

Bill Violates "Gentlemen's Agreement"

State Newspaper Man Comments On Senate Bill No. 242

Long's Name Was First On List Of The "Gentlemen's Agreement" Two Years Ago Which Senate Bill No. 242 Would Undo

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EDITOR'S NOTE—Herewith is printed a report on the legislative action last week on Senate Bill No. 242 by M. R. Dunnagan. Mr. Dunnagan is staff correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, and Raleigh representative of several state newspapers. He perhaps controls more publicity than any other man in the state.

Raleigh, March 2nd.—"Senatorial Courtesy": that indefinable something which a group of legislators extend to one of their number to allow him to do something which he may desire, even though it is against the expressed and emphatic wishes of 90 per cent of the affected constituents.

Example: Senator T. W. M. Long introduced in the Senate last week a bill to extend the corporate limits of Roanoke Rapids to take in several pieces of mill property, around and beside which the earlier villages, now thriving town of Roanoke Rapids had been built. The mill plants are within the boundaries of the school district and pay 76 per cent of the taxes for the school operation. They are in the water and sewer district and pay 70-odd per cent of the cost of the water and sewer district costs. The mill villages, homes of operatives, are within the limits of the corporation, paying 26 per cent of the corporate tax.

By a gentleman's agreement two years ago, the limits were extended to take in Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids, leaving out the several mill plants, a bill being introduced and passed by Senator Long then, subject to a referendum vote of the people. The election carried about 20 to one. Senator Long's name was the first on the list to the "gentleman's agreement". Now he has a bill, SB 242, which would undo the "gentlemen's agreement" and take the mill property into the corporate limits—without a vote of the people.

The mill owners, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association, the Kiwanis Club, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Woman's Club—all of the community interests—were present, about 200 strong, opposing the Long bill, saying 90 per cent or more of the people affected are against it. They asked for nothing more than that an amendment be added to permit their to vote on the proposal in a city election.

By Senatorial Courtesy, the Senate committee on Counties, Cities and Towns voted eight to two in favor of Senator Long's bill, without the referendum asked for by his constituents, although not a word was uttered in favor of the bill and Senator Long, a member, did not attend the executive session in which the vote was cast.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of B. S. Hawkins who died April 22, 1932. It's been nearly a year since he was called away
From his dear wife and two sons and one daughter.
It grieves us to know that he has gone to stay;
He has gone from earth to Heaven;
He was loving, kind and true,
As long as life memory last we will always think of you.
WIFE AND CHILDREN

Mrs. T. W. M. Long is spending several days in Portsmouth.

AT COLTRANE HALL

A George Washington Bridge Party was given Saturday evening by Miss Ruth Chapman and Miss Omara Daniel at Coltrane Hall, when they were hostess to their bridge club and several additional guests. Flags were used throughout the living room with pleasing effect. Places for playing were found at six tables by attractive tallies. The high score club prize was won by Miss Virginia Blount who was given a picture. Visitors high score was won by Miss Mary B. Cannon who was also given a prize and Mrs. Paul Reid was given a low score prize. A sweet course was served and on each plate were attractive George Washington favors. Those playing: Misses Vernie Eddins, Carrie Smith, Martha Craddock, Hart Sheridan, Martha Carson, Virginia Gates, Susan Womble, Eunice Hoyle, Virginia Blount, Sara Gurdley, Ada Edwards, Aileen, Sara and Mary Cannon, Elizabeth Tait, Josephine and Cassie Carty. Mesdames N. J. Northington, Clarence Grimmer, W. S. Dean, Paul Reid, George Hayes, Ben Iseal of Weldon and Mrs. Cheek.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Johnson of Greenville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edmonds.

William Payne Edmonds is spending some time with friends in Greenville.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

The following program was given at the Young People's meeting Sunday evening, February 19, 1933.

A song was sung by the entire group after which the devotional was conducted by Laura Alice Crawley. Next a reading was given by Julian Shaw and this was followed by a piano solo by Dorothea Matthews. The next was a quartette by Louise Mystice and Elaine Liles and Kathleen Heptinstall. After a reading by Kathleen Hepstinsall, Mr. Carlisle dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Miss Catherine Hall spent the week-end at her home in Scotland Neck.

HAWKINS CHAPEL

Mrs. C. C. Woodruff spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Pittard.

Messrs. Edward Greene and Ambrose Pittard spent a few days last week in Norfolk on business.

Mr. Henry Fowler made a business trip to Richmond on Friday.

Bert Butts, of Heathsville spent the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. R. E. Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cullom and little son, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keeter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderton and children, spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. Willie Mitchell.

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
Misses Elva Kendrick and Donie Crouch were hostesses to the Young Woman's Auxiliary at the home of Miss Kendrick on Tuesday evening. In the absence of the president, Miss Audrey Cook presided. The topic was "Christian Giving." At the close of the program, refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames George Pappendick, B. O. Cooper, Edward Smoot, A. O. George, Misses Ella Brown, Annie Hancock, Audrey Cook, Lucille Davis, Katie Harris, Mina Robinson, Elva Kendrick, Dovie Crouch, Edith Davis and Alice Kinker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baird spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burnette near Garysburg.

Wylie Hawkins spent the week-end at White Plains, Va. with his parents.



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