

COMMITTEES OF SENATE NAMED

ONLY ONE HOUSE COMMITTEE IS ANNOUNCED ON OPENING DAY.

NAME DAWSON HOUSE LEADER

Both Houses of North Carolina General Assembly Organized and Ready for Business.

Raleigh. The opening session in both houses convened at noon. Permanent organization was the first order of business. Rev. R. L. Huffman read the prayer in the house. Ninety-two counties then responded to the roll call. Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the state supreme court, administered the oath. The representatives, for the first time in history were sworn in en masse.

Following the election of Mr. Dawson for the speakership, he was presented to the body. Visibly weak from his recent illness, he took his oath. After other house officers had been elected, a message was received from the senate which notified the body of the completion of that organization and it was ready for business.

One committee was appointed by the house—the rules committee—of which W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton county, is chairman. The house then adjourned out of respect for the memory of the late Robert M. Oates, of Henderson county. Adjournment on this matter was also taken by the senate.

The senate, following the perfection of its organization, announced the appointment of the following committees, and their chairmen:

- Appropriations—D. F. Giles, of Marion.
- Agriculture—William A. Graham, Jr., of Iron Mountain.
- Claims—T. W. Coste, of Gatesville.
- Commerce—P. H. Williams, of Elizabeth City.
- Banks and Currency—O. E. Mendenhall, of High Point.
- Caswell Training School—J. S. Hargett, of Trenton.
- Corporation Commission—J. C. Brown, of Madison.
- Counties, Cities and Towns—D. A. McDonald, of Carthage.
- Distribution of Governor's Message—A. T. Costello, of Orlando.
- Education—Walter H. Woodson, of Salisbury.
- Elections—J. M. Boyette, of Albemarle.
- Engrossed Bills—S. C. Lattimore, of Shelby.
- Enrolled Bills—Mark Squires, of Lenoir.
- Federal Relations—O. B. Moss, of Spring Hope.
- Finance—L. R. Varsor, of Lumberton.
- Fish and Fisheries—J. W. Ruark, of Southport.
- Laws—H. P. Uarker, of Goldsboro.
- Immigration—C. P. Harris, of Macon.
- Insane Asylums—J. R. Baggett, of Lillington.
- Congressional District—J. M. Zachery, of Calvert.
- Consolidated Statutes—Allen Jones, of Furches.
- Constitutional Amendments—Frank Armfield, of Concord.
- Corporations—A. A. Hicks, of Oxford.
- Institutions for the Deaf—Plato D. Ebbs, of Asheville.
- Insurance—J. Clyde Ray, of Hillsboro.
- Institutions for the Blind—P. H. Johnson, of Pantego.
- Internal Improvements—L. P. Tapp, of Kinston.
- Journal—Robert T. Wilson, of Yanceyville.
- Judicial Districts—Paul D. Grady, of Kenly.
- Judiciary No. 1—Harry W. Stubbs, of Williamston.
- Judiciary No. 2—J. L. DeLaney, of Charlotte.
- Library—J. C. Bennett, of Samarrand.
- Manufacturing—A. E. Wolts, of Gastonia.
- Military Affairs—W. C. Heath, of Monroe.
- Mining—G. B. Walker, of Andrews.
- Penal Institutions—Emmet Belamy, of Wilmington.
- Printing—Howard F. Jones, of Warrenton.
- Propositions and Grievances—W. E. Harrison, of Rockingham.
- Public Health—J. A. Brown, of Chatham.
- Public Roads—A. S. Sams, of Winston-Salem.
- Railroads and Rivers—D. Johnson, of Warsaw.

Ve-Cos Now Have 85,000 Members.
The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association has increased its sign up by 20,000 within the past ten months and will enter the new year with 85,000 members, according to report from Raleigh headquarters of the association. The Tri-State Tobacco Grower, the official organ of the tobacco growers co-operative, will carry the complete news of deliveries to the association up to December 30 in the January number which will be mailed to its 85,000 members.

State Farmers Progressive.

North Carolina farmers are rapidly adopting modern machinery and other equipment to carry on their operations, according to the annual report of E. R. Roney, state extension engineer, to B. W. Kilgore, director of the farm extension service, made public.

