

HAPPENING OF INTEREST IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

BE EXTENDED

Brown Bill, For the Calling of a Constitutional Convention Passed By Senate Without Opposition.

Raleish .- The following is a brief resume of work of a general nature done by the General Assembly during a period of one week:

#### Senate and House.

Feb. 28.4-The senate passed the Brown bill for calling a constitutional onvention, the vote being unanimous. and then after discussion passed on both second and third readings, by roll call vote, the Doughton bill from to the constitution.

The house had a long discussion of the McCoin-Mull road bill and the Stacy substitute from the senate offered by Representative Poole as a substitute for the house bill and then took recess to 7:30 to take a soon start for threshing out the differences among members as to this road legis-Tation

Senator Gray offered in the renate and Representative Doughton in the house the Gray-Doughton bill that has joint finance committee for making a full-value assessment of all real estate in North Carolina this year and share the tax. calling a special session of the legislature in May or June next for fixing a lower tax rate that will correspond with the increased assessments.

# Senate.

ate was rejected and the Redwine bil was adopted. This is based strictly on the county

basis, in that it provides that all automobile license tares shall go back to the counties from which it comes except 10 per cent as cost of "ollection. Then the county meets the federal-aid terms with the co-operation of the state highway commission on a fifty-fifty basis.

House.

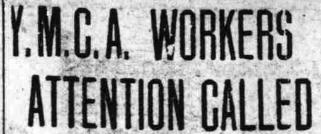
March 4 .- The Pharr-Matthews of Bertie, statewide road bill for availing the state of the full federal aid in highway construction, was adopted by the house as a substitute for the Redwine bill that had been adopted, in committee of the whole, and then a duplicate of the Pharr-Matthews bill that had been introduced, was given second reading to give the measure that much further start in its passage, being a roll call measure that must have three separate readings in each house.

### Senate and House.

March 5 .- The house took up the Bryant school board bill as a special order today and passed it by a large majority. Under the bill about 25 counties will have three Democratic and two Republican members and the M. C. A. other two Democrats and one Republican to be appointed by the legislathe house for an income amendment ture, the right to elect being taken from the six counties that have for some time held the privilege of elections.

In passing the senate bill for state system of cotton storage warehouses on final reading today, the house voted down an amendment offered by Poole, of Montgomery, for limiting the 25 cents a bale tax to the cotton stored, instead of applying it to all cotton baled. The amendment was voted down after an appeal against the amendment by Grant, of New Hanthe unanimous indorsement of the over, the purpose of the measure being to maintain cotton prices by gradual marketing, so all cotton should

Senator Lovell offered in the senate the Confederate pension bill, carrying \$650,000 instead of the \$500,000 heretofore provided for the old soldiers. The bill was given immediate March 1.-The Senate worked in passage and sent by special messen-



HARLOTTE MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE ADVANCE A NEW PROPOSITION.



A Conference of Entire Membership of the State Executive Committee

Charlotte. - The addition to the state executive staff of the North Carolina Young Men's Christian association of a county work secretary was recommended by . the Charlotte nembers of the state excentive committee at a conference at the local Y.

A conference of the entire state executive committee of the association will he called to meet in Charlotte at an early date to discuss and plan for the work of the North Carolina association during this year. Ten of the members of the state executive committee reside in other cities.

The plan of organization for the state work and the scope of work to be undertaken this year were discussed by those at the conference.

The need for a county work secretary was considered urgent; such a secretary would have charge of the organization of the counties in Y.'M. C. A. work.

Two Women on Board. Raleigh. - The Raleigh Township Board now has two won en members, Mrs. W. A. Upchurch and Mrs. W. B. Grimes having been elected by the City Commissioners.

# POLK COUNTY NEWS, TRYON, N. C.



The council has adopted Premier

territory. The subject has already been discussed recently.

most of it of little public importance. The bill guaranteeing to teachers a minimum salary to teachers and providing a county budget system, which was passed by the House by a unanimons vote, went through the Senate with but one negative vote. Senator Haymore saw danger to local self government in having salaries fixed in Raleigh and opposed the adoption of the measure.

