

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

HAPPENING OF INTEREST IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

## ADJOURNED IN LEE'S HONOR

Resolution Introduced for Appointment of Suffrage Committee to be Made to Speaker.

### The Senate.

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Careful study of the needs for increases in salary for various state officers and the results embodied in one bill is contemplated in a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Brock.

The senate adopted the resolution authorizing the appointment of a state memorial commission and passed several local bills.

A number of bills were received from the House and went to committee. The joint resolution inviting President Wilson to visit North Carolina went through formally with the approval of the committee on appropriations.

### The House.

The House met at ten o'clock and remained in session less than thirty minutes. Barely a quorum of members was present and several others obtained leave of absence until Tuesday morning.

Representative Pharr's bill to enable counties and cities to establish homes for fallen women was reported favorably. It is the same measure that passed last time but, when the law was printed, a typographical error reduced the amount of appropriation by counties and cities to \$1,500, when the bill intended to provide for a \$15,000 appropriation by each.

### The Senate.

Jan. 20.—The senate convened at 2:30 o'clock with President Gardner in the chair.

A joint resolution that came from the House was passed providing that when the general assembly adjourned for the day it be in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee and also providing that the Daughters of the Confederacy shall have the use of Representatives' hall for a Lee's birthday celebration.

The senate received the report of the special tax commission provided for by the last general assembly and appointed by Governor Bickett to suggest changes in the taxing system of the state.

New bills introduced in the senate: Humphrey—Provide for the state board of revaluation to discover and revalue all personal property in the state and put such property on the tax books.

Seales—Resolution for the senate to appoint a committee of five to consider all suffrage bills.

The senate adjourned to noon Tuesday.

### The House.

The house was convened at 2:30 o'clock. Representative Doughton presiding.

A joint resolution to adjourn in honor of Lee's birthday was passed and sent at once to the senate.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Darden of Halifax—Fix the compensation of members of the board of agriculture.

Dawson—Amend the law as to trials of titles to lands.

Ray, of Macon—Authorize governing bodies of towns to become members of memorial associations.

The house adjourned to 11 o'clock Tuesday.

Both houses adjourned in honor of Lee's birthday and the lawmakers joined in a Daughters of the Confederacy celebration of the day with Lieutenant Governor Gardner as the special speaker.

Jan. 12.—The Senate was in session for nearly two hours and a number of bills were introduced including Senator Cooper's measure providing for a state system of cotton warehouses and Senator Stevensons' dog statute.

Senator Davenport introduced in the Senate the same bill that came up in the House several days ago providing for the erection of a new building.

### U. S. Marshall Appointed.

Washington (Special).—Senator Simmons recommended to the department of justice the name of George H. Bellamy, of Wilmington, as marshal for the eastern district of North Carolina to succeed the late W. L. Dorth, of Goldsboro. Senator Lee S. Overman concurs in the recommendation. The job pays \$4,000 a year. The "Duke of Brunswick" is a former member of the State Senate, has served for several terms in the General Assembly of North Carolina, and has long been a valiant worker.

### Wounded Casuals Arrive.

Camp Greene.—A contingent of 20 convalescents casuals from overseas army hospitals, three of whom are North Carolinians, arrived at the base hospital at Camp Greene and will be discharged when the individual's physical condition permits. During the past 30 days about 200 convalescent soldiers have arrived at the base hospital. The latest arrivals represent the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama.

for the State Department of Agriculture not to cost more than a quarter of a million dollars.

When Representative Wilson's bill providing drastic penalties for the violation of the prohibition law in Burke county came up for its second reading, Senator Haymore asked for an explanation of its purpose, declaring that "it is so drastic that it should be in some foreign country under a monarchial form of government."

Senator Wakefield, who had objected to immediate passage, explained that after talking with Representative Wilson, who had assured him that it was desired by a majority of the best people of that county, he would withdraw his objection. The difficulty of enforcing the prohibition law in the vicinity of South Mountain was pointed out by the Senator and he asked that the bill be passed.

### The House.

Twenty-three representatives and four Senators, constituting a joint committee on Propositions and Grievances, decided to report unfavorably the Maguire bill introduced to reduce the commissions of tobacco warehousemen.

The morning session of the House was short and exceedingly orderly. Speaker Brummitt went to Chapel Hill to attend the funeral of Dean Marvin H. Stacy and Representative Grier wielded the gavel—and wield it he did. Petty measures that didn't appear to him worthy of out-of-order procedure were sent back to members and they were requested to bring them forward again in due course.

Representative Everett introduced a resolution asking for a suffrage committee to be appointed by the speaker. The body he wants created would pass upon the suffrage legislation, taking it out of the hands of the Constitutional Amendments or Judiciary committees.