"The work of the division has been divided into three main projects: water supply, sewerage disposal and lights; farm building and concrete construction, and farm machinery and motors," the report reads.

"Visits were made to various sections of the state where a number of people were interested in any of these projects. The locations were gone over and best plans suggested. Along with this, bills of materials and estimates of cost were given. In many cases after everything was ready, a practical working demonstration was put on. At these demonstrations all the interested parties were invited and were usually present. Besides being able to show and impress them with what we were trying to put across, these demonstrations have proven a very valuable asset in getting other work started when we could refer men to these places.

"Sixty-six of these practical demonstrations were put on, including 24 self-feeders for hogs; 4 colony hog houses; 4 breeding crates for hogs; 4 poultry houses; 2 brooder houses; 4 dairy barns; 3 mule barns; 3 34x60 two-story implement sheds; 3 water towers; 1 lime bin; 4 hydraulic rams; 4 pumping outfits with gas engine; 1 pumping outfit with electric motor. These were all placed in as centrally located places as possible. A number of self-feeders were placed on the court house squares so that the interested parties might see them.

"Six hundred and nine blue prints of plans for various farm buildings have been sent out together with bills of materials for each one. The plans have included everything from residences down in the way of building on the farm. These plans have gone to 66 different counties over the state, not including a good number that have been sent out of the state. Twenty-seven additional designs from which blue prints are made for distribution have been gotten up during the year.

"Visits have been made to 29 county agents; 53 men interested in home water supplies; 87 in farm buildings; 23 in machinery; 9 in water power; 4 in silos, and 2 in dipping vats.

"Seven meetings with total attendance of 627 were held where various forms of work were discussed. Each of our practical demonstrations usually resolved itself into a meeting for practical suggestions regarding other locations or buildings. Three hundred and eleven conferences were held in the interest of the work; 4 district and 2 state meetings of county agents were attended. Assisted with 1 club encampment where instructions were given in terracing and buildings. Bills of materials for 13 different sizes of silos were gotten up. Eight hundred and seventy-five letters were written; 8,807 miles traveled by railroad and 1,903 by automobile in carrying on work.

"A test was put on in co-operation with County Agent Falls to get a comparison between several different makes of soy bean harvesters, and arrangements made for continuing this next year.

"A survey was made of 200 farms to get an estimate of the damage done by rats and by weevils in stored corn. The average per cent of damage for each was five per cent, estimates in both cases going as high as 25 per cent.

"A survey was made of all windmill owners in the state as near as possible, to see just what success they were having. The impression from these reports is that the failures have been due to the wheels not being high enough or the tanks were too small and not a general condemnation of the windmills," the report read.

Motor Vehicle Licenses.

During the period July 1, 1921, to June 30, 1922, a total of \$3,151,795.63 was paid into the treasury by the state department of North Carolina, from November 30, 1920, to June 30, 1922, 2,020 certificates for domestic corporations were filed, bringing in \$94,241.58 in fees, according to the biennial report of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, recently made public.

The report also shows that for the fiscal year period July 1, 1922, to December 1, the state's revenue from motor vehicles amounted to \$2,826,075.26, over a half-million dollars above the entire amount for 1921.

"For the registration year ending June 30, 1922, there was collected and paid into the state treasury from the automobile department, \$3,101,116.95, the entire amount being collected from automobile and gasoline taxes," reads the report. "The amount expended for operation during the year ending June 30, 1922, was \$81,112.65, which included the cost of number plates, postage, clerical work, equipment, office supplies and upkeep of building in which the department is located.

Charters Issued by State.

The secretary of state has granted the following charters and amendments:

The North Carolina Lumber company, Lake Waccamaw, to increase its capital stock from \$125,000 to \$600,000. Francis B. Gault named as principal agent.

The Smitherman Cotton Mills, Troy, increasing its capital stock from \$150,000 to \$350,000.

The Carlton-Hackney Drug Company, Durham, changing its name from The Durham Seed House.

"EMBASSY" LIQUORS SOUGHT BY POLICE

RAID APARTMENT HOUSES IN FASHIONABLE SECTION OF WASHINGTON.

