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## STATE SOLON'S PAY DAYS OVER

### Members of General Assembly Face Heavy Calendar As 60 Days End

#### DEBATING BOND ISSUE

By M. L. SHIPMAN

RALEIGH, March 11.—Running into the first week of the period during which it will have to work without pay, the General Assembly today faced a calendar of important matters with half a dozen major measures yet to be considered. The sixty day limit expired last week and legislators do not get any more pay, but the work must be finished. The important appropriation and revenue bills have not yet come from committee, the educational and equalization fund bill is still under consideration, the highway patrol issue has not been definitely settled, the Australian ballot has been passed by both houses but a free conference must decide on the difference in the house and senate measures on this subject, the permanent improvements bond issues for State institutions have not yet been approved after being called back for reconsideration after being killed and many other important matters must be decided.

#### Most Serious Bills

The chief, and, it appears, most serious matters up this week are the permanent improvements bill and the school equalization fund and school term measure, for these matters have been linked together in what amounts to a display of political trading that threatens both. The senate does not want to approve the house recommendations as to size of the equalization fund for schools so the house is purposely delaying consideration on the permanent improvements bill with the privately expressed determination of many house members to slaughter it if the senate will not come to terms on the school bill. The house appears entirely oblivious of the dangerous policy it is following, and evidently does not sense the fact that it will handicap the institutions of the State seriously if it carries out its play of politics. The senate is likewise accused by the friends of the educational forces for unwillingness to provide the large equalization bill provided in the house bill.

While this debate continues of course the revenue and appropriations bills cannot be completed, for the law requires that revenue to cover all appropriations must be provided by the session of the legislature making the appropriation, and no one knows what will be given to schools, nor, for that matter, does anyone know whether a highway patrol bill will be passed that will need an appropriation for its support. It is by and large the biggest middle age legislature has been in in recent years.

#### Commissions Under Budget

During the week the State highway commission and State agricultural department were brought under the authority of the State budget bureau, a plan which was very much desired by Governor Gardner. The governor also got favorable consideration of his proposal to make the heads of the revenue, printing and labor, insurance and agricultural departments appointive instead of elective, though final consideration of this bill will not be had until later this week.

#### During the week the legislature

approved the workmen's compensation act in final form, and favorable to both sides. The bill had the approval of both labor and capital, so its passage, with a few amendments, was a foregone conclusion. The bill is an excellent one, and allows indemnities to working men which are greater than those allowed in a majority of the states of the union. North Carolina acted very tardily in passing this type of law but when she did act she did it with full enthusiasm and as if determined to make up for the past.

#### Reconsidering Bond Bill

The permanent improvements bond issue bill, as was stated in this correspondence last week, came back for reconsideration after having been killed, but it immediately got tangled up in politics and consideration was postponed from day to day. Every effort was made by certain forces in the house to kill the Australian ballot bill by amending it, but it finally passed, though, at best, it is only a compromise measure and does not hold out the

## Major Segrave Sets A Speed Record Of 231 Miles An Hour

OCEAN SPEEDWAY, DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., March 11.—In a flaming streak of super-speed, Major H. O. D. Segrave, famous British race track driver, today set a new world's speed record for automobiles when he sent his powerful Golden Arrow machine roaring over the hard wave-lapped ocean speedway here at the tremendous speed of 231.36246 miles an hour.

Driving his beautiful 12-cylinder machine at a dazzling pace, Major Segrave eclipsed by 23-81 miles an hour the former record of 207.5 set here last year by Ray Keech, of Philadelphia, in the 36-cylinder Triplex owned by J. M. White. The new mark also surpassed by 28 miles an hour the record of 203 which Segrave set here in 1927 with his Sunbeam Special.

#### Amazing Speed

On his first official run north, Major Segrave negotiated the measured mile in 15.55 seconds for the amazing speed of 231.51125 miles an hour. His second trial made southward over the course was clocked at 15.57 seconds for a speed of 231.21387 miles an hour. His average elapsed time was 15.56 seconds and his average two way speed was 231.36246 miles an hour.

## Home Ownership Essential—Branson

(Dr. E. C. Branson, in Some Essentials of Good Citizenship.)

Home and farm ownership is a condition of essential citizenship. It was so in former times, it is so today, and it probably will be so for all time to come—so because of the nature of human nature. The proposition is worth considering in a civilization that has shifted its base from land ownership in the old social order to stocks and bonds, notes and mortgages and similar symbols of secondary wealth in the new industrial order.

