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17-YEAR LOCUST AGAIN DUE

Coming of Periodical Cicada Is Predicted in Pennsylvania by College Professor.

The "17-year-locust" is due in Pennsylvania this year, according to C. H. Hadley, Jr., in charge of entomology extension at State college. The pest is what is known as "brood eight of the periodical cicada," and it appeared here last in 1900.

"This is one of the largest insect broods to occur in this state," Hadley says. "While locusts are usually of importance mainly because of the popular interest aroused, it is quite possible that considerable damage may be caused in those places where the insects appear in unusual abundance."—Philadelphia North American.

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Plucky Danish Captain.

A hero in every sense of the word is the captain of the Danish steamer Iris which, sailing from one neutral port to another and having no contraband aboard, was halted by a German submarine and the crew ordered to leave the ship, in order that it might be sunk. The Danish captain flatly refused to leave his ship. "You may sink us, but I and my men will remain on board," he told the submarine commander. And his pluck won. His ship was allowed to proceed when it was seen that he knew his rights and was not afraid to assert them.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1917 ADJOURNS

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENE CAME AFTER SIXTY-FOUR DAYS' SESSION.

LAWMAKERS RUSH FOR HOME

Both Houses "Mark Time" During Last Day Wating For Enrolled Bills. —Much Important Legislation is Passed.

Raleigh.

It was on the stroke of 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon that the gavels of President Max Gardner in the Senate, and Speaker Walter Murphy in the House, sounded the sine die adjournment of the North Carolina General Assembly for 1917, and the presiding officers made their formal declarations of adjournment.

The morning trains had carried the great majority of the members of the two houses to their homes and there was little more than the traditional "corporal's guard" present for the final closing ceremonies. No legislation of consequence had been allowed to get through during the last morning, as the Senate and House patiently waited for the enrolled bills as they were brought in from time to time to be ratified.

The General Assembly enacted the following laws in line with the recommendations in the inaugural address of Governor Bickett:

1. The act resubmitting a constitutional amendment calling for a six months instead of a four months public school. The act follows the declaration in the Governor's inaugural address that "The children should be entitled to have the voter cast a single ballot whether he is or is not in favor of a larger opportunity for the child."

2. The act submitting a constitutional amendment exempting from taxation notes and mortgages given in good faith for the purchase price of a home. The purpose of this act is to bring the money in reach of every homesteader.

3. The crop lien act designed to give the small farmer a chance to "break out of jail."

4. The act providing for the teaching of the basic principles of good farming in every rural public school. The machinery of this act is well adapted to serve its purpose.

5. The act to incorporate the installation of running water, electric lights and telephones in country homes and communities by furnishing expert advice and assistance free of cost.

6. The act to make the school house the social center, and to provide for wholesome entertainment in country school houses that will be both instructive and relaxing.

7. The act providing for the medical inspection of school children who attend the public schools in order that physical defects may be discovered and corrected if possible in their incipiency.

8. The act providing for the incorporation of rural communities to the end that thickly settled communities in the country may take such steps for their own betterment as they may deem wise and proper.

9. The act forbidding the sale or advertisement for sale of medicines purporting to cure incurable diseases, and forbidding the sale of any mechancal device for the treatment of disease when the State Board of Health may declare such device to be without curative value.

10. The act providing for the improvement of highways by expenditure of the automobile tax for this purpose under the direction of the State Highway Commission.

11. The act that permits and regulates absentee voting.

12. The appointment of a state tax commission to investigate and report a comprehensive system of taxation to the next General Assembly.

13. The act consolidating the management of the three hospitals for the insane and establishing a purchasing agency for certain state institutions.

14. The act limiting the time for which a convict my be sent to a chaingang to five years. The recommendation of the Governor was for two years, but owing to the inadequacy of quarters at the state prison the time was made five years for the present.

15. The act authorizing the construction of modern sanitary quarters for the convicts on the state farm.

16. The Turner bill is in entire harmony with the recommendations of the Governor, who says in his inaugural address:

"I am convinced that the only justification for the punishment of crime is the protection of the public and the reformation of the criminal. Anything that savors of vindictiveness is indefensible in the administration of the law. When the state sends a citizen to prison he ought to be made to feel that his punishment is a just measure imposed for the purpose of preventing himself and others from committing further crimes, and that pending his imprisonment the state desires to afford him every opportunity to become a good citizen."

