



Legislature Makes Progress On Its Two Major Bills

RALEIGH, Jan. 20.—During the past week the legislature has shown signs of getting into high gear and of approaching what sports writers would term "mid-season form." Judging by the number of bills tossed into the hopper to date, however, the 1945 Assembly still lags considerably behind the showing of the 1943 body. As of the close of business on Friday, the box score would compare with the same period of the 1943 session as follows:

Number of bills introduced:

| | 1943 | 1945 |
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| Senate | 60 | 58 |
| House | 135 | 76 |
| Totals | 195 | 134 |

But the number of bills introduced within a given period is by no means the sole criterion of the speed with which a legislature is going about its business. That business, like ancient Gaul, is roughly divided into three parts: (1) appropriating funds to cover the costs of the State's services to its citizens; (2) raising necessary revenue to meet those costs; and (3) regulating the conduct of the State's citizens. The present legislature is no laggard with respect to its attitude toward these three major divisions of its business.

Principal items (1) and (2) are being handled with all of the dispatch which anyone could desire, and even beyond the desires of some. The biennial appropriation and the revenue bill, both introduced last week, are making remarkable progress in the joint Senate and House committees. As for the business of regulating the conduct of the State's citizens, the House in one day received nine bills having to do with the revision of the General Statutes of North Carolina, adopted last session. Among the nine bills was one to create a "General Statutes Commission" with the general duty of studying the General Statutes—our repository of general regulations—and of reporting to succeeding general assemblies, and another bill containing 47 sections which seeks to correct numerous flaws, inconsistencies and discrepancies in our newly adopted code. The provisions of the nine bills for the most part merely clarifying or removing discrepancies from the General Statutes—are too numerous to mention, but it may be said that if enacted they will give the "General Statutes Commission", if created, a head start in its work.

Both the appropriations and revenue bills were being assaulted this week. Perhaps the most serious from the standpoint of ultimate effect, though the mildest from the standpoint of objective, was a bill to revise the schedule of teachers' salaries. This bill, SB 58, (identical to HB 72, introduced the same day), would increase the increments for experience beyond the increases provided in the biennial appropriations bill. The most serious from the standpoint of objective, though perhaps not so serious from the standpoint of ultimate effect, was

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Brumby Tells Of His Experiences In India

Robt. Mongin Brumby, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Brumby, Sr., of Murphy, who is now stationed in Chungking, China, broadcasting for Mutual Broadcasting company, wrote his mother a vivid description of his trip through India, enroute to China, as follows:

"The Song of India is a low, throbbing, plaintive wail; that helpless, lonely banshee wail of a teeming humanity without hope, and bound tight by tradition and blind religious castes. Yet India is a most fascinating place. We



IN PANAMA—Sgt. Thomas E. (Buddy) Dickey, son of Mrs. Leila and the late Frank D. Dickey, who with the U. S. Marines is now serving in Panama. Sgt. Dickey volunteered January 10, 1942, at the age of 17, and was the first and youngest boy in his county to do so after Pearl Harbor.

After six weeks' basic training at Parris Island, S. C., he was made drill instructor, remaining on island as such for 18 months. Later, he instructed at Hunter College, New York, and Camp Lejeune. He has trained at least 15,000 men and women.

Sgt. Dickey attended Georgia Military Academy, Atlanta, Ga., three years, graduating there in May 1940. His brother, Frank Don Dickey, with the Marines, First Fleet Air wing, has been promoted to Private Firstclass. He is now serving in the South Pacific, and writes he is having a good time playing tennis, football, boxing, swimming and making grass skirts. He recently made a skirt and sold it for \$25.00.

War Fund Quota Is Increased

Cherokee county Chapter of American Red Cross has been notified that its War Fund quota, for the drive that starts March 1, has been raised from \$5,600 to \$5,900. Area headquarters explained: "Due to changed conditions in both the European and Pacific theatres of operation, it has been necessary to increase National requirements from \$120,000,000 to \$140,000,000. We are therefore assigning a revised far fund goal to your chapter, for the 1945 war fund campaign."

Mrs. Evans And Daughter Injured

RANGER — Mrs. Kate Evans and daughter, Bessie Ruth Evans, were seriously injured last Saturday night in a car accident on their way home to visit Mrs. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed. The accident occurred near Athens, Tenn. They were taken to Oak Ridge hospital where they are slowly improving.

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Annual Press Institute Opens At U.N.C. Tuesday

CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 22.—Harrison Salisbury, foreign news editor of the United Press, who has just returned from a 20-month, 50-mile tour which embraced every theatre of war, will be the principal speaker at the opening session of the 20th annual North Carolina Institute in Gerrald Hall at the University here Thursday night, January 25, at 8 o'clock.

The complete program, just announced, also features an address by Frank J. Starzel, New York, assistant general manager of The Associated Press, at the Friday night session at Duke University. Dr. Julian S. Miller, editor of The Charlotte Observer and president of the North Carolina Press Association, will preside over the sessions which will this year emphasize topics designed to assist editors and publishers in the solution of war-time problems.

There will be sessions for both dailies and weeklies Friday morning and afternoon, and the Friday night session at the Duke Union will take the form of a dinner meeting featuring Mr. Starzel's address and the presentation of annual press awards by Governor Gregg Cherry.

