sport-loving masculine woman who makes the winning of an athletic title her main goal and de-

Surely, however, the description applied by Mrs. Demarest to our athletic maidens cannot apply to girls who have carried off athletic honors last year. There is lovely Helen Willis, who is womanliness and daintiness personified. And there's pretty Betty Nuthall, the young English girl who came her and captured the national tennis title of the United States. To meet her, is to meet a sweet, unaffected young miss whose whole manner and demeanor is that of a healthy, jolly girl, well-educated and refined. And she is, all ways surrounded by a circle of devoted swains. Glenna Collett, too, is a shining example of the well-poised, graceful young woman able to shine in society and yet mix with the crowd. Gertrude Ederle is built on the athletic type, but she is a regular girl, charming and full of fun. And Helen Madison, of Seattle, Wash., is another champion marmalade who is both charming, girlish and real. Suzanne Lenglen has always been a charming young woman, graceful and clever. She has never lacked admiration from the male sex and is also most popular with women. She is now operating her own dress-

Saddened Daisy May Don Prison Garb



Clara Bow's former secretary, Daisy Devoe, smiled as this photograph was taken in Los Angeles County Jail after a jury of 7 men and 5 women found her guilty on one count of the 35 against her. As the verdict was given she screamed and sobbed, but quickly raised to smiles as hopes were raised that she may get a probation sentence instead of jail.

Doomed To Hang, He Writes Letters To Fool Mother

Canon City, Colo.—A doomed murderer scratches away hour after hour in the Colorado state prison here in a strange race to complete the writing of 132 letters before he goes to the gallows during the week ending January 31.

The writer is John Walker, 42, one of three men doomed to die in a triple execution for killing a deputy sheriff near Eads, Colo., after a bank robbery last March. The others are Claude Ray, 24, and Andrew Halliday, 22. Ray and Halliday smoke and idle away their last days, but not Walker. Seated on the edge of his bunk and bending over a soap box for a desk, he is determined to complete the letters before he dies.

Every one of them is addressed to his 70-year-old mother, Mrs. Julia Rhodes, of Joplin, Mo. But each letter carries a different date. There is one for each month of the next 11 years. That is why there are 132 of them.

The letters are to be entrusted to a friend in Canon City, who will mail one to the mother each month for the next 11 years. In that way she will be misled into believing her son still is alive—that he merely is serving a 20-year prison sentence, a sentence that can be completed in 11 years with good behavior.

By this deception, Walker hopes to save the life of his mother, for she is seriously ill. When her son was sentenced to hang, she was told he had received only a 20-year sentence, as doctors say announcement of her son's fate would be fatal to her. She is not permitted to read newspapers.

Then came the supreme court decision that the slayers must die. How then could the deception be continued as the mother would expect letters from her son. So he decided to write enough letters to last 11 years.

The crime for which the trio must die took place while they were fleeing after robbing the Manter (Kan.) State Bank. Speeding westward into Colorado, they were pursued by Undersheriff Coral A. Hickman, whom they shot.

After a sensational chase in which 10 airplanes, bloodhounds and a posse of 250 took part the trio was captured at Jetmore, Kan. "It's hard to think up things, years in advance, to put into letters," says Walker. "But mother will not mind some duplication. I'm doing my best."

Stolen Tags. Local officers on Saturday arrested Leander Hovis, colored, on the charge that he had in his possession two sets of new automobile tags believed to have been stolen. On set of tags belonged, it is said, to D. C. Mauney, of Bessemer City, and the other to A. P. Beck, of Bessemer City, Route One. Just before being arrested the negro had, it is said, sold one old automobile at the junk yard here and had just purchased another.

Wood Shed Burns. The woodshed at the home of Mr. A. V. Wray, North Morgan street, was burned just before noon Sunday. It was the second alarm answered by city fire trucks over the week-end, the roof of a South Shelby residence being slightly damaged by flames Saturday.

Rules to Follow on the Road to Health

—Simple, and Within Your Power to Obey

Take Stock of Yourself Once in a While, Resolve to Banish Those Health Shortcomings, Urges Dr. Copeland, Listing a Few of the "Don'ts"

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D. United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

It is a good thing to take stock of ourselves once in a while. After a Summer out of doors, we come back to city and town with brown faces and good health. These are the result of having lived a more natural existence than we do the rest of the year.

Probably, if we were to ask the average person how many hours a day he spends out doors during the Winter months he would be evasive on the subject. As a matter of fact many persons do not enjoy good health because they are not enough out-of-doors.

There are certain health rules that all could follow with good results, if they would. Most persons are so busy they really do not give enough thought to rules of health. Of course, the less we think about disease the better for us. At the same time it is useful to map our day so that we shall be doing the things that make for good health. Suppose we consider today some of the rules that should help us along the road of good health. You know them as well as I do, but somehow or other they are not observed as they should be. There is something about human nature that makes us resentful of rules and prohibitions. We are willing to be led but not driven.

But bear with me if I remind you of your shortcomings. You may write and remind me of mine. Then we will be even! As regards the eating rules—have you any that you really observe? Or do you as regularly as sunrise eat too much food? Honestly, is that the reason you are taking on weight?

