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Bowie to Yield to \$20,000,000 Issue

Measure Introduced After McLean's Suggestion Passes—General Favor for Bill is Predicted.

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—A favorable report was given tonight on the McLean proposal for a \$20,000,000 bond issue by the senate road committee. The bill was also given approval by the house committee this evening.

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—The house committee on roads tonight voted unanimously to report favorably the bill introduced by Representatives Turlington and Moore providing for the issuance of twenty million dollars in highway bonds to be financed by an enabling act now in the course of preparation, which will provide a tax of four cents per gallon on gasoline in the place of three as at present, and further for a sinking fund of \$500,000 a year to retire the bonds. Also the enabling or financing act will provide that over \$500,000 available be used in road construction. The Bowie bill will be reported unfavorably.

The principal address before the committee tonight was that of Mr. Bowie, introducer of the \$20,000,000 bill. He said he yielded to the change having been assured by the governor that if the credit of the state is now strained the executive will recommend an additional \$5,000,000 two years from now. Further he said the governor had assured him that in addition to the twenty million dollars proposed in the Turlington-Moore bill, the sum of approximately \$11,000,000 would be available for the next bienna, derived from federal aid and the unused portion of bonds already authorized.

Mr. Bowie said he did not want to be understood as having been working in opposition to the Governor at any time; that, all along, it had only been a honest difference of opinion, and that after conferring with the governor, he was willing to yield to the situation. A bill similar to that introduced in the house today by Turlington and Moore was introduced in the Senate. A compromise also is expected in the upper branch, where it is said the \$20,000,000 bill will be favorably reported.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6 p. m.
Pastor preaches Sunday morning on "What Jesus Means to Me."
A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Fashion Revolt



American fashion designers have revolted at Paris dominance of styles. This model was photographed at the first U. S. style show in New York. It is American designed and made from American materials. Citron, white and hague blue in Taslan fabrics prevail for Spring.

OUR WEEKLY RESUME OF LEGISLATIVE EVENTS

(By M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Some one has said that a legislature is oftentimes a body of men surrounded by much talk. So far the general Assembly of 1925 has not contracted that habit and the state has a reasonable right to be proud of the personnel of her legislative body. The members seem dead in earnest about doing the job they were sent here to put across in a perfectly proper way and are not disposed to let any "jokers" get by. In both branches the legislative wheels go round smoothly with little lost motion or loss of time.

The legislative grind is now on, some 400 bills having been dropped into the hopper and started on the journey to committee pigeon holes or to the office of the Secretary of State—"enrolled and ratified." While many will emerge as white and clean as when the trip was begun, there's going to be a goodly number so badly worn, kicked, abused, and cruelly treated that their own dear daddy will not recognize the poor things when they meet 'em face to face on the assembly floor.

The coming week promises to be more prolific of important legislation than the past four weeks have been. Principally the talk is about bonds for highway construction, bonds for state institutions, and bonds for the world war veterans' loan fund. In fact the bond issue is something like a passenger's first meal aboard ship. It's likely to come up at any moment. However Governor McLean is not at all unmindful of the bond idea on a very extensive scale at the present time. He does not believe a single dollar not absolutely necessary for the public good should be appropriated by the present general assembly and is disposed to use the knife wherever a cut in amounts requested can be made without doing violence to the subject.

In his second message to the general assembly on Friday the governor reiterated his determination to revise the fiscal policy of the state and invited the cooperation of the members in getting proposed new machinery into action. He asks for a law providing an executive budget system which would provide continuous supervision of all the institutions and agencies of the state, to the end that the appropriations made by the general assembly may be kept within bounds and expended as directed. Under the budget system, covering the period July 1 to June 30, all revenues actually collected during that period would be applicable to that fiscal year, and all appropriations and other expenditures actually disbursed during that period would be applicable to that period only. The Governor told the legislators that he would prepare and submit to them a bill embodying the provisions which he feels that the budget system outlined in his message should contain and it is safe bet that he will get exactly what he wants in this respect.

Hardly anybody will dispute the fact that the patient is in a condition to respond to heroic treatment and Mr. McLean's prescription seems to fit the case.