FORMER MINISTER ARRESTED

Indications Point to an Organized Trade in Liquors Brought by Embassies.

Washington.—Sources of what are described as "embassy" liquors which, it is claimed, have been finding their way into the illicit traffic in Washington in large quantities are sought by the District of Columbia police as a result of three successive raids in as many apartment houses in the fashionable Northwest section.

Lieutenant O. T. Davis, chief of the vice squad, under whose direction the raids were conducted, declared that there were indications of an organized traffic in liquor brought by some of the embassies and legations. Information had reached the police, he added, that attaches of some of these establishments have been parties to this traffic.

Among so-called "exclusive bootleggers" who handle high grade liquors, are a number of women, according to the police, whose clientele includes many of the participants in what the authorities term the "high life" of the national capital.

Whisperings of certain "bootleggers" that they could supply the finest of intoxicants because of "pipe lines" into foreign diplomats establishments reached the police some time ago but it was not until the recent raids that the law officers became satisfied that this was more than "selling-talk."

In the latest raid, Lieutenant Davis and his squad, which included federal officers, took into custody a man who said he was Joaquin Mendez, a former minister from Guatemala, and seized a large quantity of imported wines and whiskeys. Lieutenant Davis said Mrs. Hecht admitted that the liquors found in her apartment were from foreign sources. He added that the man arrested had claimed ownership of the liquor, and had protested against its seizure on the ground that it was the property of a diplomat.

Inquiry at the state department, Lieutenant Davis said, brought the information that Mendez was no longer an accredited diplomat, while at the Guatemalan legation it was stated he had no present connection with that establishment. The legation said it had been informed that a man representing himself to be the minister from Guatemala and calling himself Mendez, was in Washington.

Federal prohibition enforcement officers said they had not yet received official reports from the government agents participating in the raids, but added that if investigation should disclose that liquors imported by embassies and legations were flowing into illegal channels the matter would be laid before the state department.

The next step, they said, would be for that department to call the facts to the attention of the ambassadors and ministers in a friendly way with a view to a tightening up in the diplomatic establishments.

Preparing to March into the Ruhr.

Paris.—France's Rhine army is gathering to be ready to march when Premier Poincare gives the word for carrying out his still secret plan for seizing the Ruhr and the Rhineland. Trains were crowded with officers and men hurriedly recalled from leave, returning to their posts, and M. Poincare conferred with M. Le Troquer, minister of public works, on final arrangements for the transportation of the civil and military forces.

The French troops on the Rhine have been ordered by General Degoutte to remain in their quarters where there appears to be any danger of clashes with the Germans, and every precaution will be taken to avoid demonstrations.

There are several times the number of French forces in the Rhineland as are likely to be required for the Ruhr operations, but all the troops will be held in readiness for instant service, although there is nothing yet to justify the assumption of immediate action.

The details of the French plan remain a mystery, but M. Poincare has repeatedly described the proposed entrance into the Ruhr as chiefly the work of engineers and customs collectors. This is the nucleus, but the military support required necessarily depends upon the French estimates of what resistance the Germans offer.

Postal Receipts Record Made.

Washington.—Postal receipts during the holiday season of the month of December were larger than ever before in history, the postoffice department announced. The total receipts were estimated at \$29,150,025 compared with the previous high of \$28,727,275 in December, 1921.

St. Louis was added to the million-dollar group with a gain of 15 per cent over last year. Richmond, Va., gained 21 per cent, the largest increase recorded.

NEW BUILDINGS IS NEED AT CAROLINA

CROWDED CONDITIONS AND INCREASED APPLICATIONS NECESSITATE EXPANSION.

WENT FIVE NEW BUILDINGS

Brooks Estimates There Will be 5,000 High School Students Graduated in State Next June.

Chapel Hill.—Crowded conditions at the institution in face of a large increase in applications for admittance as a result of decided gain in high school graduates and a lack of equipment were given as the chief reasons for inauguration of a program of expansion, including five new buildings, for the University of North Carolina during the next two years, was announced by Dr. H. W. Chase, president.

The chief additions the trustees are asking include three men's dormitories, a woman's building, a geology building, a chemistry structure, a general classroom building and a permanent water supply. This program, it was stated, is based on the present needs of the institution and an estimate of Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, that there will be 5,000 high school students graduated in North Carolina next June.