The Legislature passed the bill appropriating $25,000 for building purposes and $7,500 annually for two years for the erection of an orthopedic hospital-school to be located two miles east of Gastonia. The appropriation is contingent upon the people of the state raising a similar amount for building purposes.

The bill was passed by the House by a unanimous vote, but five Senators opposed it in the upper body.

It is not believed that there will be any great difficulty in raising the money for the building of the school. Gaston county has already pledged $10,000, leaving but an equal amount for the other 99 counties to raise. The Rotary Club of Charlotte has indicated that it will attempt to raise $5,000.

This is the only institution of the kind in the south, being an hospital where crippled children are taken and given free treatment at the hands of the most skilled surgeons in the state.

The report of the legislative committee to investigate the conditions and management of the State Farm convict camps went into both branches of the Legislature with the full membership of five signing a lengthy review of the investigation that finds the system antiquated and the conditions bad, especially as to facilities for caring for the convicts and with the majority of the committee signing a further report reading as follows:

This Clause Signed by Three.

"The committee further finds that the superintendents and others in authority over the convicts have not acted in any wise inhumanly, but on the contrary have been lenient and considerate and humane and diligent in the performance and the discharge of their duties and obligations placed upon them by the present system." This clause is signed by Senator Burgwyn and Representatives W. H. Joyner and J. H. Darden. These members of the committee and the other two, Senator Turner and Representative Beasley signed the full report, which is a document of 13 typewritten pages.

The document sets out the thoroughness of the investigation and finds that the housing and equipment at the farm are entirely inadequate. The sleeping quarters, especially for the negroes, far too small and poorly ventilated and the bedding bad. No separation of youthful and hardened criminals. The dining hall is poorly heated in cold weather and white and colored prisoners eat in the same hall with an alleyway between them. All prisoners have to wash from the same spigots, the whites and blacks crowding each other indiscrimately at the trough.

The report gives the food served and method of service and inattention to bathing are reviewed and failure to supply towels for the use of the convicts until recently. There is no recreation provided for the convicts beyond their daily work. The quarters for the women are inadequate and lacking in necessary privacy and no woman in charge of the department and evils resulting therefrom are reviewed. No reading mattre supplied by the state and no chaplian engaged, although there is a law authorizing such an official, are among the facts brought out.

The practice of whipping in connection with the discipline is reviewed and the methods described and abuses in this respect are given.

The committee finds that little or no effort has been made for moral and mental improvement of the prisoners, the largest possible results and profits from their labors being the paramount object and that youthful prisoners are often injured by their associations in the prison life. Of all the whippings administered the past few years, of which there have been hundreds, none have met with the disapproval of the authorities so far as the records show.

The Whitney or Baron camps are found to be a dangerous and hazardous place with poor equipment for the care of the men. Convicts return from their serivice there "broken." The committee says:

"In the judgment of the committee the conditions at the camps are more due to the system than to the officials in charge. The system has been handed down by administrations for 50 years and no effort on the part of the prison officials or of the state authorities to make advancement in this respect."

The committee finds that there has been lacking any regard for the reformation of the prisoner and his return to society a better and more trustworthy man. The larger per cent of the prisoners, the committee finds to be young negro men from 16 to 20-odd years old, who might be treated in such manner as to improve them and make them dependable and useful after their discharge.

In conclusion, the report makes recommendations that have been largely adopted in the special act changing the prison system, that the Legislature has put through the legislative mill the past few days.

The bill from the House to make blockading in North Carolina a felony was passed by the Senate by a large majority. Other bills passed in the following order: Authorize county commissioners to co-operate with public libraries; validate certain registrations; reprint certain Supreme Court reports; relative to publications of reports of state departments and institutions; make legitimate bastards after their fathers and mothers marry; amend law as to co-operative work by the A. & E. College and State Department of Agriculture; repeal act creating the Kinston recorders court.

ACTS OF LEGISLATURE

Clerks Are Busy Preparing Journal—1,215 Acts Were Pased By 1917 Sesion of General Assembly.

Raleigh.—Principal Clerks R. O. Self, of the Senate, and Walter Lasiter, of the House, have started their force on the preparation of the copy for the publication of the journals of the two houses. This is to be completed for the printers within two weeks, most probably. There were passed 1,215 separate acts and 56 resolutions at this session of the General Assembly, compared with 1,498 acts and 65 resolutions two years ago.