Overeating is one of the common faults of mankind—and this includes womankind. An excess of proteins—meat and eggs, is as great a fault as the taking of too much of the sweets. To have good health, some of the bulky, raw foods should be consumed every day. Cabbage, lettuce, apples and celery are some of the things that come to my mind. Eat slowly, enjoy your food, get its real taste. Drink lots of water, not at meals, but between times.

Taking an abundance of water aids the elimination. It helps to keep the intestines clean. The waste materials and poisons are carried away when there is plenty of water in the system. You know as well as anybody that plenty of sleep in a well-ventilated room is essential to health. Impure air and insufficient rest are responsible for many ills. Light, loose, porous clothing will increase your well-being. Men are given to wearing too heavy clothing. A reform in this matter would be an aid to health.

Get out of doors all you can. Hold your chin up, your stomach in and your spine straight. Walk vigorously and act as if living were a joy. Then you will be fit company for kings and common men!

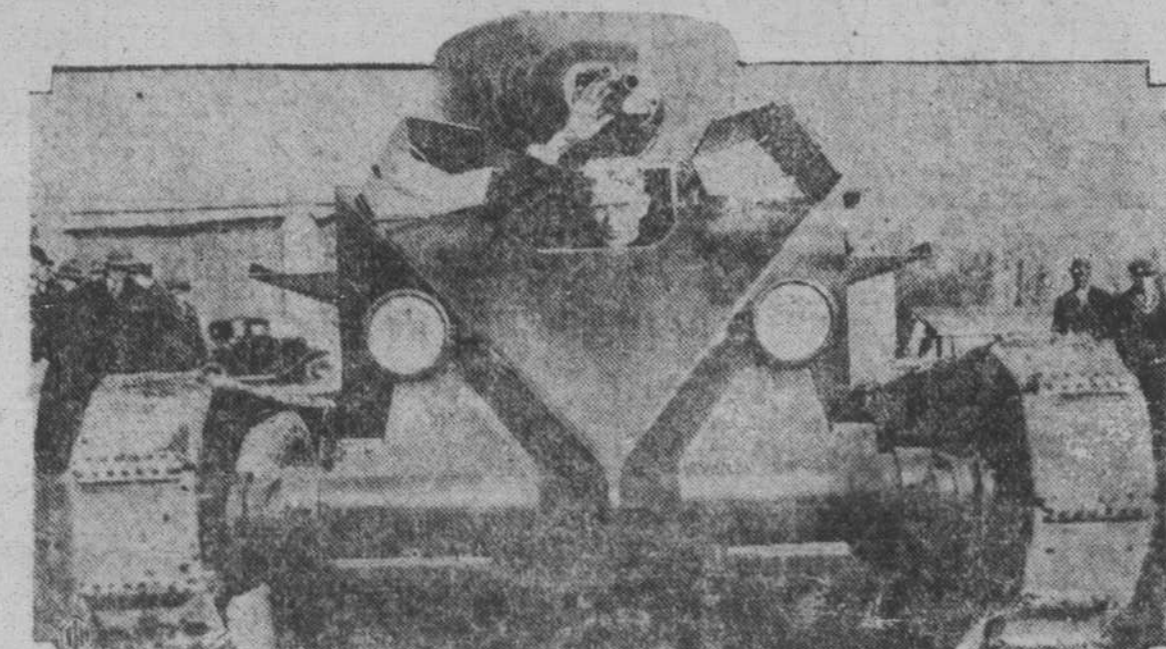
Answers to Health Queries
C. L. N. Q.—What do you advise for acne? A.—Correct your diet by cutting down on sugar, starches and coffee. Eat simple food. Avoid constipation at all times. For full particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.
M. E. K. Q.—What do advise for Bright's Disease? A.—This should have proper medical attention and treatment. Have your doctor advise you. Diet is one of the important factors in the treatment.
D. M. C. Q.—What causes belching after taking yeast? Should I continue taking it under the circumstances? How long will it take before improvement will be noticeable? A.—The yeast may not agree with your particular system—although the belching may be due to some food combination rather than to the yeast. Watch your diet and keep the system clear. Yeast is usually taken as an aid to elimination—you should notice improvement within a reasonable length of time.
A.—Probably due to a strain. Careful examination will determine whether or not you have a hernia and then definite treatment can be advised.

Governors Study Welfare Problems



Heads of seven Eastern States gather at Albany, N. Y., to discuss problems of mutual interest, particularly what steps can be taken by the various commonwealths to avert periods of depression. The delegates to the conference shown are, (seated) Governor Norman Case of Rhode Island, Governor Roosevelt of New York, Governor Morgan Larson of New Jersey. Standing, left to right, are: Lt. Governor Lehman of New York, Governor Wilbur Cross of Connecticut, Charles Reitel (representing Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania) and Governor Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts. The seventh State's representative at the conference, S. P. Busch, representing Governor White of Ohio, is not in this group photograph.

Super-Tank Makes 75 Miles an Hour



J. Walter Christie, famous automotive engineer, waving from the port of his new super-speed tank which was demonstrated to military authorities at Linden, N. J. It is not only the fastest tank in the world but also the best equipped for fighting purposes, possessing 3/4-inch armor and carrying one-pounder cannon and 30 machine guns with 2100 rounds of ammunition.

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