The Governor places himself on record as squarely opposed to the issuance of more than \$25,000,000 bonds for all purposes this year. He suggests \$20,000,000 for roads, \$3,500,000 for permanent improvements at the state institutions and \$2,000,000 to finance the world war veterans loan fund approved by the voters of the state at the general election in November. In his message he declared himself unequivocally in favor of continuing the construction of highway until completed as originally planned, but frankly admitted that in his opinion, the credit of the state could not stand for additional long term construction bonds in the amount proposed by the Bowie-Heath highway bill. His suggestion is to issue \$20,000,000 maturing four to twenty-four years from date at the rate of \$1,000,000 a year, half to be issued during 1925, and half during 1926, the whole to be applicable to road building prior to January 1, 1927. And further that short term notes be issued for road building purposes until the issue and sale of the bonds become an actuality. With the

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Senator Brown—An act to repeal chapter 7, local public laws of 1923, fixing the salary of the sheriff of Watauga County and to regulate the compensation of said sheriff.

Federal and county funds to become available from time to time the governor figures sufficient funds to continue the highway program without serious interruption. On the heels of the governor's message came the report of the budget commission recommending the total of \$100,000 for maintenance and administration of the State departments and institutions for the next two years. It would allow the state institutions \$3,000,000 for permanent improvements, instead of around the \$4,000,000 asked for by directing bonds. And further reduction may be considered advisable by the appropriations committee of the General Assembly, for governor McLean would have this done if such a saving can be secured without injury to the public service.

In its report the Budget Commission estimates an accumulated deficit as of June 30, 1925 of \$2,315,777.63. "Deficit" has been a much used expression in the state for the last biennial period; it is not now a subject of very polite conversation in some quarters. But the question cannot be solved by the diffusion of hot air commonly termed "bull." It is a serious problem in administration circles, and vastly more interest is manifested in finding a way out of the dilemma than in helping anybody move from "obscurity" into the limelight. The folks are "fed up" on talk while state expenditures are becoming higher and higher. If indications are to be relied upon the people of the state are in harmony with the views of Governor McLean in touching remedial measures and are perfectly willing to let "has beens" go hang.

The Revenue Bill also bobbed up in the House on Friday. It is estimated that this proposed measure will go the present law better to the extent of increased revenue aggregating a million and a half dollars. The bill is not complete, for amendments are most always offered by committees and there will be no exception to the practice this time. No increase on franchise or incomes is proposed, but the bill would boost inheritance taxes to an appreciable extent, with a considerable jump on the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes. Gasoline service stations, bakeries, hotels, commission cotton buyers and sellers boxing and wrestling matches, shoe shining parlors, piano and organ dealers battery service and tire repair stations, are the subjects of new taxation under the provision of the revenue law proposed. The slogan here now appears to be "boys get the money." The need is unquestioned.

The appropriation bill introduced by Representative Murphy of Rowan suggests amounts in harmony with the recommendations of the Budget Commission which means a heavy cut in the requests of various departmental and institutional heads.

A big fight is in the prospects of the proponents and opponents of the Bowie-Heath 35 million dollar bond bill. The State Highway Commission has approved the recommendations of Governor McLean touching the question of highway bonds, but this section does not deter the authors of the road bill from pressing the fight and announcement is made that the issue will have to be settled in open forum. The message of the governor unquestionably strengthened his position. Whether his opinion will finally prevail is yet to be determined.

Very few measures of a public character have reached the final stage. The following have been ratified during the week: Act to amend chapter 578, Section 2, Public Local Laws of 1921 relative to the fees allowed the sheriff of Nash county for serving processes; act creating the office of treasurer for the county of Yancey, fixing the compensation of said office and relating to the bonds for said office; act to amend chapter 421 public local laws of sessions 1921

Mrs. Wilson Today



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of our war president, at the dedication of the Wilson Memorial Tablet at the Central Presbyterian Church in Washington last week.