#### House.

Ten Republicans and eight Democrats voted in favor of the bill to prevent railroads from employing illiterate trainmen, which came to the floor on a minority report signed by Mr. Williams and advocated by himself and Poole, of Montgomery. This bill. defeated by a vote of 52 to 18, evoked the rankest floor discussion the House has witnessed, with J. Frank Ray bitterly attacking the bill and assailing the motive behind the insistance that took the bill away from a 20 to 1 unfavorable report and placed it before the House for discussion. During his assault on the bill he thundered at Poole: "Sit down, I don't want to hear from you!"

When Mr. Williams asked him if he wasn't himself a railroad attorney, he dubbed the minority leader "a chicken headed whipper snapper."

#### Senate and House.

March 3.-Governor Bickett .went before a joint session of the senate and house to plead for the enactment of the Mull-McCoin state highway bill in preference to any other road measure pending. He declared against any riad bond issue by the state at this time, insisting that the people should be heard before such a step is taken. The senate passed a committee substitute for the Wright resolution. introduced the second day of the session, for an investigation of fire insurance rates in North Carolina.

The senate passed the Humphrey-Stevens bill to restrict the sale of revolvers, knucks and daggers and the like, by requiring would-be purchasers to have a permit from the clerk of the county court.

The house was in committee of the members as to the state-wide road | tions. legislation pending, the, net outcome the Scales Stevens bill from the sen-

Hot Indictment of Apex. "A section where blockade whiskey

serious fashion for four hours and ger to the house. It develops that sent through a mass of legislation. about \$750.000 will be available for pensions annually under the new appropriations bill.

> Representative Grant, of New Hanover, closed the argument in the house on the issue of suffrage for women in municipal elections. It was to Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, who was the Everett bill that was up as a snecial order and Grant's was a really forceful and eloquent presentation of man's self-constituted lordship of all things, including woman, and declaration of what he conceived to be her equal right to a voice in governmental affairs, particularly the modest share of vote in municipal elections as provided in the bill.

However, the majority was dead against the measure and the roll cal vote showed 49 for and 54 against.

### Senate and House.

March 6.- A heroic effort is being made to reach some definite settlement of the differences as to statewide road legislation for federal aid. and Senator Stevens submitted a resolution providing that the legislature remain in session 10 days over time if necessary to secure adequate road legislation. He urged immediate adoption, but the measure went over with the expectation that there would be definite developments then that would indicate the time necessary for perfecting an acceptable road bill.

The house passed without a dissent ing vote the bill for a complete revaluation of all real properties in the state at actual money value, this work to be accomplished during the next year under the direction of the state tax commission and to take, the place of the regular quadrennial revaluation that was scheduled for the coming summer.

The senate passed a bill to prohibit telephone companies from converting intra-state messages into interstate messages; also a bill to prevent school teachers from infecting pupils with tuberculosis.

The senate decided not to further consider the Connor bill for election of a woman suffrage amondment to the constitution, since the house voted whole in the afternoon until 7 o'clock. down the Everett bill to give women threshing out the differences among the right to vote in municipal elec-

Next, the house took up the Neal heing that the Stacey substitute for child labor bill and, after a brief discussion, it received the unanimous

### To Borrow Only \$1,000,000.

By making available the remaining amounts of the three million dollar is. former resident of this city, who kill-

Mrs. Upchurch succeeds herself and her election was unanimous following nomination by Commissioner Mooneyham. Mrs. Grimes succeeds B. F. Monague, resigned. She was nominated by Mayor Johnson and received two votes while the other vote went

nominated by Commissioner Pace. The term of each expires March 1 1925. The election of two women to membership on the board came as no sur-

prise. Some time ago, the Woman's Club asked the commissioners for this recogniation. The club had succeeded in having Mrs. Upchurch elected last fall when the request for two women members was first made. When the bill to elect the school board members by vote was tabled in the General Assembly Mayor Johnson stated that the commissioners would accede to the desire of the women.

