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ASSEMBLY KILLS BOND ISSUE BILL

Several Important Measures Before The Legislature During Past Week

IGHT SECRET BALLOT

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RALEIGH, March 4.—Uncertain to what it wanted to do the general assembly of this week when it decried out of hand the bill to provide bonds totalling nearly two million dollars for permanent improvements at State institutions. This was the highlight of the week several important measures were before the legislature. Chief among these was Governor Gardner's bill to make appointive the offices of commissioner of labor and mining, revenue and insurance commissioners and head of the department of agriculture. At the same time the governor recommended transfer of certain printing to the jurisdiction of a purchasing agent from the department of labor and printing. He also got a bill through to create an assistant to the governor to take the place of the pardons commissioner and to help him in other ways, and recommended a permanent tax commission.

After a tremendous fight on schools the MacLean eight months bill was substituted by another which will not require a sales tax for its support but will reduce land taxes. As to what it will do to the school system is a problem, but apparently the chief idea of the legislature in considering school bills was to study them from the standpoint of taxation and not education.

Defeat A Surprise

The defeat of the bond issue for permanent improvements was a tremendous surprise. It was headed for success when Mr. Mull of Shelby said he did not approve of bond issues at present and voted against it. Mr. Mull being a strong leader close to Governor Gardner, the house was stamped and defeated the bill out of hand. Then the governor issued a statement condemning the act of the legislature and Mr. Mull moved for reconsideration of the vote, which will be taken up this week. The chances are it will be deposed on the calendar and will be passed.

The governor's bill to provide for the short ballot by eliminating from elections all except constitutional offices probably will meet with success. It has been urged in some quarters for several years on the theory that the governor ought to select his own cabinet. While the measure does not quite that far, at the same time it provides for filling some important offices through appointment. The assistant to the governor will do a lot of stuff that heretofore has been handled by the pardon commissioner, and he will get a much larger salary for his work. Just exactly what his duties will be outside of handling pardons has not been explained but it is said that Governor Gardner favors the new law.

Tries To Kill Bill

The house sub-committee tried desperately during this past week to destroy the Australian ballot bill by amending it to such an extent that it would virtually be of no use at all. The full committee, however, cast aside the amendments recommended and probably will return the bill to the house but little changed from when received. It is predicted that it will have a hard time getting by but the influence of the governor and the pressure of public opinion are two elements making for its passage.

The second police pension bill to come before the legislature was withdrawn by its proponent, Representative Younce of Guilford after appeared that the bill had no chance to pass. Then he introduced a police pension bill applying only to Guilford county which was immediately killed after two other Guilford delegates took the floor against it. The senate took a great forward step, and one which was long advocated by this writer when commissioner of labor and printing, when it passed the workmen's compensation bill and sent it to the house. The bill deals fairly with employe and employer and is the fruit of a long fight by its friends, extending over several years.

Governor At Washington
Governor Gardner left the city last Saturday for Washington where
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State Quint Wins Championship Of South At Atlanta

Auditorium, Atlanta, March 5.—The Wolfpack of N. C. State College is the new basketball champion of the Southern Conference.

The Raleigh quint defeated Duke University, 44 to 35, tonight in the all-North Carolina finals of the ninth annual Conference basketball tournament.

The close of the tournament found none of North Carolina's entries beaten by teams of other States as the third Old North State entry, its University, lost to Duke in second round play.

New Books Added At The Weldon Library

During the month of February several volumes of fiction were added at the Weldon library, Miss Virginia Lockhart, librarian, announced this week. Among the books added were:

"Pedar Victorious," O. E. Rolvay; "The Masked Man," Gaston Leroux; "Maree Maria," Sophie Kerr; "The Case With Nine Solutions," J. J. Connington; "Crippled Lady of Peribonka," James Oliver Curwood; "Eye of Osiris," R. Austin Freeman; "Gold Bullets," Charles G. Booth; "Good Red Bricks," Mary Synon; "Hundrum House," Jeannette Phillips Gibbs; "Last September," Elizabeth Bowen.

"Sentinel of the Desert," Jackson Gregory; "Singing Gold," Dorothy Cottrell; "Valley of Olympus," Octavius Cohen; "Wings of Healing," Helen R. Martin; "Accident," Arnold Bennett.

Mother Appreciates Scoutmaster Moore

Appreciating the work of Scoutmaster Moore of Weldon, a mother this week sent to The Roanoke News for publication, the following article:

Here's to Mr. Moore, scoutmaster; may his energy never cease nor his enthusiasm grow dim. Our scoutmaster is young enough to be a boy again, and yet, old enough to be an adviser and leader for the boys between the ages of 12 and 18.