The ownership of homes and farms is distinctly and directly related to stable, responsible citizenship. A peril—perhaps the greatest peril in America—lies in restless, irresponsible citizenship. I profoundly believe that civilization is salted unto salvation by the home-owning, home-loving and home-defending instincts. I do not believe that civilization can anywhere be safely based on the landless estates of men.

Our civilization is menaced by restless, unstable, irresponsible citizenship—restless and roving because it is easy to shift from pillar to post upon the instant, and irresponsible because it is not identified with any community by any stake in the land. More than half the people of the nation are strangers, pilgrims, sojourners. They are citizens of a far country—almost any far away place suggested by the pinch of necessity or the lure of opportunity.

Recent field surveys in four rural counties of the South show that from eighty-five to ninety-seven per cent of the crimes are committed by landless people, white and black, town and country; that the ratios of crimes by tenants and renters run far ahead of their population ratios; and that the ownership of a home or a farm tethers a man to law and order better than all the laws on the statute books.

## Miss Johnson Wins Praise For Acting

Miss Elizabeth Johnson of Washington, N. C., a granddaughter of Samuel Trueblood, won high praise for her work in a one-act play "Op-o'-Me Thumb," recently presented at Raleigh by the Sigma Phi Kappa Literary society. This play won the much coveted cup in the annual inter-society dramatic contest at Peace Institute.

A reporter for The News and Observer said that "Miss Elizabeth Johnson of Washington, N. C., carried the heavy work in the winning play. Her interpretations throughout were splendid. She was clever where cleverness was demanded, she was wistful where wistfulness could be appreciated, and was not without sympathy of the audience at any time when she was on the stage."

Immediately after the presentation of the two plays an informal reception was held in the college parlors.

## Here Is Hoover's Official Family



Here are the men whom President Hoover has chosen to constitute his cabinet for the next four years. 1. Colonel Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state. 2. Walter F. Brown, postmaster general. 3. Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of treasury. 4. James W. Good, secretary of war. 5. Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of interior. 6. James J. Davis, secretary of labor. 7. Arthur M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture. 8. Robert P. Lamont, secretary of commerce. 9. Charles F. Adams, secretary of navy. 10. William D. Mitchell, attorney general.

## Patronage Referee May Be Eliminated

WASHINGTON, March 11.—One of the last vestiges of the Jacksonian spoils system—the patronage referee—may be eliminated by President Hoover.

As head of the national Republican organization, he is considering this reform to do away with the possibility of political bartering in minor Federal appointments, the United Press was informed today. Under the present system, abuses have grown up which Mr. Hoover is anxious to stop. The Brookhart Senatorial investigating committee has exposed a thriving appointment traffic in several Southern states.

The Civil Service law requires Federal appointees to qualify by examination, but the three rated highest by test are all eligible for office.

The patronage referee recommends one of the three for appointment. The Brookhart committee, has shown that in some cases the highest bidder among the three eligibles gets the job. To stop this practice, The President may order that the applicant who is graded highest by Civil Service officials shall receive the appointment, regardless of the recommendations of politicians.

The patronage referee is the Republican Congressman from the district involved, if there is one. Otherwise, some powerful politician makes recommendations through the chairman of the State committee or the national committeeman.

President Wilson instituted the system now under consideration by Mr. Hoover, but the old method was reinstated by President Harding and has remained in use since under President Coolidge.

Chairman Brookhart, of the patronage investigating committee, is confident Mr. Hoover will go back to the Wilsonian policy. Brookhart means to continue his investigation long enough to demonstrate the necessity of a change to the President, he said.

The committee will not go into any Southern state before or during the extra session of Congress, however. It may hold more hearings in Washington, but lacks funds for junketing, Brookhart explained. When hearings are completed, Brookhart hopes to recommend legislation which will perpetuate the Wilsonian system of appointments, he said.

Up to the present there has been but one vitamin created artificially.

## FARMERS PLANT MORE PASTURES

### Rowan County Men Purchase A Solid Car Of Seed; Make A Record

#### COMPANY SENDS MAN

RALEIGH, March 12.—Following closely on the announcement from County Agent W. Kerr Scott that enough grass and clover seed to plant 1,000 acres of pasture land had been ordered by farmers of his county this Spring, comes a statement from W. G. Yeager, county agent of Rowan, that 75,000 pounds of sweet clover seed have been ordered and distributed to the farmers of his county.

This planting of sweet clover in Rowan is attracting attention throughout the United States. It is said to be the first time that a county in the eastern part of the nation has purchased a solid car of seed for distribution co-operatively by farmers. When the order for the second car of seed was made, the shipping company sent their field man to visit the county and make a report on what was happening. Most of this seed will be planted on small grain and in addition several thousand acres will be planted in small grain and in and also clover giving the county the largest acreage of clover in its history.

