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COUNTY OPTION PASSES SENATE

LIQUOR BILL ALLOWING THOSE COUNTIES THAT VOTE FOR WHISKEY TO HAVE IT WILL BECOME LAW.

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The Senate passed the county option liquor bill late today after adopting several minor amendments to the measure. There was no record vote.

The bill, previously passed by the House, was returned to the House for approval of amendments. Legislative leaders said the lower body probably would act on the proposal tomorrow and that it would be ratified into law by Thursday.

Under the measure, each county could call for elections on the creation of liquor stores.

The bill was passed by the Senate after an amendment calling for a state-wide referendum on the liquor question was defeated, 27 to 17.

Amendments Adopted

The adopted amendments, would:

1. Prohibit drinking at football games or at any other public assembly.

2. Cause stores to fix uniform prices.

3. Allow stricter supervision of stores and prohibit the placing of a liquor store in a township which voted dry although the county voted wet.

4. Require a 20-day notice of the opening of the registration books and provide for one ballot instead of two as previously stipulated.

Other amendments resulted from typographical errors.

Martin Leads Fight

Senator Martin of Davidson, who led the fight for a state-wide referendum, asked the adoption of amendments which would allow only those counties having liquor stores to vote on the measure, to prohibit any sort of advertising in a North Carolina publication, and make it unlawful to transport whiskey anywhere in the state except in a wet county. They and three other proposed changes were voted down.

The roll call vote completed an afternoon of debate in which 16 senators took active part.

Senator Rodman of Beaufort, who directed the efforts of the county-option forces in the absence of Senator Gravelly of Nash, was supported on the floor by Senators Hill of Durham, Johnston, of Buncombe, Long of Halifax, Gay of Northampton, Rowe of Pender, and Coburn of Martin.

Ratcliff for Referendum

Martin was supported by Senators Taylor of Anson, Separk of Gaston, Ratcliff of Forsyth, Britt of Robeson, McKee of Jackson, Clark of Bladen, Brock of Davie, and Bell of Mecklenburg.

Advocates of state referendum contended the matter should be referred to the people, that county option would be unsuccessful, that liquor was harmful economically and morally and that liquor "never contributed to human happiness."

Opponents of the Martin amendment for state referendum argued that the dries "were allowed to try and they failed," that it was a matter for the individual county to decide, that bootleggers would flourish in the event the referendum failed and that county option "is the most sensible way of handling this problem."

The "wets" contended they were not favoring liquor but that local option was the most plausible manner in which to handle the problem. They presented figures which, they said, showed conditions had improved in the 17 counties which have operated stores since 1935.

"This to me is not a matter of economics, taxes or revenue," said Martin, "and why should we wink at evil just because it is popular in North Carolina?"

Prefers Bootleggers

"I would rather see bootleggers here than see the state condone and give its approval to the sale of liquor," he continued.

Martin subsequently explained that he changed his vote in order that he may adhere to parliamentary procedure and ask for a reconsideration of the vote by which his amendments were defeated. Such a move, he said, would be taken tomorrow.

Bell, arguing that prohibition had not been a complete failure, was followed by Coburn, who asserted that the dries were "like the sandfiddlers who, when approached from any side, move in the opposite direction and never can be hemmed up."

"We can all agree, I think, that at least the use of liquor is a moral question," said Johnston, "but control is economic and governmental." He scoffed at "the political idea, the thought would hurt their (Democrats') political standing."

In that remark he concurred with Gay, who said passage of the county-option bill "would be best for the Democratic party."

Brock, a Republican, denied the question was a political one, adding that prohibition could be enforced if the "state, counties and towns want it to be."

Representative Victor Bryant of Durham, a member of the state liquor study commission and vigorous backer of the county option plan, said he was not just sure about the provisions of the act relating to drinking alcoholic beverages in public places.