Prize Commemorative Tablet. Winston-Salem. - Colonel F. H. Fries, of Winston-Salem, who was state director of the North Carolina War Savings committee last year, and who offered a bronze commemorative tablet to the school in North Carolina making the best showing in the amount saved per capita \*hrough the purchase of thrift and war savings stamps, has requested the teachers of the state to report to him not later than March 15 the number of thrift and war savings stamps bought by their pupils during 1918.

Money For Anti-Malaria Crus-de. Wilmington .- The city council has appropriated \$5,000 to supplement \$5. 009 given by the county commissioners, to meet a sum of \$10,000 offered by the government to complete the anti-malaria and mosquito work conducted here during the past year by United tSates public health service men at a cost of \$30.000, which was equally borne by the city and county.

Eight Cases Smallpox Discovered. Kinston .- Eight cases of smallbox have been discovered by the health bureau on a farm at Fields' Station. a few miles from here. Three cases are in the active stage. All occurred in two colored families. These are the first cases of the disease in this vicinity during the present winter. Several winters ago smallpox was prevalent in the section.

Convicted of Wife Murder. Wilmington .- Charles E. Scherer composing the field artillery brigade firing center now at the camp. A large proportion of the property comes from Camp McClellan.

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though a considerable amount of the

Included in the ordnance being re ceived are howitzers and three-inch and 3.8 light artillery guns. Other material consists of caissons, tractors, trucks of various makes, ammunition, trucks, office material, harness, range finding instruments, mapping boards, a large amount of miscellaneous field artillery material, and several auto mobiles.

### Did Not Threaten Wilson.

Winston-Salem. - Gatther Hamby who was arrested several weeks ago on a charge made under the espionage act, charging him with threaten ing the life of Presdent Wilson, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Beckerdite, who after hearing the evidence for and against the defendant dismissed the matter, thereby completely exonerating Mr.

Hamby. The complaint was sent here from Wisconsin. The defendant was given a "clean bill" regarding his character by several witnesses and depositions read from reputable citizens of Wisconsin were regarded by no means complimentary to some parties who were responsible for the charge.

Statesville District Collections. Statesville.-During February Col lector Watts, of this district, collected \$4,766,325.90 in internal revenue taxes as follows: Tobacco. \$4,474.040.76 income taxes. \$241.053.62; admissions and dues, \$15,123.37; manufactures. \$12.054.32; public utilities. \$10.515.53 documentary stamps. \$6,721.16; insur ance policies, \$3.453.21; estate tax, \$2,320.52; fines and penalties. \$692.01; liquor license, \$187.50; capital stock tax. \$65.50; emergency taxes, \$56.05; oleomargerine license, \$26.75.

### Memorial to War Heroes.

Durham.-Durham representatives from various classes of Trinity College held a meeting here and decided upon the erection of a \$75,000 gymnasium building as a memorial to former Trinity students who died in the war as well as to those who were in service. An organization for raising the money, headed by Mayor M. E. Newsom, of this city. president of the alumni, was perfected.

Mrs. Thos. Lingle Honored. Chapel Hill .- Mrs. Thomas W. Lingle, adviser to women students at

material is for utilization by the units | ishment until a fair trial had been given; neither could the avenger cross over the threshold of the city to touch a hair of the one who had taken refuge in it.

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3. The right of fair trial (v. 6). This provision of mercy made it so that the refugee could be safe while careful investigation was made as to whether he had killed "unwittingly" or by wicked purpose. If it should be proved that the man was guilty of murder he was delivered over by the authorities to the avenger of blood that justice might be done.