Mr. Yeager says the farmers of his county have made every preparation in inoculating the seed, use of limestone and basic slag and otherwise preparing for good stands of clover.

In a smaller way but indicative of the wide-spread interest in pastures and forage throughout the State this year, is a co-operative order of 2,700 bushels of soybean seed for Chatham county farmers and the sale of all the surplus lespedeza seed from Stanly and Union counties. Tom Broom, veteran county agent of Union, says that the farmers of his county have sold over \$30,000 worth of lespedeza seed and poultry so far this Spring. This new money at the beginning of the season, has brightened the farm outlook in that county and will cause less bank borrowing and mortgaging of farms to secure money for financing crop enterprises this Spring.

Miss Annie Spruill has returned to her home in Philadelphia after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. G. Mitchell.

Miss Virginia Stevens spent the week end at N. C. C. W. with Miss Natlie Cole.

## Manners For Men And How To Instill Them

Much has been said about manners but little of it relates to father and son. Mother and daughter are more often the subject of the rule of etiquette yet the men folk require a bit themselves as Helen Hathaway observes in an article for the March "People's Home Journal."

She blames bad manners among men upon the women of their households and advises them to: "Remember that the boys and men in our family are largely what we want them to be. If we let them get away with rudeness, we have only ourselves to blame in the first and last analysis. Expect and demand, tactfully but firmly, that husband, bother, or son, fiance or the most casual man acquaintance to be courteous and the chances are he will be.

"Then, too," continues the writer, "by insisting upon a high standard of courtesy you are doing men a service the value which we cannot estimate; for what person does not like a well-mannered friend to an ill-mannered one? What employer won't choose the courteous employee to the rude? What stranger wouldn't prefer the polite to the impolite? So don't forget to give stress to courtesy in all your relationships with father, son, husband or brother, and above all things don't you yourself fail to be courteous in your every contact with them."

#### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lovell of Clayton were here to attend the Pythian banquet Tuesday night. Mr. Lovell is Grand Keeper of the Records and Seals in North Carolina. There were also several children present from the Pythian home at Clayton.

Miss Cleo Hamilton visited Smithfield and Raleigh last week end.

Mr. Marvin Revelle of Woodland was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Vaughan last week. Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge of Selma spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coppedge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hancock and children of Spring Hill spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. J. B. Zollicoffer spent the week end at Greensboro.

Mr. Robert Allen spent the week end in Winston-Salem.

Miss Katherine Pierce spent the week end with Miss Martha Pierce at Salem College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spruill of Windsor spent Sunday with Mrs. W. C. Mitchell.

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

## Would-Be-Bandit Flees When Gun Is Pressed To Body

Eugene Bachelor was held up by a highwayman Friday night. He had just put up his car and turning from the garage a masked man covered him with a gun and ordered "Hands up." Mr. Bachelor, who was carrying his own gun in his hand at the time, grabbed the bandit's pistol and turned it aside. By the time the bandit had wrenched the gun loose and again ordered "Hands up," Mr. Bachelor had his own gun pressing the abdomen of his assailant and ordered him to "Hands up." The highwayman broke away and ran. He had been recognized, however, and later Deputy Sheriff Mitchell arrested a young man named Keator who lives about three miles from Weldon.

Keator was arraigned before Magistrate Carter Saturday morning. He pleaded "not guilty," denying the charge. After the magistrate had bound him over in the sum of \$1,000, Keator tried to escape through the backdoor. On being blocked here he made a dash for the window, but the deputy was too quick for him and snapped handcuffs on him. In default of bond Keator was taken to the county jail at Halifax.

## U. D. C. Meet With Mrs. O. W. Pierce

The United Daughters of the Confederacy held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. O. W. Pierce with Mrs. O. W. and Mrs. W. A. Pierce, Mrs. Lee Johnson and Mrs. H. V. Bounds as joint hostesses. The meeting was opened with the usual exercises. A note of thanks was read from Mr. Sam Trueblood and family. Mrs. Manning was welcomed as a new member.

It was moved and carried to give \$10 for four years in succession to the Norman V. Randolph relief fund. The treasurer was instructed to give Mrs. Turner \$5 which she gave to an old Veteran who was passing through town and needed help. The treasurer reported \$60.00 on hand with \$36.50 paid on State taxes.

Members were urged to subscribe to and read "The Confederate Veteran," also to use their influence in having more Southern literature in our schools.

Mrs. Holoman gave an interesting talk on different phases of the work. Miss Jane Gregory gave an interesting reading. Music on the Orthophonic was enjoyed while the hostesses served delicious sandwiches and Russian tea.