and to fix the salaries of certain local officers of Davidson county; to amend chapter 477 of the Public Local Laws of 1919 relative to drainage of lands in Transylvania county, act for relief of commissioners of Madison county and to set aside five percent of the taxes collected for all purposes in said county of Madison to pay the salaries of the officers of said county and other necessary current expenses for said county; act to grant a new charter for the town of Forest City, Rutherford county; act to amend chapter 520 of the Public Local Laws of 1915, being an act to establish a special court for Forsyth County, with civil jurisdiction, to be known as Forsyth County Court, and the amendments thereto; act to amend chapter 151 of the Public Law of 1923, being an act to create additional terms of the Superior court for Forsyth county; act to enlarge the corporate powers of the Board of Trustees of Dunn Graded School; act to allow the board of highway commissioners of Jackson county certain sums of money for other purposes; act to authorize Rockingham county to issue notes in anticipation of a bond issue; act to confer criminal jurisdiction on certain terms of court in Robeson county; act to amend the chapters 221 and 21 Private Laws of 1923 relating to the charter of the city of Asheville; to amend section 1 of chapter 54 of the Public Laws of N. C. session 1923 relating to trial of issues of fact; to submit any further issue of bonds in Clay county to a vote of the people; to incorporate the town of Alexander Mills; to validate the proceedings of the town of Pantego relating to the issue of certain bonds and to provide for the sale thereof at private sale; act providing for a board of county commissioners of five members for the county of Richmond to be elected at the general election in November 1926 for a term of two, four and six years, and thereafter for a term of two years.

Public Bills

The following public bills have been presented during the week. An act to amend the constitution relating to homesteads and exemption To create a state board of Naturopathic Examiners and to regulate the practice of naturopathy in this state; to repeal the act to redeem the counties of Northwestern North Carolina, without railroad facilities, known as the Lost Provinces Act; to amend chapter 76 of Consolidated Statutes entitled suretyship and add new section thereto authorizing the cancellation of a judgeship as surety or other persons secondly liable who pays the same as that other persons shall remain liable thereon, an act to amend statutes relating to private sales of personal property by executors and administrators; to repeal

section 69 of Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina and to provide for the private sales of personal property by executors and administrators, to amend the statutes of North Carolina providing that upon the dissolution of the warrant of attachment the cause shall be retained by the court for the assessment of damages sustained by defendant by reason of the issuance of said warrant of attachment, act to amend sub-section 4 of section 1659 of the Consolidated statutes relative to absolute divorce; to amend the statutes relative to the regulation of traffic on state highways particularly on the streets of incorporated towns of more than three thousand population; to amend the statutes so as to change the speed limits on highways, roads and streets to amend the statutes relative to the power of sale by a corporation; to amend statutes relative to the re-opening of judicial sales; an act to amend consolidated statutes of 1919 so that a husband may take as heir to integrate wife leaving none who can claim as heir to her; to repeal chapter 255 Public Laws of North Carolina session 1923, relating to the bringing of motor vehicles to a full stop at railroad crossings; to amend consolidated statutes relating to industrial sidings; to amend public laws so as to make the penalty within the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace to amend public laws of 1923, so as to make definite the powers of industrial banks; to abolish estates by curtesy; to provide for additional terms of court; and for special emergency judges for eight years; to make the judgment lien effective from the date of filing of complaint in certain cases; act relating to expenditures by the state government; to amend public and private laws of 1908, relating to disorderly conduct in Robeson county; to amend the consolidated statutes relating to licensing institutions for the care of children; to require every applicant for a marriage license to file with the register of deeds fifteen days prior to the issuance of the license names and addresses of contracting parties and the names of their parents; to repeal act to relieve the crop lien evil and to amend section 1 of said act; to amend the statutes relating to the fees of sheriffs; to regulate the transportation of bottled drinks upon the highways of the state; to amend article 13, section 22 Administration Consolidated Statute Volume three; to repeal article 5 of chapter 47 of the consolidated statutes of North Carolina relating to adverse claims and correction after registration; to amend section 223 of the consolidated statutes relative to prices charged for supplies advanced by Merchants and other persons holding agricultural liens; to create additional judicial districts and to facilitate the dispatch of business; joint resolution inviting Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, noted publicist to address the general assembly; to repeal section 6740 of the consolidated statutes relative to requiring colored nurses for colored patients; an act relating to the evidence of certain deeds and recitations therein as prima facie evidence; an act to authorize the collection of a tax on all lubricating oils and greases sold in the State of North Carolina for the maintenance of County highways; amend statutes entitled Fireman's Relief Fund; to amend consolidated statutes relative to pensions for inmates of the soldier's home; an act to validate the appointment and acts of certain foreign executors qualifying as such before notary publics instead of the clerk; authorizing the Governor and Council of State to purchase Vance apartments, Raleigh, for sum not to exceed \$175,000.00; to fix the compensation of prisoners imprisoned in the state prison; to make certain and definite the boundary line between the counties of Davie and Forsyth; to appropriate funds for the maintenance of all state institutions and Departments in North Carolina; to amend section 6689 of the consolidated Statutes relating to Health; to amend section 5720 Consol. Statutes so as to prohibit local distributing agencies for State adopted text books from deducting from the sale price of books purchased a penalty for return of books; a bill to raise revenue; General Appropriations bill for State Departments and institutions.

