This 1923 a Good Year For Social Legislation in N. C.

General Assembly Just Past Showed Itself Socially-Minded Body Favorably Disposed Towards Public Welfare Work in North Carolina; Helped Children and Unfortunates; State Board of Public Welfare Is Pleased With Results of Session.

North Carolina. The general y of 1924 was distinctly favorneasures providing for the care unfortunate in the state and the n of children. Prison reform North Carolina, it is true, made but But otherwise the progressive evidence hat it was, in the main, a sociallyinded group. It took no retrogressive but followed out the same genral policies of the three preceeding ular sessions by passing laws look-

ng towards the improvement of social Most important among the social neasures passed during this last seswere: the Mothers' Aid bill; the to raise the age of consent from 16 years and its companion makread 14: establishment of an industrial raining school in Eastern North Caroallow two or more countles to unite building a home for the indigent was also fortunate for the progress public welafre work in North Caroins that the proposed amendment to educe the age limit of juridiction of hat court from 16 to 14 failed to pass bill to abolish the welafre officer any county was successful. The tate board of charities and public welare received an increase of \$20,000 in propriation for the next two years,

It was in support of the Mother's Aid bill that the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was escially active during the legislature. his measure was strongly sponsored at of the civic and fraternal oregislative Council of Women, the N. rphans association, the N. C. Press \$50,000 from the state. Counties ing the age of compulsory school attendance there to 16. ppropriation. The administration of

The age of consent bill which was ne of the chief measures supported

ill was introduced in the house by Edgecombe. In commenting upon this measure. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State Commissioner of Public Welfare

"The establishment of such a school s approved by the state board. It is vident that the Jackson Training chool has almost reached the capacity which it should be increased. An specially good feature about this new

RALEIGH, March 10.—This has been admit boys up to 18 years old, while the age limit at Jackson is 16. A number of superior court judges have stated that in their opinion it is necessary to have some such place of committment for the first offender. The inadequacy of institutional facilities has considerably handicapped the operation of the juvenile court law in this state.

Consolidate Poor-Relief The law allowing two or more counties to unite in building a home to care for paupers is in direct line with the policy of the State Board of Charlties and Public Welfare to consolidate whenever possible, such poor-relief into district homes as more efficient and conomical than the county unit which it has been disclosed by investigation by agents of the state board, in a number of counties in the state has degen erated into an ill-conducted catch-all, a very "refuse can of public charity. The board is particularly interested in bringing about improvement in condi-tions in North Carolina county homes,

and regards this piece of legislation as a valuable aid to this end. Consistently, the state board does not approve the law permitting counties to establish orphanages. The board did not fight this bill because certain counties have already built institutions for the care of dependent children, and local apprepriations to these could not be made legal without such a law. But the system of county orphanages, as of county homes, is considered unwise by public welfare officials, as it is management may be secured in larger institutions. However, since eevry orphanage in the state has to come up to certain standards in order to be licensed by the state board it is thought improbable that any considerable number of such institutions will be established.

Public sentiment in various counties ssociation and many of the churches. legislature appeared to be opposed to met with practically no opposition the sholition of the office of superinten in either the senate or the house. In dent of public welfare. Bills to abolish the estimation of public welfare offi- this office in Surry, Lenoir, Johnston, lals its passage marks a forward step Columbus and Avery counties were dedependent children. The purpose of the county, the state law which made the cill is to aid worthy mothers who have employment of a welfare officer open deprived of the support of their tional in a county of less than 32,\$\$\$ in husbands to rear their children in their population was re-enacted as a local law. A bill was passed making the of-The initial appropriation mandatory in Mitchell county and rais-

Prison reform bills sponsored by the N. C. Conference for Social Service ppropriation. The administration of the fund will be under the supervision of the State Board of Chrities and ciol measures. Three out of seven bills on the program of the conference in-Uniformity of Laws
raising the age of consent to 16. These were: to put the state prison on y making the legal age of marriage an appropriation basis; to abolish the legal had by defeating the proposed department for the criminal insane at amendment to the juvenile court law which would have reduced the age limit of its jurisdiction from 16 to 14, there has been secured what public welfare officials consider a wise and convenient uniformity in regard to age in these laws relating to the proto re-organize the board of directors of the main ideas of progressive public welfare work is to raise the age for which the state is responsible for its tenced for more than three months

The appropriation to the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was Women and which had also the hearty support of the State Board of Charites and Public Welfare was amended before passage. These amendments reefore passage. These amendments re- fare is chairman and whose function it quire that a girl between 12 and 16 is to enforce the child labor law in this must prove her previous virtue; that state also received an annual increase the marriage of the two parties acts of \$10,000. Appropriations to state inas a bar to further prosecution; and stitutions in which the State Board of that male offenders under 18 shall Charities and Public Welfare has begulity of a misdemeanor rather than special interest were: State hospital at a felony. The law which makes the Raleigh, for permanent improvement legal age of marriage 16 instead of 14 \$394,000, for maintenance, \$440,000 as the natural companion to that rais- against \$765,000 and \$320,000 in 1921 g the age of consent.

Establishment of an industrial train
State hospital at Morganton \$415,000 and \$445,000 as against \$300,000 and ing school in eastern North Carolina \$425,000; State hospital at Goldsboro, for delinquent boys similar to the \$313,000 and \$235,000 as against \$300,000 Jackson Training school at Concord is and \$220,000; Caswell Training school, heartly approved by the State oBard of Charities and Public Welfare, Appropriation for this is \$50,000. The propriation for this is \$50,000. The Representative R. T. Fountain, of \$232,500 and \$100,000 as against \$165,-Edgecombe. In commenting upon this tory for delinquent colored boys authorizzed by the legislature of 1921 but not yet established, \$50,000.

Clusters of fruit, preferably cherries or grapes, are frequently seen hanging off the brims of the coarse straw hats designed for midsummer wear. For immediate wear nothing is more pop-ular than the small clocke of felt or hool for delinquents is that it will combination of silk and straw.



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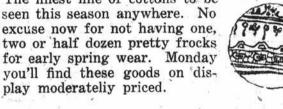
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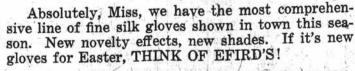
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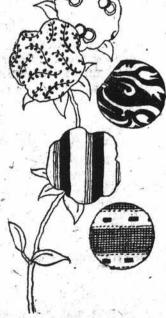
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