

Legislation in North Carolina is in Prospect

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RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 31 (UP)—Widespread and sweeping changes in many phases of life in N. Carolina are in prospect if senators and representatives succeed in getting passed by the 1937 General Assembly bills they already have drafted or planned for the session which opens Jan. 6.

A United Press poll of the 200 legislators who will come to Raleigh for the special session next week showed a strong wave of sentiment for better conditions for school teachers, not inconsiderable support for shorter hours for labor, and scattered strength behind a move to shift certain financial obligations of counties to the state.

Each legislator was asked to reply to the question: "What important bills do you plan to introduce?" Tabulation of the answers showed that the 1937 legislature will be asked to:

1. Pay school teachers by the month instead of by the school term, raise their pay, and provide them with a retirement fund.
2. Provide for an eight-hour day and a 40-hour week in North Carolina industry, and prohibit working of women in factories at night.

3. Shift county and district school bonds to the shoulders of the state.

4. Abolish the gas chamber and restore the electric chair as a means of capital punishment.

5. Clarify the state's divorce laws.

6. Re-apportion the legislature's membership "in order that all the people will be equally represented in accordance with the state constitution."

7. Cooperate with other states in control of venereal diseases.

8. Abolish the absentee ballot.

9. Provide better schools, "since it costs less to keep a boy in school than in jail."

10. Place the state highway commission under a separate administrative unit or under supervision of the state highway commission and provide each member of the patrol with an automobile.

11. Tax scrap tobacco off the market.

12. Provide for interstate compacts for control of the peanut crop.

13. Provide free fishing and hunting licenses for all over the age of 65, "so that the old folk of North Carolina shall have the right to fish and hunt, in season, without paying license fees and without molestation from game wardens."

14. Establish a state school of forestry at Olin College in Jackson County, "giving young men of the western portion of the state the opportunity of training for jobs in the U. S. Forestry service."

15. Clarify the duties of the state parole board.

16. Clarify the divorce laws of the state.

17. Authorize the state to issue county license tags, instead of state license tags, at a substantial decrease in license fees for trucks and trailers used only within the limits of the county, provided the owner is a citizen and resident of the county and operates the truck or trailer personally in connection with his own business.

18. Prohibit patent medicine shows in the state.

Two senators and two representatives, in their answers to the question, displayed a firm resolve to save as much time as possible in legislative proceedings. Their answers to the question about what bills they planned to introduce follows:

Senator K. E. Bennett, Bryson City: "None. I think that we now have on the statute books more laws than are enforced, and instead of piling on, the legislature should start weeding out."

Senator S. G. Sparger, Stokes County: "None. The 1937 session of the general assembly could be cut short about two months if it were not for introduction of hundreds of bills that have no business on the statute books."

Representative F. R. Seeley, Carteret County: "I hope to keep the bills I introduce so unimportant they will pass."

Representative E. H. Bain, Wayne County: "None. I don't expect to set the woods on fire. I want to do what the people desire if I can find out what that is. I want to do what we have to do and get through with it in short order."

Prize bill of the 1935 legislature was one introduced by Representative Robert Patton of Macon to move the capital of North Carolina from Raleigh to Franklin. It was not passed, and present indications are that Rep. Patton will not re-introduce it in the 1937 session.

HEN DEFIES THE LAWS

SMITHFIELD, N. C., Dec. 31—(UP)—A hen here has defied the laws of nature by over 16 years, recently celebrating her 19th birthday and bringing the total of her offspring to 700.

Despite the fact that the average life span of a fowl is from two to three years, "Old Good", as she is called by her owner, Mrs.

Regularly uses her own arrival in 1917 she has hatched a brood of chicks three times yearly, her largest brood to date numbering 81.

Willard P. Y. P. L. To Visit Kenansville

The P. Y. P. L. of the Willard Presbyterian Church will visit the Grove Presbyterian Church in Kenansville on the Fourth Sunday in January and will have charge of the program. The program will begin at 8:00 P. M. This is the first visit of this body to Kenansville and the Duplin young people are planning to give them a fine reception. All of the young people of Kenansville are planning to meet at the Presbyterian church for this program.

KENANSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Sarah Croom has returned from Burgaw, where she has been spending sometime with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reynolds have moved into the "Brinsden Bungalow" recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. P. D. May, who have returned to LaGrange.

Captain and Mrs. J. E. Jussely have returned to Charleston, S. C. after a visit here with Miss Lula Hinson and Miss Nancy Jussely.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carroll Wells made a business trip to Raleigh one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown are keeping house in Kenansville now. They occupy several rooms in the cottage where the Bendalls live, opposite J. B. Wallace.

Mesdames G. V. Gooding and A. J. Dickson went to Kinston one day last week.

AMONG THE SICK

Mesdames L. A. Beasley, E. R. Penny, C. E. Quinn and W. J. Pickett have been on the sick list recently.

Mrs. Oliver Stokes has been in the Memorial General Hospital of Kinston for treatment for several days.

D. D. McMurtry returned to his home here Saturday, after having spent several weeks in a hospital in Kinston for an arm infection, which necessitated the grafting of new skin.

Mrs. J. M. Brock has returned

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hullock of Goldsboro spent Saturday night here with Mrs. Thelma Jones.

Mrs. Noble Martin of Norfolk, Va., also Mrs. A. A. Fater, Jr., and daughter, Mark Panny visited relatives here last Saturday.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary of Grove Presbyterian Church met on Monday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. John A. Gavin. The Bible Study was read by Mrs. F. L. Goodman. The business session was presided over by Mrs. J. E. Jerritt. Others taking part in the meeting were: Mesdames E. B. Boney, G. V. Gooding, E. V. Wells, Walter Stroud and Miss Lula Hinson.

There was one visitor present, Mrs. J. E. Ujassely. Fruitcake and coffee were served at the close of the meeting.

Circle No. 2 of the Auxiliary met on Monday night at 8:00 o'clock with Miss Dorothy Wells as hostess, in the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. V. Wells. A goodly number of members were present. The Bible Study was read by Miss Christine Whaley. After an interesting business session, the hostess served tempting refreshments consisting of a salad course.

McMurtry Back Home From Hospital

Mr. A. D. McMurtry of Kenansville who has been in the Kinston Hospital for about six weeks being treated for an infection on his arm returned to his home here last week and will soon be able to be up and about his work. Mr. McMurtry was taken sick on Thanks-

Miss Margaret Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Vernon and Allie Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Bell were quietly married at the Presbyterian Church in Kenansville on Friday afternoon, January 8th. The young couple will make their home near Summerlin's Cross Roads. We send them our best wishes.

Bell-Vernon

Warning Light On Court House Square

It has been suggested that a large reflecting warning glass be placed on the south-west corner of the court house square in Kenansville would serve as a protection to cars approaching the dangerous curve in the highway at the old back corner. Such reflector would not detract from the beauty of the square.

This reflector would have to be a two way reflector so as to warn cars approaching from either direction. We would suggest that the town commissioners get in touch with the highway commission and the county commissioners and see if such means of safety can be realized.

Demonstrations in the use of peat moss on tobacco plant beds will be conducted by four Granville County farmers this season.

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