The work of captioning and sidenoting the acts and resolutions is being pushed under the direction of the Secretary of State, this work being done by Col. W. P. Bachelor, who has rendered this service for a number of the past sessions of the Legislature. It is a long and tedious task. He has more than half the bills captioned already and the principal side noting done for many of the more important bills. The bills passed in the great rush of the first ten days of the session to get ahead of the operation of the constitutional amendments, have all been captioned and side noted, a special publication of these having been gotten out within a few days after the emergency legislation was over.

It is an interesting fact that practically no legislation as to the State Department of Insurance was gotten through this session. The general committee bill know as Senate bill No. 906, was defeated the last day of the session through a fight that was made by Representative Grier to require the State Commissioner of Insurance to pay the fire marshal fund into the state treasury. A bill to this effect by Grier had failed earlier in the session and he tacked on an amendment to the general insurance bill embodying the same provision and the fight over this resulted in the defeat of the whole bill. Under rulings of the attorney general the commissioner of insurance both collects and disburses the fire marshal fund which has assumed considerable proportions.

To Rebuild Hickory Nut Gap Road.

Asheville.—People of the Esmeralda Inn and Bat Cave section are rejoicing over the action of the Legislature in passing the bill to place 75 convicts at work on the Hickory Nut Gap Road. The prospect of again having a road to Asheville, after being cut off practically since the flood of last July, has caused the people of those sections to take on a new lease of life.

Few people realize just what the people of the Esmeralda Inn and Bat Cave sections have undergone since the flood last July. Of the highest Caucasian type, these men have hesitated to even accept proffered aid, much less to ask it, and have existed the best they could, shooting game and snaring rabbits for food.

The section of the country in the gorge is admirably adapted for moving picture stunts, as well as for its scenic magnificence, and with a road opened through from Asheville, they are confident that they can redeem their past losses and also fortify themselves for the next winter. The road will be a veritable Godsend.

For U. S. Marine Corps.

Washington, D. C.—It has just been announced that an examination to fill positions of second lieutenant in the Marine Corps will be held July 10 at the following places in North Carolina: Asheville, Charlotte, Raleigh and Wilmington. Applicants must be not less than five feet and six inches high, healthy, and must pass an examination similar to one which is given students of West Point. These men are to be named from civil life and to be between the ages of 20 to 25.

Bank Aids Farmers.

Newton.—Recognizing the critical food situation, and appealing to farmers in Catawba county to let no productive land remain idle this year, the First National Bank of Hickory is advertising that it will aid any farmer to secure needed improvements and equipment to plant foodstuff crops. Unlimited money is offered at six per cent.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

Four of the ten of the crew, who drowned when the coast guard cutter Yamacraw perished off the Maryland coast, were North Carolinians.

Every resident of Fayetteville who can get the use of a vacant lot is being urged by the Chamber of Commerce to "plant a little garden spot" as a measure of relief fro mthe high food prices.

Hundred of North Carolinians attended the inauguration of President Wilson.

Practically 16 per cent of the births in Raleigh last month were illegitimate, six out of the 36 new born children being recorded as such, according to statistics furnished the registrar. Five of the illegitimate births were colored, while one was white.

The Mecklenburg county jury in the case Harry Talley vs. the Southern Railway returned a verdict of forty thousand dollars damages. Talley sued for $100,000. He was injured in the wreck of the foot ball special at Salisbury on Thanksgiving eve, 1915. He lost a leg, ear cut off, jaw broken, and otherwise injured.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 18

JESUS SAVES FROM SIN.

LESSON TEXT—John 8:12, 31-37, 56-58 (Read entire chapter).

GOLDEN TEXT—If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.—John 8:36.

Teachers should sketch rapidly in a chronological way the events in the life of our Lord, (See any good harmony) and show that this lesson belongs to the period of the Galilean ministry of Jesus when he had gone up to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the tabernacle (John 7:1-52). Let us be sure to load our guns with temperance ammunition, be familiar with facts, take careful aim, concentrate all we have to say upon one definite aim, and then pull the trigger e. g. be sure to shoot a temperance charge and make a temperance application.