Representative Cameron introduced a bill in the House to validate the Clark road act passed at the 1917 session and eliminate the objectionable features. This law, if the Cameron bill passes, can be used by the counties to raise their proportion of funds for road building and maintenance under a bill that will likely be introduced soon and will permit the counties the use of the state's credit.

A bill passed allowing jurors in capital cases \$1.50 per day without mileage where not accepted for service and \$2 per day and mileage when they serve.

### The Senate.

Jan. 23.—President Gardner convened the senate at 11 o'clock. The prayer was by Rev. Mr. Barber, rector of Christ church.

The Connor bill passed, providing changes in service of summons amending section 439 of the revisal. A feature is that officers be required to leave copies of the summons instead of merely reading the summons and that the complaint be filed before the summons is issued.

Included among bills ratified were: Invite President Wilson to visit the state; appoint North Carolina memorial building commission for erection of a memorial building to those who sacrificed their lives in the world war; Burke county bone-dry law.

Bills passed as follows:

Allow county commissioners \$3 a day.

Increase the pay of the assistant attorney general.

Amend the prohibition law so that first offenses of distilling be a misdemeanor and the second a felony.

The Saunders bill for substituting life imprisonment for the death sentence in capital punishment, came up as a special order and after lengthy discussion, passed with amendment, by Bryant, of Durham, that death sentence does not apply to cases of arson or burglary, this leaving the death sentence for first degree murder and criminal assault. Opponent of capital punishment characterized it as a relic of barbarism and patterned after the Mosaic law which, they insisted, had been superseded by the Christian principle of forgiveness.

Representative Ray, of Macon, raised notable objection to the bill as being calculated to greatly increase lynchings. He believed that it would become impossible for sheriffs and others to dissuade, in any way, mobs from efforts to lynch with all probability of the death sentence being executed removed by such a bill. He warned the lawmakers that the responsibility for such results through the state would rest with them. Public sentiment he considered to be in no mood to undertake a reform such as contemplated in the bill.

### Appointed Machinery Expert.

E. R. Rainey, county agent in Bertie county during the past two years, has been secured as farm machinery specialist of the agricultural extension service. Mr. Rainey has had considerable experience in this line of work, being a graduate in agriculture of the Mississippi A. and M. College, and taking post-graduate work in farm engineering for an additional year. After this, he was added to the Mississippi extension force, devoting the greater part of his time to advising about silo construction.

### Woman Suffrage Bill.

The bill to give the women of the state the right to vote in the legalized primaries of the state under the state-wide primary law, as agreed upon by the conference of North Carolina suffragist leaders here two weeks ago, went to the senate. It provides for an amendment to chapter 101, laws of 1915, to confer this voting privilege in selecting party nominees on the women. The suffragists agreed at the recent conference that this was all that would be asked of this legislative body.

# INFLUENZA BAD IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

POSTPONEMENT OF COURT IS MADE NECESSARY BY RAPID SPREAD OF DISEASE.

## FEW DEATHS BUT MANY SICK

In Several Houses Every Member of the Family Has Been Stricken; Only Two Cases at College.

Louisburg.—There has been no court in Franklin county this week on account of the influenza epidemic, which is rapidly spreading again all over the county. All schools have been closed for an indefinite period. At no time since the disease first appeared has there been as many cases in Louisburg, and while there have been comparatively few deaths in the town, many are very ill, and in several homes every member of the family has been stricken. At Louisburg College only two cases have developed.

### Six Bison for National Park.

Asheville.—Escorted by Martin S. Garrettson, of the American Bison society, six bison, the gift of Austin Corbin to western North Carolina, arrived and were turned loose in the Pisgah National park. The bison are from the famous herd in the Blue Mountains of New Hampshire. All the buffaloes are unusually large, five specimens, and are expected to be quite an addition to the attractions of the park. There is already a herd of elk at large in the park, and the idea is to stock it once more with big game. This country was once a favorite stamping ground for buffaloes and elk, it is explained, and with proper care, may again attain this distinction.

### Another Plan of Government.

Greensboro.—The chamber of commerce committee to work for the managerial plan of government for Greensboro has been increased to 100 members, and the first meeting of the enlarged committee has been held. Within the next day or two it is expected that the petition signed by 25 per cent of the qualified voters of the city will be with the board of elections, and it will be the duty of that board within five days of receipt of that petition to order an election in the city for the voters to determine whether or not they will retain the present commission form of government or adopt the council-manager plan. The latter method is unanimously recommended by the chamber of commerce committee.

Sentiment has not developed yet upon the question sufficiently for one to make any intelligent prediction as to the outcome. The attitude of the citizens generally seems to be that the new plan is better, but at the same time citizens are open-minded and are willing to be convinced.