"This last fall, the University had 239 more students than a year ago, and 427 more than two years ago," the statement reads. "This usual after Christmas increase will bring the number actually in attendance during the year—this does not include the summer school—to about 2,900.

"The situation of the University may be compared to that of a reservoir into which a number of streams are flowing. The streams are North Carolina high schools. They are constantly swelling in volume. Throughout the state, new schools are being built and existing schools enlarged. Furthermore, a mounting proportion of the high school students are ambitious to go to college after they finish their school course.

"Fifty-seven high schools in North Carolina were added in the last year to the list of those offering the standard four-year course required of applicants for admission into colleges.

"The four dormitories put up on the University campus since the last legislature, provide living quarters for 480 students.

"A careful examination shows that, at the rate high schools are now sending their graduates to Chapel Hill, there would be the same congestion two years from now as there was two years ago if accommodations remained as they are today. Private building in the village takes care of some of the students, and this is taken into account in the estimates of increased pressure.

"A building for women was on the program presented to the last legislature, but the construction of this was deferred. It is regarded as a prime necessity. Not only from the women students and alumni, but from women's organizations all over the state and from individuals interested in education for women, the University authorities are receiving requests that it be delayed no longer. A site for it has already been selected in the wooded grounds known as Battle Grove, east of the campus.

Favor Railroad Across Blue Ridge.

Winston-Salem.—At a meeting here the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, after hearing addresses from a delegation of residents of North Wilkesboro, unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the building of a railroad across the Blue Ridge mountains into East Tennessee, so as to give to North Carolina a direct route to the cold fields and a closer connection with counties in the northwest section of the state.

The general idea of the meeting was to have the state furnish credit for the proposed enterprise, and ultimately to have the operation of the new line under the direction of some important connecting railway system. A railroad now runs to North Wilkesboro and the plan under consideration is to extend that line through Boone or some other point to coal-bearing areas.

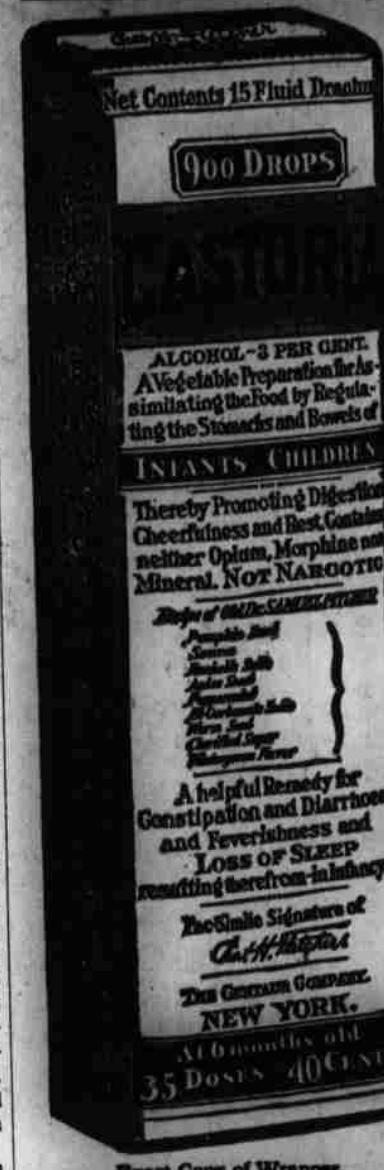
Injury From Pistol Proves Fatal.

Durham.—Alfred Lanter, 11 years old, son of Mrs. Donnie Lanter, of this city, died in a local hospital from lockjaw, which resulted from an injury suffered when his hand was burned by a .22-calibre blank cartridge pistol.

Building Boom Strikes New Bern.

New Bern.—Further evidence of the gigantic building boom which is to be inaugurated in New Bern during the coming year is seen in the fact that approximately eighty permits for new structures within the city limits have been issued by Chief of Police here. This eclipses all records for Eastern Carolina and is indicative of the immense amount of construction work which will soon be in progress here.

Among the permits are twelve for brick buildings.



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