Resale Is Prohibited

The measure specifically prohibits the resale in any way of beverages bought from county stores, and none with more than

VICTORY DINNER FOR MARCH 4

AT WALNUT COVE HOTEL DEMOCRATS TO GATHER AT RALLY AND FEAST—THERE WILL BE SPEECHES, MUSIC, SKITS AND STUNTS, AND A LARGE ATTENDANCE IS LOOKED FOR.

At the Walnut Cove hotel on Thursday night, March 4, the Stokes Democrats will gather for a feast and rally. There will be a good dinner laid for the guests, music and speeches, skits and stunts. The program is now being prepared by a committee, of which C. E. Davis is chairman.

The occasion is a victory dinner, after the plan being arranged throughout the nation to raise funds to relieve the deficit left over by the late campaign which elected President Roosevelt. A. D. Folger of Surry county is State manager for this Victory dinner campaign. C. E. Davis is manager for Stokes county.

A large crowd is expected at the Walnut Cove dinner and rally. The Reporter will print further particulars in its next issue.

21 per cent. alcoholic content can be sold elsewhere.

It also specifically prohibits drinking of the beverages on the premises of the county stores or county boards and in any public road or street, but does not prohibit drinking liquor in hotels and cafes which is taken there by persons purchasing it legally.

The measure sets no limit on possession of legal whiskey, but in counties which do not vote for liquor stores the Turlington act limit of one gallon for the use of bona fide guests will continue in effect.

A resident of a dry county, under the option act, may legally purchase one gallon of liquor in a wet county and take it to or through a dry county, but it must not be opened while in transit. Purchase of one gallon outside the state and its transportation into North Carolina is permitted.

The liquor bill nor any existing statutes provide any regulation for wines or other beverages with from five to 21 per cent. alcoholic content.

Bryant said he was in favor of liquor legislation which did three things, and though he had covered the points in the county option act. They are: (1) a law which would command the respect of the large majority of the people with enough public support back of it to make enforcement reasonably efficient; (2) a law to promote temperance and discourage intemperance; and (3) a law to take the handling of liquor out of the criminal element.

Beverly Christian is recovering from mumps.

MUCH ROBBERY IN KING SECTION

THE QUEER CASE OF GORRELL SIZEMORE'S HOG—R. C. WHITE'S TOBACCO STOLEN— OTHER THIEVING— VARIOUS NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM KING.

King, Feb. 17.—Gorrell Sizemore, who resides 3 miles east of town, was awakened Wednesday night by the squealing of his hog. He arose and went to investigate. He found that someone had killed the animal. He prepared hot water, scalded and cleaned the swine and went into the house to warm. When he returned to the scene some thief had stolen the porker. There is no clue to the guilty party.

William Loggins, of Perch, was a business visitor here Saturday. Kennis Pulliam, of Knoxville, Tenn., has purchased from R. P. Delp his dwelling and lot on West Main St.

C. S. Newsum has been appointed school committeeman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of S. W. Pulliam.

Thieves entered the packing house of Ringo White Sunday night and carried off about 700 pounds of tobacco belonging to him and his son, Norman White. Again on Tuesday night they paid him another visit relieving him of about 400 pounds of leaf on this trip.

D. P. Bodenheimer, planter of the Pinnacle section, was here Saturday on business.

William Holder, Jr., who has been suffering from an attack of influenza for several days, is much improved.

The stork had another light week, only three births being recorded. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Fountain Bennett, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Mickey, Jr., a daughter.

Robert Pulliam, son of Grover Pulliam, who resides on Broad Street, cut an ugly gash in his leg while chopping wood Friday. Four stitches were required to sow up the wound.

Austin Garner, who is teaching in the Sandy Ridge school, spent the week-end here the guest of his mother, Mrs. Bessie Garner, on Dan River St.

Unwelcome visitors stole about twelve bushels of wheat from Mrs. Lulu Pulliam Friday night. The granary of Joel Southern was also visited, and a lot of corn taken.

Dr. G. E. Stone has moved into his new home on west Main St., which was recently completed.

A link of new sidewalk is being put down on the south side of Main street extending from the intersection of Main and School streets to the residence of Mrs. Sallie Kiser.