Some of us, mothers and fathers, want to say a word in appreciation of his work with our boys. We who have had experience in dealing with boys of this age know that it is a restless, developing, energetic age in which the youths are neither children nor yet men and it is the time in which boys need the direction and leadership of a man of Mr. Moore's type. We have felt this need for some time; now we find the answer in Mr. Moore.

We believe our boys will make better men having been under the influence of such a scoutmaster. We thank you, Mr. Moore.

Police Recover Dr. Mitchell's New Car

Quick work on the part of local police recovered a stolen car and landed three men, giving their residences as Philadelphia, in the Halifax county jail where they are awaiting trial at the next term of Halifax county Superior Court.

A new Dodge sedan, the property of Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, was stolen on Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock from in front of the postoffice. The machine was found at Pleasant Hill, Va., about 6:30 the same afternoon. Three strangers were charged with the theft. They were brought to Weldon for a preliminary hearing and later sent to Halifax county jail.

Bloodhounds Fail To Find Ham Stealers

Bloodhounds rushed from Enfield failed to find the thieves who entered J. P. Holoman's smokehouse on Friday night and stole several hams. The trail led to the home of a negro and to the local oil mill but the men who made away with the hams were not caught.

A modern one-man cotton gin can duplicate the effort of 28,000 slaves in the old days.

Electric arc welding is being used as a substitute for rivets in building construction.

NEW PRESIDENT



The above is a recent picture of Herbert Hoover, Republican candidate, who on Monday became President of the United States. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice William Howard Taft. In spite of a heavy rain thousands witnessed the ceremony.

Dr. Crane Tells Why Young Men Should Attend C. M. T. C.

WINSTON-SALEM, March 12.—Why send my boy to C. M. T. camp? Doctor Frank Crane's answer to this hits the bulls eye.

"I am not one of those who run away with catch words, and see red at a war cry.

"I am an incurable pacifist and utterly opposed to that old system under which the governments of the world still function, the system that renders rival armies and navies a necessity.

"But for all that I believe the army and navy be retained by every nation, not so much as a defense, but as furnishing the best machinery of education.

"I believe in military training not only for every boy but for every girl.

"This military training in no sense implies training to murder or developing the lust to kill.

"But it does imply certain things that are of more necessity for youth than other things that can be supplied elsewhere.

"The child learns best, by military training, the meaning of discipline and perhaps more souls are lost and bodies ruined by lack of discipline than from any other cause.

"The child, by military training, has developed in him a sense of responsibility and this is the core of good citizenship.

"The child, by military training, gets practical and invaluable physical development.

"He learns to make use of that tonic which, more than any other, can put iron in the soul—hardship.

"He learns decision; and indecision is the mother of all slobs.

"He learns obedience; not only obedience to his superiors but obedience to himself, which is more important.

"He learns team play; and after all, the ability to co-operate is of more value to the human being than the ability to compete.

"If he learns 'jingoism' and the bunk about the glory of war and conquest, it is not because this sort of rubbish is in any wise essential to military training.

"Military training does not imply that those who receive it shall become professional soldiers, but in a free democracy every human being is a potential soldier, he or she may be called upon at any time to sacrifice fortune or life for the common good and perhaps the most important thing in military training is the fact that the youth has his budding ego pruned, he is made to feel that there is something in this

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President Hoover Starts The Official Grind With Rush

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Herbert Hoover started his first working day as president with a rush.

It was an able demonstration of the tireless energy of the man who will occupy the White House for the next four years.

There was no let-down in the day's activities. Appearing at his office at 8:55 a. m., rested and anxious to begin the serious work of running the government, Mr. Hoover set a fast pace for his assistants to follow.

He conferred twice with Secretary of State Kellogg on the Mexican situation, and decided to maintain the same position held by the United States for the past five years. He conferred with Chairman Work, of the Republican National Committee, and later with national committee-men.

He shook hands with 2,500 visitors—a record by 600 to any previous crowd shaking hands with a president with the exception of the New Year's receptions.

Meets Scribes

He held his first press conference and chatted informally with more than 100 newspapermen who had gathered to learn his views on press relations.

He met 10 representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic and personally thanked them for acting as his guard of honor during the inaugural ceremonies yesterday.

He sent his cabinet appointees to the senate and learned later they were confirmed in 15 minutes.

He and Mrs. Hoover lunched, with Mrs. Mollie Currens, his boyhood school teacher at West Branch, Iowa, and Mr. Currens as guests.

The lunch period was short, and in less than an hour Mr. Hoover was back again at his desk.

In spite of all of this activity, the president had time to think of Mrs. Hoover and request secret service men to send the cowboy band of Simmons University, Texas, who serenaded him, over to the "Front Porch" of the White House so his wife could hear it.

Roosevelt Sends Message To Hoover

ALBANY, N. Y., March 4.—Governor Roosevelt today sent the following congratulatory message to President Hoover:

"Please let me extend to you the felicitations and good wishes of the people of the State of New York on your inauguration. Mrs. Roosevelt and I also wish to send to you and Mrs. Hoover our personal congratulations and good wishes."