4. The innocent slayer must remain in the city (v. 6). Even though the trial should exonerate him from incentional killing, yet he must remain in the city in order to be saved. So grave is the act of taking a human life that even the innocent man was obliged to be separated from his home and friends at least until the death of the high priest. This deprivation enforced the obligation to shield life.

III. The Appointment of the Cities of Refuge (20:7-9).

1. On the west side of Jordan (v. 7). (1) Kedesh in Naphtali on the north; (2) Shechem in Mt. Ephraim in the center; (3) Hebron in the south.

2. On the east side of Jordan (v. 8), (1) Golan in Bashan on the north; (2) Ramoth-Gilead in Gad in the ceater: (3) Bezer in Reuben in the south. In this distribution there was a place of safety.accessible to all. These cities were not only in rach, but good roads. well marked, led to them so that the refugee might reach a place of safety before being overtaken (Deut. 19).

This beautifully illustrates the refuge which the sinner has in Christ: (1) It's necessity. Since by accident or wicked purpose men did kill, in order to be saved from the avenger these cities of necessity were appointed. All have sinned and are exposed to the wrath of God, therefore if any be saved a place of safety must be provided in Christ. (2) This provision was by divine appointment. "Of him are ye in Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:30). (3) The cities were accessible to all. They were so distributed that wherever the unfortunate circumstance should occur the slayer could flee to the city before being overtaken. Christ is not far off. The Bible shows what great effort God makes to save men. (4) The one who fled to the city was secure. The avenger did not dare cross over the threshold of the city. Every one who is in Christ is secure. No one can lay anything to the charge of God's elect. (5) The individual must flee to the city. The manslayer

Lloyd George's plans for regulaitng the future military strength of Germany. according to the minister who confirmed the fact that this involves the abandonment of conscription in favor of a small professional army.

TERRIBLE PICTURE IS DRAWN OF CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA

Washington .- David R. Francis, who went to Russia as American ambassador in 1916 before the overthrow of the monarchy and who remained there until after the bolshevists had seized the government, in testifying before the senate committee investigating lawless propaganda, warned that should the bolshevists be permitted to remain in power all Russia would be exploited by the Germans. Within 10 years under such conditions, he said. Germany would be the victor of the war in that the nation would be stronger in every way than it was in 1914.

He painted a vivid picture of the terror that reigns and told of one instance where the gutters from-a courtvard in Petrograd actually ran with blood from the victims of the bolshevists. Many were killed without even charges being made against them and on several occasions, the ambassador aserted, wholesale killings were indulged in. He said more than five hundred innocent hostages were killed at one time, and his observation of conditions and affairs in Russia led him to believe the bolshevists in their every-day practices committed excesses far beyond even the wildest dreams of anarchists.

### AMERICAN SHIPS NOW CARRY PRODUCTS TO END OF EARTH

Washington .- For the first time since the days of the famous "Clipper" ships. American merchant craft now are plying the seven seas, carrying products of the United States to the farthest corners of the earth and bringing home both essentials and luxuries.

The shipping board announced that the American merchant marine fleet, built up under the spur of war's necessity, now represented nearly onefifth of the entire sea-going tonnage of the world and comprised 46 per cent of all ships clearing from United States ports, as compared with 9.7 per cent before the great war,

NO RADICAL CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION OF LEAGUE

is distilled night and day; where it is retailed and wholesaled, to be distributed in Raleigh and Durham principally; where drunken crowds revel in scenes bordering on rioting have stirthan 20 miles of the Capital of North | mittee of the joint appropriations com-Carolina, was pictured in Superion mittee and it was approved by the en-Court at the trial of Joe Baldwin.

Extends Time for Making Returns.

sues of two years ago, it is believed that the State can get along for the next two years for permanent improveautos week days and Sundays; where ments by borrowing only a million dollars. It is thought best to borrow the law-abiding people into pas- this on short-time notes, so that if a sionate appeals for relief through the surplus arises some of the money can courts." Thus Apex. a town in the be paid back without issuing bonds. western part of Wake county, less | This was the report of the sub-comtire committee.