### Again Serious at Hamlet.

Hamlet.—The influenza situation has again reached a serious condition in Hamlet. There are many sick. There have been a number of deaths, among them Miss Mary Louise Culbreth, one of the faculty of the graded schools. Her death occurred on Monday morning at the Hamlet hospital, and has cast a gloom over the entire town. She has been teaching in the Hamlet schools two years, and made her home while in Hamlet with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Nash. She came to Hamlet from Parkton.

### New Corporations.

Raleigh.—Certificates of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state for the following concerns to do business in North Carolina:

Spencer Lumber Company, of Gastonia, with \$300,000 authorized capital and \$80,000 subscribed.

Kincaid Swain Furniture Company, of Asheville, with \$25,000 authorized capital and \$6,000 subscribed.

Charters of the Linn Mills Co., of Landis was amended to increase the capital stock to \$250,000 with privilege of going to \$500,000.

### Young on Trail.

Asheville.—Following the failure of regular army men to round up Geo. Crawley, army deserter and alleged murderer, S. Glenn Young, famous for his ability to track down deserters, has been ordered to take the trail of Crawley and his two companions, Decatur Crawley and Plane Stewart, who are supposed to be hiding in the mountains near Murfreesboro. Mr. Young, who has rounded up 50 deserters here recently, will take the trail of the Georgia outlaws in his own way.

### Female Fire Brigade.

Boone.—There was a near fire at the Appalachian Training school in the old Academy building. By some means a spark got to the roof and when discovered a blaze had started in the garret. Fortunately the young ladies were at their domestic science class, and when informed of the fire they all came with various vessels of water, and the few boys who were available did their part well, and thereby the aid of the heroic girls the fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

# BRONZE TABLET FOR BATH

Oldest Town in State to Commemorate Its History by Erection of Tablet of Enduring Bronze.

Raleigh.—The bronze tablet to be erected at Bath, the oldest town in North Carolina, to commemorate its history for future generations, has been received in Raleigh before shipment to Bath. It is now on exhibition in one of the windows of Mahler Sons. It is being erected by the North Carolina Historical Commission and board of commissioners of Beaufort county.

A brief history of this ancient town is emblazoned in large letters on the tablet. It is as follows:

"Bath, originally the Indian town of Pamptocough, was settled by white men about 1690 and incorporated in 1705. It is the oldest town in North Carolina. Its first commissioners were John Lawson, Joe Martin and Simon Alderson. Here was founded in 1700 the first public library in the colony. St. Thomas' church, built in 1734, is the oldest church in the State. The General Assembly met in Bath in 1774 and 1752."

### Tobacco Market to Close.

Kinston.—The tobacco market here will be closed for the season February 14. The season's totals of pounds will pass the 24,000,000 mark, and the monetary value will be around \$10,000,000, a sum several times as large as that for any pre-war season. The local market was congested at times during the first months of the season, and restrictions were imposed by the board of trade.

### Attacked by Pet Hog.

Asheville.—Attacked by a pet hog, one hand chewed off and the other lacerated and finally dragged into the yard by the hog, was the babe of an infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Will Birdgeon, living between Tryon and Landrum, according to a special dispatch received here. The mother had left the child in the house and hearing it scream, rushed back, only to find it lying in the yard where it had been dragged by the hog.

### Popular in Mecklenburg.

Charlotte.—The sixth block of the Mecklenburg Co-operative Jersey Breeders' Association was organized by County Demonstration Agent Chas. E. Miller at Matthews, a full membership being taken by the farmers of that township.

"That interest is keen in the formation of the association in the county," said Mr. Miller, "is proven by the fact that, when I went to Paw Creek for the purpose of taking orders for nitrate, the farmers of that place requested that a Jersey block be organized there, and before night I had enough members in Paw Creek to add another block to the organization."

### Traveling Bar Rooms.

Salisbury.—A traveling bar room struck town and was evidently preparing to do a good business when federal officers were put neck and soon had the stock in trade locked up in the federal building. One C. W. Jobson, of Baltimore, who was caught with the goods, was bound over to court by U. S. Commissioner Ray and, being unable to give bond, is being held in jail. Jobson and two companions arrived on the through train from the north with eight suit cases. Five of the suitcases, which were registered with the hotel, were handled by a hotel porter but three, which were fitted up with compartments, each of which held a pint of whiskey, were handled by the traveling men personally. In the night when the officers found something like 30 quarts.