PAVES WAY FOR SPECIAL SESSION

Republicans Choose Watson As Senate Leader; Democrats Re-elect Robinson

PITTMAN A CANDIDATE

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Senate party organization was set in shape today for the special farm relief and tariff session and an unofficial Republican committee completed work along that line for the House.

The Senate Republicans chose James E. Watson of Indiana as their leader, succeeding Vice-President Curtis. The Democrats re-elected Joe T. Robinson of Arkansas, candidate for Vice-President in the last election, to be the minority leader.

The Republicans also named the veteran Wesley L. Jones of Washington, as assistant leader, and Simeon D. Fess of Ohio as whip, while the Democrats selected Thomas J. Walsh of Montana as the assistant minority leader, and Morris Sheppard of Texas as the whip.

Senator Black of Alabama was chosen secretary of the Democratic caucus, and Senator Pittman of Nevada as the Democratic candidate for president pro tem. This latter nomination, however, was purely honorary, as the present organization of the Senate, including Senator Moses of New Hampshire as president pro-tem, will continue in the coming session.

In the House the Republican committee on committees re-elected Albert H. Vestal of Indiana as the whip. The Republican majority met before adjournment, and re-elected Nicholas Longworth of Ohio as Speaker, and John Q. Tilson of Connecticut as floor leader, but left the selection of a whip to the committee on committees.

Representative Brigham of Vermont was made an additional Republican member of the House agricultural committee in line with the majority party's intention to increase in its membership at the last election. The addition to the agricultural committee was made because that committee will meet in advance of the special session in order to consider farm relief legislation.

The House Republicans also re-elected the Democratic representation on the major committees from 8 to 7.

A vacancy on the Ways and Means Committee, caused by the death of Representative Fause, Republican, Missouri, was filled with the selection of Representative Frear of Wisconsin. Frear, a former member of this committee, was removed from his post in the last Congress for support accorded the LaFollette Presidential ticket in 1924.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. O. P. Mohorne and daughter Frances Earle spent Sunday in Littleton.

Mr. George Riggan of Macon is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Neal Sr.

Mrs. E. L. Williams is visiting in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Curtis Turner and children are visiting in Scotland Neck.

Sheriff Johnson of Scotland Neck was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coppedge spent Sunday in Spring Hill.

Mr. Walter Allen of U. N. C. spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hostrander of Petersburg were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holoman.

Mr. Kenneth Stanley of Franklin, Va., was a visitor in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Howell of Warrenton spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Bond Gilliam of Windsor was a visitor in town Sunday.

Miss Cleo Hamilton spent Saturday at Lumberton.

Mr. John Cates spent the week end at Edenton.

Mr. Wiley Gregory spent the week end at Hertford.

Miss Mary Pierce of Elizabeth City was a visitor in town Saturday.

Mr. Walter Robinson of Elizabeth City was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Senate Passes Bill Requiring 5 Days Notice Of Marriage

RALEIGH, March 6.—By a vote of 33 to 16, the Senate yesterday passed the marriage banns bill. Once the House, which has already passed the bill, concurs in a minor Senate amendment, couples will have to wait until five days after they have given official notice of their intentions before they can get married in North Carolina.

This bill, according to its advocates, will do much toward reducing the number of runaway marriages between boys and girls unfit to take up the duties of matrimony.

Accepting unwillingly the task thrust upon him by Senator McMullen, Senator Broughton of Wake led the fight for the bill. He explained that the bill requires the marriage banns to be either published in a newspaper or given to the register of deeds five days before the marriage license can be secured. To take care of emergencies, the bill allows the clerk of court to authorize a license where he thinks the circumstances justifies the suspension of the rules.

Senator Person, speaking for the bill, said, "I think young girls ought to be protected" and that the bill would provide, at least, some protection.

"It will stop boys and girls getting married on drunken joy rides," said Senator Galloway who also injected humor into the discussion by his references to the three bachelor members of the Senate, Bridger of Bladen, Johnson of Pender and Duncan, all of whom opposed the bill.

Senator Whedbee offered an amendment that would make the new law not apply to couples from other States who came to North Carolina to get married. His amendment was killed. "This bill cannot and never will be enforced," said Senator Whedbee. "Like the medical examination bill, it is a farce."

Senator Alderman made a short but eloquent speech for the bill. "It becomes us to protect the sacred institution of matrimony with every safeguard," he said.

"It will be a dead letter—it violates the principles of contract," said Senator Lawrence.

"I would not give much for the future of a marriage that cannot wait five days," said Senator Miller.

"How can it do any good?" asked Bachelor Senator Bridger.

Senator Peel of Martin made a strong plea for the bill, saying that it protected the home.

