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Praise From Georgia

IT WILL STRIKE the average Georgian as a phenomenon worthy of being listed in "Believe It or Not," says the Atlanta Journal, but the Legislature of North Carolina voted into enactment last week an appropriation bill of \$166,000,000 for the biennium, 1941-42. The House had passed the measure in ten minutes. The Senate shouted a unanimous "aye" says the Raleigh News and Observer. Not only was there no dissenting vote but "thundering applause" followed the final reading, and a rousing vote of thanks was given to the Joint Appropriations Committee, and "members left their seats to shake the hand" of Senator Lumpkin, the chairman.

The budget is in balance, despite the appropriation of \$83,000,000 a year North Carolina's highways and farm-to-market roads, incomparable in the South, will continue to be maintained and extended; larger appropriations are given to schools and the three great branches of the state university system; a retirement pension system is set up for teachers; eleemosynary institutions and other public services receive generous allowance.

Perhaps the taxpayers of North Carolina do not join in the legislative jubilation but the unanimity of the vote in the House and Senate and the editorial demeanor of the State's able and forthright newspapers indicate they have no complaint.

That can only be because they think they are getting value for their money. They have faith in the honesty and the efficiency of their State government. They have had reason for three decades to have faith in their government, because they have been choosing their officials with an eye single to character and ability.

They demand good government, and they get it, and it pays.

In 1910, North Carolina, then known jocularly as a "valley of humility," stood sixteenth among the States of the Union in population. In 1920 it stood fourteenth. In 1930 it stood twelfth. In 1940 it stood eleventh. Its industries are expanding, its wealth is growing.

Good government pays the people so well the people can afford to pay for good government.

Misdirected Probes

A great many things are done by Congress that are both a puzzle and an annoyance to the people "back home". For one thing, their is entirely too much "my party", and not enough "my country". For another thing, too many actions are taken by votes that are "not recorded"—thus making it impossible for the constituents to know whether their man voted "aye" or "nay".

A Congressman likes to describe himself as a "public servant". There is no other field in the world, probably, where a servant can not only do exactly as he pleases but refuse to tell his employers any details—and get away with it!

Yeah, verily! Congress is a place of strange happenings; sometimes silly happenings—as, for instance, the filibusters that never accomplish

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Action on Bills

HB 377 (Murphy Obligations)—Enrolled and ratified, March 5. Prepared by the Staff of the Institute of Government; Week Ending March 8, 1941

In record breaking time, the record breaking appropriations bills, (166,000,000) passed both Houses without a dissenting vote. In slightly more than one-half hour in the House and in less than eight minutes in the Senate, the job was done. With the Revenue amendments already enacted into law, the General Assembly settled down to a diligent effort promoting early adjournment. Bills of state-wide interest were given careful, though hasty, consideration, as the presiding officers of both Houses insisted upon immediate introductions and prompt action.

Joint performance of certain governmental functions by cities, towns and counties is contemplated by bills

anything except to waste time. Even more senseless, however is the constant appropriation of thousands of dollars for needless Congressional investigations.

Recently, for instance, a resolution was introduced to name a committee to investigate the disastrous air crash near Atlanta. Aviation experts were already at work, on the scene—and certainly such a probe should be left to experts, only. To send a committee of average Congressmen to investigate an air crash would be just about as sensible as sending a committee of fifth grade school children to investigate and report on Einstein's theory of relativity.

By the same token, it would be utterly silly to pass a pending resolution to name a committee to investigate the Defense Program. If the average Congressman knew half as much about industry, production and purchasing as William Knudsen and his fellow experts on the Defense Commission, he would quit politics and get into business.

If the gentlemen in the U. S. Capitol feel that they must investigate something, let them look into the growing army of dollar-a-year men who seem to be getting as thick as a swarm of bees. It should be remembered that these dollar-a-year men also get \$25,000 a year on the side, for expenses—and that's more pay than a lot of them ever got before in their lives, or even will be worth. A probe like this would cost little, and might save a lot by use of the pruning knife.

A still more valuable course would be a probe of the totally unnecessary expenses of Congress itself. This would include the elaborate barber shop where members get everything free from shave to shoe shine and manicure; the expensive bottled Lithia water which their delicate health seems to require; the elaborate gymnasium with its professional instructors and rub-down artists; the private underground railroad which runs from the Capitol to the offices so that the solons may be saved the tiresome walk of about 200 yards; the two huge restaurants—all charged to the taxpayers. Also it would include the army of political employes; many of them kinsmen of the members, who work about four months a year and get paid for 12; the private post office; the horribly abused franking privilege on mail, and so on, and on and on.

Summed up, Congress probably could cut its expenses, easily, about a quarter of a million dollars a year. But it never will.

Instead those expenses probably will continue to go up, and up, and up!

which would permit joint agencies to assess and collect taxes and to perform welfare, health, police, fire-fighting and other services, and would facilitate joint health department operations already in progress.

Private sale of municipal property, destruction of surrendered county and city bonds, and relief for counties which have lost tax valuation through dedication of land for national forest purposes are contemplated by other legislation proposed, while another bill would make the Local Government Act apply to every local unit with power to levy ad valorem taxes, despite special of local acts to the contrary.