ED PURDY'S PHILOS

"Old Doc Brown says he drives a fiivver and then his medicines are all well shaken before taken."

Deep Gap Cash Store is Burglarized

A. G. Miller is Heavy Loser When Unknown Autoists Help Themselves to Contents of Store.

Mr. D. L. Wellborn of Stony Fork was a business caller at our shop yesterday and while here told of a very high-handed robbery occurring at the Deep Gap Tuesday night. Some party or parties he said entered the store of Mr. A. G. Miller, with the aid of a "jiminy", at a rear window, and then from the inside it was dead easy to open the front door, where they loaded their car with such of the variety of goods as they wanted and made away, the proprietor knowing nothing of his loss until Wednesday morning. Practically all of the men's clothing, bolts of silks and other fine fabrics, sixteen or seventeen auto casings, together with a good bit of money from a cash drawer being among the things missing.

Mr. Miller has not estimated the loss, nor can he at present, but it is several hundred dollars. He did say however that all the merchandise missing could not have been loaded in a Ford and that the high-fingered rascals were either piloting a truck or some heavy make of auto.

DRY SLEUTHS MAKE NOTABLE RAIDS IN WILKES

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 31.—Prohibition officers from the central office here raided Wilkes county Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week pouring out 35,000 gallons of mash and beer, and destroying a number of stills, sixteen large steam outfits being included, according to information received today from Director Coltrane's office.

No arrests were made but a number of cases have been made out and arrests are expected to be made shortly.

STONY FORK NEWS

Mrs. G. A. Greene who has been very sick for the past few days is very much improved.

Mr. Mansfield and Marie Greene have purchased their new saw mill and with it they expect to do quite a bit of sawing in this section. The Messrs Green are hustlers, and we wish for them great success in their undertakings.

Little Grace Wellborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wellborn has been visiting her grandfather and grandmother Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wagner for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cook, with little son and daughter spent last Saturday night with Mr. Cook's father.

Mr. I. M. Cook has been very ill with influenza.

Mr. B. T. Taylor has purchased him a new Ford truck.

Mrs. D. L. Wellborn does not seem to improve very much.

Mr. Henry Smith returned some few days ago from Pennsylvania. Mr. Smith says the weather was very cold and disagreeable up there. He also seems to think that he likes North Carolina the best.

Mr. I. S. Greene made a business trip over in Ashe county Saturday.

FOSCOF

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Pressnell a baby boy.

Mr. Charlie Cole has moved to the village. We are glad to have he and his wife with us.

Mrs. Caudas Woody of Shulls Mills visited her cousin Mrs. W. H. Byrd Saturday, and called on Mrs. Waters in the afternoon.

On last Tuesday the good women here stormed Mrs. Henry Brinkley, it being her birthday. They loaded her table with all kinds of good eats.

Miss Floe Calaway, her sister Geneva, and Miss Ollie Taylor did the serving. The evening was spent with pleasure.

Well today is ground hog day. He was a false prophet last year and I hope he will be again.

Mrs. Walters is planning a visit to Blowing Rock and Lenoir this week. She will spend three or four weeks with her daughter Mrs. T. C. Robbins in Lenoir.

TOUCH SYSTEM

Bill Bilken wore shoe soles so thin That when he stepped upon some kato He knew at once, without a doubt, When it was head and when 'twas tail.