Dr. R. S. Hellsbeck is nursing

a sprained ankle, the result of a fall.

The following patients underwent tonsil operations in the Stone-Helsbeck Clinic last week. Peter Tuttle, of Winston-Salem, Mrs. T. E. Hilton, of Pilot Mtn., Mrs. Raymond Tuttle, of German-ton and Mrs. Sam Westmoreland, of Pinnacle.

A force of carpenters and painters are at work building seats and painting the interior of the high school gymnasium. When completed the building will seat eight hundred people.

Funeral service for Mrs. Julia Tuttle, aged 77, was conducted at Friendship church Friday afternoon at 2:30. The deceased is survived by several children and a number of grandchildren. A great host of friends are also left to mourn their loss.

Miss Lucile Ashburn, trained nurse, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. E. Stone.

Farmers in this section are beginning to sow plant beds in preparation for another tobacco crop.

Moir Smith has purchased from Thomas E. Smith the stock and fixtures of his service station on Main street and has already taken charge of the business.

Junior Lane, who is in college at Chapel Hill, spent the week-end here the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Stone.

The King Moravian Ladies Aid met at the church for their February meeting. The meeting was opened with a song, "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice." The minutes were read, and the roll called. There were 17 members present and one visitor, Mrs. Stauber, from Rural Hall. Mrs. Moser had charge of the devotional, Mrs. Jones the Bible study, and Mrs. Stauber the Mission work. After the business was discussed the meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Mrs. J. W. Hall Returns From Hospital

Mrs. J. W. Hall, who recently underwent an operation and treatment at the Winston-Salem Baptist hospital, returned home Sunday. Her friends will be glad to know she is greatly improved and on the way to early recovery.

Special Movie Show

Stokes' only movie theatre, the Palmetto, at Walnut Cove, has a big new film never before shown in this territory, especially selected for the large crowds who will attend the final drawing in the Walnut Cove Merchants Trade at Home Campaign next Saturday. This special show will be given Friday evening at 7:30 P. M. and four times on Saturday with time out for the draw-

LETTER FROM A FORMER CITIZEN

J. W. PEPPER OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., PAYS HURRIED TRIP THROUGH STOKES AND IS IMPRESSED WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS OF FIFTY YEARS.

Some of our older citizens will remember J. W. Pepper, a citizen of Danbury half a century ago. At that time Mr. Pepper was a member of the firm of Pepper, Neal & Co., composed of the late N. M. Pepper and J. G. Neal, and J. W. Pepper.

Mr. Pepper was a citizen of Danbury for a number of years and while here was interested in business activities including merchandising, mining and buying and re-handling.

Believing it will be of interest to many readers of the Reporter extracts from a letter received from Mr. Pepper are printed below, in which he refers interestingly to former citizens and to many changes that have taken place since his residence here, half a century ago.

The excerpts follow:

Christiansburg, Va.,
Jan. 26, 1937.

I wish to apologize for not thanking you sooner for the Reporter which I assure you I enjoy, but how few names I see that I knew when I lived in Danbury. Fifty years ago I knew a large majority of the citizens of Stokes. Now I rarely see one of their names mentioned. Some time ago some of my friends had to make a hurried trip to Greensboro, and return the same day. They prevailed on me to accompany them, which I did and enjoyed the trip myself—from here to Danbury in two hours, used to take two days hard driving. Answer, good roads. I was visibly impressed with the improvements in Danbury and Stokes county, outstanding the Nelson Funeral Home which would do credit to a town of five thousand. I presume it is run by a son of my old friend Capt. Lee Nelson. I would have liked to stop to see you but we were pressed for time. My sister still remains very unwell, and my health does not improve.

With regards to you and yours, I am,

Sincerely yours,
J. W. PEPPER.

CAN A WOMAN LOVE 3 MEN?

Read what happened to one woman who tried. One of many interesting illustrated articles in the February 21st issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. On sale at all news-stands.