## Urges Veterans To Apply For Bonuses

Loss of nearly a billion dollars faces World war veterans of the country who have failed to apply for the Federal Adjusted Compensation "bonus" unless they act before January 2, next, according to Sergeant Roy W. Younger, in charge of the local U. S. Army recruiting at Raleigh.

With 4,477,412 ex-service men and women estimated as eligible for the benefits of the so-called "soldier bonus" only 3, 613 163 had received Adjusted Compensation Policies up to a recent date. Their claims aggregated \$3,487,384,702, or an average of \$965 each, he stated.

Among approximately 800,000 veterans still entitled to apply, the recruiting officer believes there are undoubtedly many who live in this vicinity, and there will be given the necessary papers to fill out if they will call or write to the recruiting office, he declared.

Any honorably discharged veteran who served in the army, navy, or marine corps for more than 60 days between April 5, 1917, and July 1, 1919, providing he began his service before the Armistice, is entitled to the benefits of the adjusted compensation law. To be valid, application must be filed in Washington before January 2, 1928. Congress recently extended the expiration date from January 1, 1928.

Relatives of deceased ex-service men may make application for the "bonus" and will be helped to complete the application blanks if they will call at the recruiting office. Loss of army discharge does not cost a veteran his adjusted compensation, the recruiting officer said, although a discharge is desired when available.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Neal Jr. spent the week end in Columbia.

## BLASTING CAPS DANGER SOURCE

### Five Hundred Children Injured Annually; Dean Schaub Urges Care

#### INCREASE IN THE SPRING

RALEIGH, March 12.—Five hundred children are injured annually in the United States by playing with blasting caps left lying around carelessly after explosives have been used. Eighty per cent of these accidents occur in rural districts.

"Some children are killed," says Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the school of agriculture at State college. "These blasting caps are half-filled with fulminate of mercury, one of the most sensitive and impulsive of all common explosives. It is also very powerful and when the caps are left lying about by careless workmen, they are picked up by boys and girls who hammer them, pick them, throw them into fires or otherwise use them as playthings. As a result, there is a loss of an eye, a finger or hand blown off or a permanent injury in some other way. Many children are thus unfitted for useful occupations in later life."

The Dean says that most of these accidents occur in March, April and May and decrease in the late Fall and Winter. A large number of farmers in North Carolina have ordered farm explosives in recent weeks to be used in clearing land of stumps, ditch digging and other ways. Caps used in firing these explosives should be carefully stored away. Few people realize how dangerous they are and that a spark or blow will explode them. The explosion of the fulminate is so exceedingly quick that flying particles of copper will imbed themselves in iron a foot away. A box of caps will blow a hole through a two-inch plank and one cap will blow a child's head off.

Explosive manufacturers in the United States are now realizing this danger to children from caps left carelessly about and are urging all purchasers to use care in handling them.

## Pythian Banquet Held Here Tuesday

The Weldon Lodge No. 227 of the Knights of Pythians held their banquet in the ebatement of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Every place was filled and one of the largest crowds they have ever had enjoyed a delicious three-course supper.

The Rev. R. S. Fountain was toastmaster for the evening and his jokes were enjoyed by all. A very interesting program was enjoyed. The program was as follows:

"America"; Invocation; menu; Introduction of Guests, N. J. Shepherd; Address of Welcome, T. A. Chappell; Vocal Solo, Mrs. R. T. Daniel; "Echoes from Pythian Home," George E. Lovell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals; Vocal Solo, Miss Maude Cotton and Mrs. R. T. Daniel; "Moo-Cow-Moo," Miss Marjorie Collins; Introduction of Speaker, Prof. A. W. Oakes; Address, C. F. Gore, Grand Chancellor Domain of North Carolina; Pythian Quartette; Words from Royal Vizer, C. E. Carter; a number by D. W. Seifert; Pythian Quartette.

## How Mongolian Girls Pick Their Husbands

When a Mongolian girl comes of marrying age she sets a day for the ceremony, then at a certain time she rides forth from her tent on a fast horse, pursued by her suitors who have been waiting outside. The swain who catches her first becomes her legal husband, although if she is not pleased with the first who approaches her she may beat him off with a lash she carries. When at last she is pleased, however, she surrenders, is grabbed from her horse, and is carried away. This story was told by Owen Lattimore, who has but recently returned from a caravan tour of the Gobi desert in Mongolia, the details of which adventures he has told in "The Desert Road to Turkestan."

Mr. Grant Hostrander of Petersburg, Va., spent several days here last week.

Miss Jane Zollicoffer spent the week end with Miss Elizabeth Allen at Salem College.