

Legislature Working Fast To Bring Session To An End

Group To Be Closed In N. C.
 The recently enacted anti-closed shop bill. "It is unthinkable," Fink said, "that workers of North Carolina deserve such treatment at the hands of our state legislature." Fink indicated he would have an announcement to make later on the possibility of a case to bring the anti-closed shop law to a court test.

Large Number Of Bills Have Been Handled
Legislature Now Acting On Major Bills Of The 1947 Session

Never Too Late



AFTER 50 YEARS of separation, George Beck, 60, and his "first love," Elizabeth Beck, 60, got married in Los Angeles and returned after the ceremony. Back in 1897, the young Elizabeth had insisted they wait, but they soon had contact; met new lovers and married. Elizabeth became a widow at 41, Beck's wife died after 43 years of marriage. A niece of the new groom brought them together. (International)

DEATHS

MRS. MINNIE MOFFITT
 Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Bethel Methodist church for Mrs. Minnie Moffitt, 72, of the Bethel section, who died at the Haywood County Hospital Tuesday afternoon following a long illness. Burial followed in the Bethel cemetery.

Surviving are one son, Arthur A. Cody; two grandchildren, all of Haywood county; one brother, Horace Hargrove, of Montana. Wells funeral home were in charge of arrangements, of arrangements.

L. J. GRANT

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Joe Grant in Union S. C., for L. J. Grant, 77, who died at his home in South Carolina on Thursday. Mr. Grant was the father of Theodore Grant and Mrs. Laura James of Waynesville.

Others surviving are the wife, Mrs. Sarah Gentry Grant, son, Joe G. Grant of Union, S. C., daughters, Mrs. Laura Cranes of Lenoir, S. C., R.F.D. No. 2, Mrs. Tissie Head, Fairplay, S. C., and Mrs. Clara Phillips, of Greenville, S. C., 57 grandchildren and 55 great grandchildren.

Dellwood Circuit Leaders To Hold 2d Conference

Rev. Walter B. West will be guest minister at the Dellwood service Sunday evening, and will hold his second quarterly conference for the circuit. All officials of the several churches or members of the conference are expected to attend.

Rev. J. E. B. Houser will meet his stated appointments for the Dellwood Methodist circuit as follows: Maple at 10 a.m., and Dellwood at 7:30 p.m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Maple Grove church.

Church school for Dellwood, Maple Grove and Elizabeth Chapel convenes at 10 a.m., and at Maggie at 11 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at Dellwood and Elizabeth Chapel meet at 6:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to these services, and out-of-state guests are especially welcome.

THE CRABTREE METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. C. O. Newell, Pastor
 The pastor will preach next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock on the subject of "STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE."

SHADY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

C. O. Newell, Pastor
 The pastor will preach next Sunday morning on the subject of "JESUS, OUR ONLY HOPE." The sermon will be preceded by a short talk by a layman on a timely subject for this season. We are hoping for improved weather, health and attendance by next Sunday.

We had a good attendance and fine spirit at our service last Sunday. Prayer can and does change folks and things. Let us be more constant and zealous in our prayers.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness, sympathy and floral offerings during the illness and death of Mrs. Mary Mashburn Allen.
 J. E. Allen and daughters,
 and
 The Mashburn Family.

Canton "Y" Club Elects Officers

Officers were elected for the Canton Y's Men's Club for the coming year at a meeting Tuesday in the club room.

Nat Fortney was named president, Howard Sellers, vice president, Hall Whitworth, secretary, and Howard Moffitt, treasurer. W. Lee McElrath and J. R. Serrest were elected to the board of directors.

HAZELWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at ten o'clock.
 Young people's service at 6:30 p. m.
 Evening service and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

The municipal general purpose tax limit from \$1 to \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation has passed the Senate without amendment.

Paxton

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ence crown and received—but had to decline—bids to the National Invitation and NCAA tournaments. Last year they repeated their loop championship, and went to the finals of the National Invitation before dropping one to Oklahoma, 43-40.

Much of their success was due to an offense based on out-shooting, with Dillon in the key position. When Tom Scott took over the coaching job after Carnvale's departure to Annapolis, the Carolina quint switched their style this year to fast break-ins under the basket, with Nemo Neenan feeding the shots. Their record for the year was 19 and 8, with set-backs handed by State, LaSalle, Northwestern DePaul, Navy, Maryland and N.Y.U.—splitting victories with the latter two. State took the conference tourney finals early this month in a 50-48 thriller from the Phantoms.

What was Paxton's biggest thrill this season? Beating Duke twice, as any Carolina man would say. "We played our best game this year when Duke came to Chapel Hill. Everybody was right in the groove." It rates Koffenberger as the best player he's run against, and can't see how Adams, South Carolina's big center, can be compared to the Duke ace. Kenny Schugert of Navy was another hot performer. The N. C. State freshmen "They're all good, but I think Negley is the best they've got." Carolina's prospects for next

year are not too dim. "We all like Coach Scott and will put out for him." The cage mentor now is scouting at tournaments for replacements with the loss of Jim Hamilton and Jim White staring him in the face. But come next winter and Neenan and Cohen will be back, this year's second string, intact—and a tall fellow named Bob Paxton as well.