"We do not allow boys and girls under 21 to contract with regard to their property rights but we do allow them to make contracts far more serious," declared Senator Womble for the bill.

Senator Bridger sent forward an amendment which would make the bill apply only to those under 21. This was killed by a vote of 21 to 19.

Senator Tapp sent forward an amendment to make the county pay for publication of the banns in a newspaper if the parents were unable to afford such a publication. This was killed by a vote of 31 to 11.

Senator McMullen's amendment to require the register of deeds, when the notice was given, to notify the parents of the couple by mail was passed.

The vote was as follows:

For the bill: Senators Alderman, Blunt, Blue, Brawley, Broughton, Canaday, Clark of Edgecombe, Galloway, Gay, Graveley, Gregory, Higgins, Hobbs, Ivey, Johnson of Robeson, Joyce, Makepeace, Martin, Millner, McKethan, McMullen, Peel, Person, Raymer, Reynolds, Scott, Sigmon, Smith of Rowan, Ward, Weaver, Womble, Wood.

Against the bill: Senators Bridger, Burnett, Clark of Mecklenburg, Cranford, Duncan of Haywood, Johnson of Pender, Lawrence, McQueen, Plemmons, Price, Rhyne, Smith of Stanly, Tapp, Whedbee, Williams.

Chatham farmers recently purchased 1,800 bushels of soybeans for growing forage and hay crops in the county this season.

Demonstrations before 2,330 school children featured a rat-killing campaign made in Anson county recently.

HOOVER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

New President Delivers Inaugural Address In Heavy Downpour Of Rain

DAWES SWEARS CURTIS

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Herbert Hoover took his solemn oath as president of the United States today while thousands of American citizens, men and women, stood before him, silent, in front of the steps of the nation's capitol.

A drizzling rain dripped down. The throngs raised umbrellas. But Herbert Hoover, a serious, solemn figure in the midst of all the ceremony, stood bare-headed and let the water fall upon his close cut hair as he spoke a distinct "I do," when the oath was read.

Then he bowed low and slowly raised the open Bible to his lips and kissed it, while all the thousands, reaching far out to the borders of the capitol grounds, were silent that even the soft patter of the light rain seemed noisy.

Solemn Figure

The new president of the United States was the solemn, sobered figure of that whole gathering. Near him stood Calvin Coolidge, smiling his quiet little smile, plainly light hearted. He was a slight, but agile figure who had shifted the tremendous burden of responsibility of the presidency to the broad shoulders of Herbert Hoover, and the weight already was bearing down with a relentless, solemn pressure upon the nation's new chief executive.

The day had begun with overcast skies and a chill wind blowing just briskly enough to make the many banners of the capitol wave gently.

By 9 a. m., the people were coming. An hour later there were thousands around the capitol and by noon the whole plaza, which fronts the capitol and lies between the house and senate office buildings, was closely packed. Many hundreds stood upon the roofs and cornices of the government buildings, looking down upon the ceremony.

A little after 11 a. m., Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoover came out of the White House. Mrs. Coolidge was dressed in grey, with a fox fur neckpiece and carried sweet peas and orchids. Mrs. Hoover wore a black wrap. She and her husband were unsmiling.

Bids Farewell

As the White House car rolled away from the building where the Coolidges had lived so long, Mrs. Coolidge turned and waved a farewell to the servants who stood watching the final departure of a mistress they loved. At the White House gates the car was stopped and Mrs. Coolidge shook hands with the policeman on guard, assuring him that some day she would see him again.

Crowds on Pennsylvania Avenue acclaimed the executive party as it sped towards the capitol and the acclaim was acknowledged with the doffing of hats and a pretty gesture from Mrs. Coolidge.

Arriving at the capitol, the Hoovers and the Coolidges were escorted to the senate chamber. There, with the diplomatic corps gathered in all the radiance of its formal dress, high army and navy officers in full uniform, and the members of the senate and the house, Charles Curtis was given the oath as vice president.

Charles Dawes, who for four years has been the vice president, spoke briefly, reiterating in a brief paragraph the desire he voiced so sensationally on his inauguration four years ago, to have the senate rules revised. Curtis followed with a pledge to carry out the duties of his office and a hope that the work of the senate, over which he will preside, would be fruitful.

New senators were sworn in, while the executive party, with the diplomatic corps and high officials, awaited the time to go to the capitol steps for the inauguration of the new president. Mr. Coolidge was in spirited mood. He chatted with several friends. He smiled and seemed glad to be free of his responsibilities. Mr. Hoover quietly acknowledged greetings and spent much time in thought.

Inaugural Scene

At 12:57 p. m. Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hoover came to the capitol steps while the crowd, which could hardly see them over the rails and the mass of radio instruments, cheered. The Marine band, which had kept the crowd listening to patriotic and typically American airs

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