### Plan to Meet the 30th.

Lenoir.—A number of Caldwell county men are planning to go to Charlotte, N. C., as a reception committee from this county to meet the 30th division when it arrives. Battery F, 113th Field Artillery, of that division, is made up almost wholly of Caldwell county boys. The battery was recruited here early in the summer of 1917 and trained at Camp Sevier. The battery made an enviable record when the Americans made their first drive in the St. Mihiel salient.

### Citizens to Co-Operate.

Salisbury.—The Rowan county board of health decided not to issue a closing order on account of the influenza situation. Instead of closing up business and preventing gatherings, the board, it is understood, will issue an earnest appeal to physicians and citizens to co-operate in making successful the present house quarantine which is admitted to have been a failure for lack of co-operation. The board's meeting was secret and it was decided to issue an official communique.

### Cotton May Go Lower.

Wilmington.—W. H. Sprunt, of Alexander Sprunt & Son, cotton exporters, does not look for high prices in cotton during this season, and in fact wouldn't be surprised to see lower prices than now obtain, though he does not believe they will go below 20 cents. Both domestic manufacturers and foreign demand are sluggish. War conditions still obtain in Europe and while the world is terribly short, Mr. Sprunt foresees small activity in overseas shipment until after peace is declared.

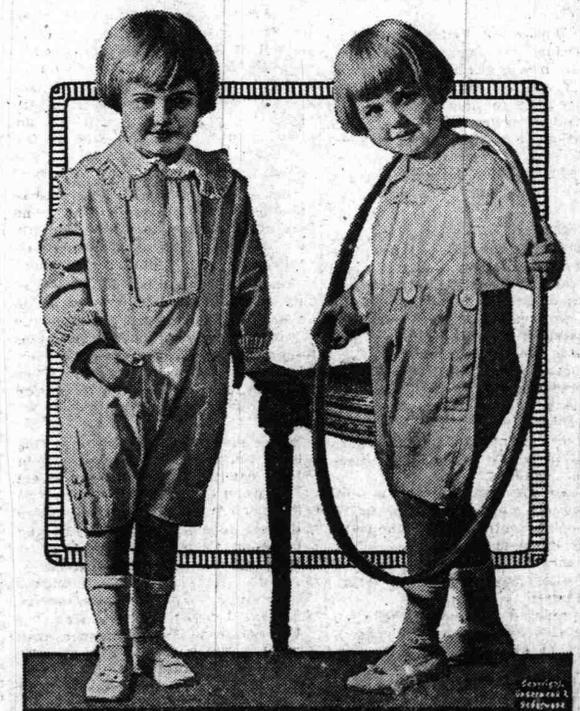
# Of Chantilly Lace and Black Satin



No matter what gay colors may express the jubilant mood of women who are once more indulging themselves in dinner and evening gowns, black satin remains the most certain of admiration. Its distinction and its becomingness are so well recognized that the gown of black satin is a matter of course in the smart woman's wardrobe; she would not consider herself outfitted without one or two of them. It is the most versatile of fabrics. Given rich black satin and fine chantilly lace, the best of designers will begin at once to dream dreams which no color could inspire.

Lucille has just recently turned out the enchanting dinner dress which is pictured here. It is an after-the-war inspiration, with a hint of the "submarine" silhouette—for which we shall have to find another name since no one wishes to think of submarines now. It widens at the hips and narrows at the ankles in the graceful way dear to the heart of Lucille when she puts her mind upon picturesque gowns.

# Wash Suits for Little Chaps



Mothers who are in quest of something new in clothes for the little chap of three or four years might consider the two little Oliver Twist suits pictured on the engaging little fellow above. The suit at the left is in blue chambray with waist of white lawn, and whether it is intended to make the little boy look girlish or to make a little girl look boyish, is a question that only its designer can settle. The square cutout in the front of the little garment reveals a lawn blouse having collar and cuffs edged with a knife-plaited ruffle. These frills, and the little French knots and ornamental stitches at the neck opening, are rather unusual on boy's togs. But there are shallow, slit pockets at each side, set at a boyish angle. Clothes so indefinite in character might be conveniently interchangeable in a large family. The suit at the right has a decidedly masculine air and leaves no doubt in the mind as to the intention of its designer. It has trousers of light green linen with small pearl buttons set on the outside seam at the bottom of each leg—just like a big boy. These trousers button to a white waist with large pearl buttons, calculated to fill the heart of any little chap with joy if their gorgeousness is pointed out to him. The collar of the blouse is made of green linen like the trousers and it has a scalloped edge, button-holed in white. There are cuffs to match it. Of course so much daintiness and splendor combined were never intended for ordinary wear. But when one is all dressed up for a great occasion, as a birthday party or Sunday school or going visiting, such finery gives a satisfied feeling and makes one remember to behave.

Julia Bonamy