## Bellamy Has No Plans.

On account of unavoidable delays in When Marshal Bellamy assumes of forms and regulations and great fice, one of the first things to receive anxiety among taxpayers, the Bureau, his attention will be the appointment of Internal Revenue has decided that of a chief deputy. Department of Juscollectors will accept as sufficient rea- tice officials, in approving Mr. Belson for extending for 45 days time for lamy's nomination, requested that W. filing complete income tax and excess T. Woodley, now acting United States profits returns of individuals and cor- marshal and former chief deputy to porations the statement that the tax- the late W. T. Dortch, be retained as payer is unable by March 15 to execute . chief deputy under the new marshal and file complete return, provided in Mr. Woodley, however, has other every case the taxpayer pays on or plans. Mr. Bellamy made known ho before March 15 at least 25 per cent plans in regard to the selection of b" of estimated amount of tax due. office personnel.

ed his wife in Pittsburgh April 27. 1918, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree in that city. Scherer is alleged to have been intensely jealous of his wife and his fatal attack with a pistol is attributed to this cause. He was suspected of being the murderer of Neal Walton. a young man of this city. who was shot and killed in company with a young woman in a suburb of the city on the night of April 11, 1917.

Evidence in Action Demurred. / Charlotte .- Because attorneys for the plaintiff in the suit now being heard before Judge Adams, in civil court, of the city of Charlotte against John B. Alexander, in which the city seeks to recover \$7.504.08 for paving work done on stretches of streets in Elizabeth heights, were unable to produce newspaper advertisments for hids for the paving work. Attorney E. T. Cansler, for the defendant, made motion that the evidence the plaintiff had presented he demurred. Judge Adams overruled the motion.

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the University of North Carolina and prominently and actively identified with women's club work throughout the country has been signally honored in her appointment as national director of the country-wide thrift campaign for the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles. of California, is president of the General Federation. Mrs. Lingle will appoint a chairman in each state of the union.

Jersey Makes Fine Record. Charlotte .- Tests of a herd of Jersey cattle belonging to M. N. Coleman of Mecklenburg county, developed that one cow gave 1,023 pounds of milk during the month of Vebruary, which, County Farm Demonstrator Charles E. Miller said, is an exceptional record for a Jersey cow. Tests of Jersey cattle are to be made by Mr. Miller in several herds in the near future. The 1.028 pounds of milk, it was figured, amounts to about 119 gallons for the

gallons a day.

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would be exposed to danger if he remained at home or outside of the city. The sinner, if he would be saved, must come to Christ. There is no place of safety for those who remain away. The safety 'a Christ is even more vita! than that in these cities. To him the guilty c.u flee with the assurance of safety.

### The Only Riches. The only riches one possesses in what one gives -- Martialia

An Inch of Rain, An inch of rain coming down on a single acre of ground would fill more than 600 barrels of 45 gallons capacity each. This amount of water would weigh more than 110 tons, or nearly a quarter of a million pounds.

### Handling Potatoes.

Potatoes should be handled carefully and not as though they were cobblestones. The potato is a living thing, with a protective skin, which 28 days of last month, or about 4% it is able to keep intact if it has a fair chance

On Board U. S. S. George Washing-.on.-The impression gathered by those who have come into contact with Presdent Wilson is that the opposition which has developed to the league of nations covenant has not caused him to decide that any radical changes are necessary. I t is recognized changes in phraseology and minor particulars are possible, but President Wilson is not looking for any fundamental alteration.

RAILWAY SHOP EMPLOYES ASKING FOR HIGHER WAGES

Washington. - Several hundred thousand rairoad shop emplioves have asked the ralroad administration to increase their wages about 25 per cent. The board of railroad wages and working conditions has agreed tentatively to hear their case.

The shop trade employes who were given one wage advance last year in addition to the general increass in pay, now ask that the basic rate per hour be changed from 68 to 85 cents.