I. The Slavery to Sin. Jesus' previous references to water (Chs. 4 and 7) and to bread (ch. 6) were occasioned by outward occurrences; so with this reference to light. In the treasury (v. 20) near to Jesus as he spake were two colossal, golden lamp stands around which when lighted the people gathered with rejoicing. Amid the blaze of this illumination, Jesus exclaims: "I am the light of the world." What is more beneficent than light as it reveals, cheers and brings life, health and happiness to mankind? Without light there is no vision. Without Jesus there is no spiritual wisdom. Without light we know not whither we are going. Without Jesus we grope in the darkness. Every ray of light, of truth, of holiness and love comes from him, for God is light, and in him is no darkness at all (I John 1:15). Some think that these words were occasioned by the onlookers, seeing what Jesus had written in the sand (vv. 1-11). The first step in the slavery of sin is blindness; the second is habit; and the third is that of absolute slavery (Prov. 5:22). Jesus was the incarnation of the light of God. We cannot conceive of Jesus making such an assertion as this, and being merely a good man.

II. The Possibility of Freedom (vv. 31-36.) These words were spoken to "those which had believed on him," and as the result they were to know the truth, and the truth should make them free. Knowledge and liberty come from a continuance (abiding) in the word of God (John 14:15; 16:12-13). Many reject Jesus Christ because they c[illegible] they wish to have their liberty, a[illegible] so doing they lose their liberty. [illegible] ciple is a learner; Jesus is the [illegible] the entrance examinations [illegible] school of Christ are the si[illegible] necessary condition of belie[illegible] cepting him as Lord and te[illegible] scholars are all the disciple[illegible] tinue under his instruction[illegible] ject of the schooling is t[illegible] fect men, "unto the me[illegible] stature of the fulness of [illegible] 4:22; Col. 4:12). Christ' [illegible] only in the church and [illegible] school and Young People's [illegible] It is everywhere, in the ho[illegible] office, at work and play; w[illegible] is trying truly to live a[illegible] Christ's will, he is in his [illegible] that school is open both day[illegible] there are no vacations and n[illegible] The text book is the Book [illegible] We need not argue as to th[illegible] of sin, but realize the fact [illegible] under sin (Rom. 5:12), b[illegible] der sin does not necessit[illegible] ing there, nor is sin nec[illegible] being. This freedom he[illegible] and the love of sin and th[illegible] the penalty of sin and the [illegible] corroding care of sin. It [illegible] freedom, freedom for [illegible] tivity. A knowledge [illegible] Bible is a liberal educ[illegible] true liberty to those w[illegible] cated. As contrasted [illegible] the slavery of sin (v[illegible] drunkard is a slave [illegible] strained from doing [illegible] ought to do. He ca[illegible] freely for his conscie[illegible] braids him. He is a[illegible] is compelled to bear [illegible] of sin against his [illegible] escape (v. 36) is thr[illegible] the son therefore sh[illegible] ye shall be free ind[illegible]

III. The Authority [illegible] Jews took exceptio[illegible] Jesus (33-55). Whe[illegible] Jesus? Read the 18th [illegible] of Genesis, and we f[illegible] three who visited A[illegible] ent from the other t[illegible] behind while two w[illegible] The one who remain[illegible] Jesus, Jehovah app[illegible] before his lat[illegible] of Nazareth.

Henhouse [illegible]

The farm poultr[illegible] must be well ventil[illegible] light should strike [illegible] floor and roosts as p[illegible]

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Barber Worked by Pattern.

A man wearing his hair long under a wide western hat and concealing his face behind a beard of much length [illegible]d breadth strode into the barber [illegible]op of the Parker house in Boston [illegible]d settled into a chair. "Just a min[illegible] he said, searching in a pocket. [illegible] years ago I came to Boston and [illegible] shave and haircut here. I liked [illegible]rk so well that I had my pic[illegible]ken. Here is the picture. [illegible]how I want to look. Do it [illegible] And with the photograph on [illegible]fore him as a pattern, the [illegible] operations.

[illegible]ew the Game.

[illegible]pet rabbits had disap[illegible]g searched in vain for [illegible]peared before his [illegible]esting that with [illegible]arold's bird dog [illegible] pet. The play[illegible]is dog might be [illegible] his mother for [illegible]pany Rob and the [illegible] are you going to [illegible] the mother. "Oh, [illegible]," replied the small [illegible] "But why must you follow the [illegible]oad, Harold?" "Why, mother, [illegible]on't you know, the dog has to smell the tracks," he replied in disgust.

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