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When the Senate and House adjourned on Friday the total number of bills introduced in this session had reached 1652. 771 of them in the House, 298 in the Senate. On the same legislative day in 1945 the total had reached 1287. This session continues to lag behind its immediate predecessor so far as the bulk of legislation is concerned. Of the 1652 bills introduced this year 584 or something more than 50% of them have been local in nature. This situation will be up for study if the General Assembly passes HR 751 introduced on Friday calling for a commission whose business it would be to consider the whole problem of local legislation and to make recommendations as to the passage of general laws on subjects most often embraced in local bills.

The tenth legislative week was marked by the reappearance of the big "money" bills on the floor of the General Assembly. The Finance and Appropriations committees of both houses have reported out their recommendations on the Revenue, Appropriations and Post War Reserve Fund bills. No sooner had the Revenue Bill been released for debate in the House than some members began to assault it with amendments; there were efforts to insure that Confederate widows and veterans get a \$9-a-month pension raise, to restore theatre taxes to their 1939 schedule and to restore the 25c reduction in the corporate franchise tax rate made by the original bill. All of them failed although the introduction of SB 275 on Thursday, to give totally blind and helpless Confederate widows a pension increase, indicates that the friends of Confederate widows are not yet ready to concede defeat. Representative Mull was more successful than his colleagues; by a close vote he succeeded in amending the Revenue Bill so as to prohibit the sale of wine and to closely regulate the sale of beer in his home county of Cleveland. The following day stating that he had secured assurance from Finance Committee leaders that they would give favorable ear to his local bill to the same effect, Mr. Mull withdrew his amendment leaving the committee's bill unscathed. And so it left the House to be considered in the Senate early next week.

The Appropriations Bill left committee with a net increase in appropriations of \$8,013,794. Of this figure, \$6,155,000 is accounted for by the raise in teachers salaries. The bulk of the remaining \$1,858,794 would go to the State Board of Health, the Department of Conservation and Development. (This despite its loss of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries) to the Board of Charities and Public Welfare for old age assistance and aid to dependent children, to the Re-

venue System to take care of contributions for State employees, to increase State aid to public libraries to the Department of Agriculture and to the Cooperative Agriculture Extension division at State College. The Department of Labor, the Industrial Commission, the Commission for the Blind, four State-supported colleges, four State hospitals, two orphanages, and State vocational education work (about most of the rest). The only new item added in committee is a \$40,000 appropriation for Pure Food Control work in the Department of Agriculture in the next two years. Appropriations for indigent care work of the Medical Care Commission and the veteran's records project of the Department of Archives and History were the only items in the original bill to suffer reduction—total of \$339,740 at the hands of the committee. Both the House and Senate defeated efforts to amend the bill to increase the 1942-43-44 earmarked but postponed salaries, despite their efforts to continue the reparations and widows that this sum in 1945 had of the 30% increase desired. Thus, amended only to delete a requirement allocating 70% of the library aid appropriation on the basis of population and to use low bracket State employee assistance in the 20% raise, the Appropriations Bill passed both houses.

The bill relating the Post War Reserve Fund to a approximate \$10,000,000 by adding \$9,300,000 (the total of both the Senate and House without amendment. The Department of Investment Approaches 50% program in committee which would allow incident to the Medical Care Program, especially the fund for medical school and teaching hospital at Chapel Hill, may bring an prolonged discussion. Indeed, the bill offers the principal controversies remaining before the legislature.

Not all the week's interesting bills touch on revenue matters and the health, school teacher and liquor problems. Representative Bink of Robinson introduced HR 619 with the reassuring title "To provide additional funds for salaries of teachers and other State employees for the Good Health Program, for mental institutions and for other General Fund purposes." It passed this bill would require every ABC store in the State to turn over its net profits to the State General Fund.

HR 229 aimed at opening the doors has passed both houses without amendment despite vigorous efforts of the Senate to remove its prohibition or maintenance of membership contracts. The Senate committee has reported out a substitute of SB 118 setting minimum wages and maximum hours of a somewhat more elastic variety than those set by the original bill. Teachers and educational problems in general continue to hold the legislative spotlight. HR 621 would provide that beginning with next year no school should lose teachers for lack of average daily attendance when its average daily enrollment would justify keeping the allotment it already has. SB 219 and its companion HR 543 would submit the entire State educational system to close scrutiny by a commission required to investigate and make recommendations to the next General Assembly. These bills, having been approved by the respective committees on Education, now rest in the Appropriations committee for consideration of the \$50,000 proposed to be appropriated for the commission's expenses.

SB 222 which has passed the Senate without substantial amendment would give the State Aeronautics Commission power to regulate the installation, equipment and safety of airports. Counties and municipalities will have their tax ceilings raised if two recent bills continue the successful progress they have enjoyed thus far. SB 203, introduced by Senator McKinnon on February 27, which would raise



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