Reductions as well as increases in rates charged by public carriers may be regulated by the Utilities Commission if one house bill becomes law; regulation of intra-state aeronautics by a state agency along lines comparable to present Federal regulation is contemplated by a bill introduced at the first Saturday session open for the introduction of public bills.

Other commercial regulations would require North Carolina insurance risks to be written by local agents; authorize the Banking Commissioner to investigate "loan shark" activities; subject mail order sale to three state use tax; tighten up the pre-requisites for taking the examination to practice cosmetic art; require milk distributors to make reports to the Commissioner of Agriculture and empower the Commissioner to investigate their activities; require that trademarks be registered with the Secretary of State.

Relaxation of present safeguards seems proposed by a bill to repeal the cotton-seed meal inspection laws.

Bills were introduced to reorganize the Unemployment Compensation Commission and to enlarge the Historical Commission; to set up a merit system council to choose applicants for positions in certain state agencies; and to empower the governor to appoint a commission to study plans for a general merit system for state employes.

Companionship for the controversial fortified wine and liquor referendum bills is furnished by a bill to permit cities of 15,000 or more to set up ABC stores if approved by a majority of the qualified voters.

Soldiers and sailors could vote absentee in primary elections under bills introduced on this subject, while another bill would permit any person designated by the voter to apply for an absentee ballot.

Educational bills introduced would amend the present law relating to free tuition for deceased World War veterans' orphans, appoint a commission to study improvements in secondary school curricula, permit cities and towns to withdraw, under certain conditions, from the state textbook rental system, permit local governmental units to add to the benefits available under the retirement law, and permit emergency use of school buses to take children to the nearest available medical aid.

A measure "To Levy a Tax on Certain Games of Skill" (including certain pin-ball machines) reminds one of the slot machine cases and the pending appeal of Joe Calcutt in the Supreme Court, while two controversial bills would repeal the present \$15 limit on the sales tax which can be collected on a single article, and would levy a flat ad valorem of 50c per \$100 valuation on described intangibles.

Bills relating to road and highway administration would require the Highway Commission to classify the wages of highway employes and furnish facilities to maintain dirt streets in certain towns and villages; fix the salaries of the Highway Patrol; and reduce motor vehicle fees

and require liability insurance from motor vehicle owners.

Another bill would empower the Highway Commission to require towns and cities to put up proper crossing signals at intersections of streets with public highways.

Bills affecting farmers would permit 4 per cent commissions to be charged for the sale of burley leaf tobacco and authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to regulate unfair practices by commission merchants, dealers, and other handlers.

Other bills would declare the flame azalea to be the official state flower; regulate sale of canned dog foods; permit disabled prisoners to have the benefits of the worker's compensation act if their disability extends beyond the date of their charge from custody; limit to \$100 the fee payable by the county to counsel assigned a capital defendant by the court; extend authority of justices of the peace in certain particulars and prohibit the harboring of felons.

Shady Grove News

Miss Ellene Forister returned to her home here Friday from the St. Joseph hospital in Asheville.

Mrs. Ruby Barbe was the Monday guest of Mrs. Stellar Mason.

Mrs. Bertha Kisselburg visited Mrs. Everett Rice Sunday.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rice were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dean and family, Dephne and Endless Mason.

Mrs. John Garland and Mrs. Maida Garland spent Monday with Mrs. Fred Garland.

Miss Bertha Bryant who is employed in Copperhill spent Sunday afternoon here.

Mrs. Ada McFray spent Thursday night with Mrs. Beulah Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rice and children were the Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kisselburg.

George Rice and Dora Rice visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dean at Copperhill Thursday night.

Surrounded by many friends and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Sunday, March 10th. Gathered for an out of doors dinner were many friends and relatives from Ducktown, Copperhill, and Murphy. Among the out of town relatives were: Mrs. V. C. Thompson, Knoxville; Mrs. Frank Morse, Knoxville; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Arp, Copperhill; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Presswood, Isabella, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Arp, Isabella; and the children of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Arp of Isabella.

Beta Club to Present Comedy on Thursday Matinee and Evening

The Beta Club of the Murphy High School will present a comedy, "Aunt Tillie Goes To Town," on Thursday in the school auditorium. The matinee will be Thursday afternoon starting at 12:30, with the evening performance that night at 7:30 o'clock.

School children will be admitted for five cents and all others wishing to attend the play will be required to pay fifteen cents.

Miss Thomasine Slayton will head the cast as "Aunt Tillie" with Jayne Ricks, Hubert Allen, Homer Hurst, Iva Jean Sneed, Maureen Lovinsood, Oscar Davis, Jean Dickey, Willard Hembree, Leila Stiles and Nell Amos taking other parts.

ANDREWS THEATRE

ANDREWS, N. C.

Friday, Saturday, March 14-15

Jack Randall in

"Land of the Six Gun"

Sunday, March 16

Jackie Moran and Marcia Mae Jones in

The Ole Swimming Hole

Monday, Tuesday, March 17-18

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TIN PAN ALLEY
Big as its stars! Great as its songs!

JACK JOHN OAKIE PAYNE
ALLEN JENKINS - ESTHER BALSTON
NICHOLAS BROTHERS - NEW CARTER

Wednesday, Thursday, March 19-20

Robert Taylor and Ruth Hussey in

"Flight Command"

COMING

"Gone With The Wind"

MARCH 24 - 25



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Korean Lespedeza, per lb.	6 1/2 c

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