The University of North Carolina will be host at a luncheon session Friday at 1 o'clock at which Mrs. Mark Ehrhardt, of Louisville, Ky., author of note, will be the speaker. Governor Cherry will be among the distinguished guests.

Grady Walters Is Wounded

ROBBINSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walters have received word that their son, Cpl. Grady Walters was wounded in action in France Dec. 26. He is at present in a hospital in England. Cpl. Walters has been overseas since July 1944. He entered the service Sept., 1942. He took his training at Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Campbell, Ky., and Camp Carson, Colo. His wife, the former Miss Marie Barron, is employed at Enka Corporation, Enka. Cpl. Walters is a graduate of the Robbinsville high school, and prior to entering the service, he was employed with the TVA, Fontana Dam.

Lions Club Endorses State Appropriation For Libraries

Murphy Lions club met Tuesday evening at the Henry House and enjoyed a musical program presented by Misses Virginia Ann Morgan, Frances Capps and Mary Lou Hatchett.

It was announced that the club this month sent 40,000 cigarettes to boys in the armed forces overseas.

Dr. R. H. Cox and Don Allison were welcomed as new members. W. H. Goodson of the Standard Oil Company was a guest of Loren Davis.

The attendance team headed by Roger Ammons was announced winner over the team of Dale Lee, for the past three months' attendance contest. Dr. J. R. Bell, attendance chairman, announced that new captains would be Charles Worthen and Edward Brumby.

The club voted to endorse the proposal for an appropriation of \$225,000 by the legislature this year for state aid to libraries and requested the secretary, S. N. Bobo, to wire the county's representative and senator to that effect.

President H. A. Mattox, who will leave February 12 for the army, urged the club to renew its efforts in behalf of the city park. He also appointed a committee to meet with the town council and request that as the survey of the town is being made the streets be named and numbered, the members of which are: R. S. Bault, Edward Brumby and Doyle Burch.

President Mattox was given a rising vote of thanks for his leadership and service to the club this year, and he was highly commended for his work by members of the club.



HOME ON LEAVE—T/4 J. D. Palmer, left and Staff Sgt. H. C. Palmer, right, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Nannie Palmer of Murphy, route 2, J. D. entered service in 1939. He served 18 months in the South Pacific. He is now stationed at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas. H. C. entered in July, 1936. He was first sent to Panama and then was sent to the Southwest Pacific.

Graham County Sells \$440,947 In Sixth War Loan Drive

Red Cross Ships Several Articles

The Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross has just shipped to headquarters the following articles, Mrs. H. Bueck, chairman of packing, has announced:

One hundred pairs of overalls for refugees; for the army—seven pairs of gloves, one helmet, 29 mufflers, one pair of rifle midens, 23 sleeveless sweaters, one turtle-neck sweater, 20 pairs of socks. For the navy: One helmet, two sweaters, one pair of trigger mittens.

SERMON SUBJECT

Rev. C. A. Voyles, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, announces his sermon subject for 11:00 Sunday morning as, "A Missionary Prayer", Luke 11-2 b.

COURT TO CONVENE

Cherokee county superior court will convene Monday for a civil term, only, with Judge J. Will Pless of Marion presiding.

Feb. 15 Deadline For Filing For AAA Payments

February 15 is the last date that farmers may file 1944 performance reports as a basis for receiving payments earned under the 1944 AAA Program, according to a statement made here today by H. N. Wells, chairman, Cherokee County AAA Committee.

"The Cherokee County AAA Committee is very anxious that every farmer in the county receive the payment that he has earned by participating in the 1944 program. Only 800 of the 1974 eligible farmers in the county have filed performance reports and signed application forms," he stated.

Mr. Wells pointed out that the Cherokee County AAA Office is open each week day from 7:30 o'clock a. m. to 4:30 o'clock p. m., and that every farmer who has not filed performance report and signed application form is urged to call at the county office and do so at the earliest possible date.

TO PREACH SUNDAY

The Rev. R. Lane Akins of Hayesville will preach at the First Baptist church, Murphy, Sunday morning and evening.

SPEAKS AT CHURCH

I. B. Hudson, superintendent of Andrews schools, spoke at Murphy First Baptist church last Sunday.

Polio Drive Ends Next Week; Local Theaters Assisting

Fred Swain Is New Commander Woodmen Council

Camp No. 891 of the Woodmen of the World will meet at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, January 30, at D. M. Reese's office.

New officers were elected at the last meeting held at Johnson's cafe, as follows:
Council commander, Fred Swain; adjutant lieutenant, Clyde McNabb; banker, Don Gentry; financial secretary—clerk, D. M. Reese; escort, Wiley A. Brooks; watchman, John E. Posey, Jr.; sentry, Elbert Tothorow; physician, Dr. Harry Miller; auditors: Harry Moody, Lawrence Ledford, and Ben Vaughn.

Elkins Is With Signal Battalion Now In France

Sixth Army Group, France—Radio, telephone and cable are three of the most important factors in a war of movement and distance and to the officers and men of the 3211th Signal Battalion falls the task of providing these means of communication for headquarters of the Sixth Army group in France.

Hundreds of miles of telephone wire and several huge switchboards are necessary to connect the headquarters with its far-flung units of the American 7th and French 1st armies on a front of several hundred miles along the German border and the Rhine. Several signal service companies maintain and lay these miles of wire and make sure that the wire and cables are in perfect condition.

Radio circuits between various headquarters in France and radio communications with other parts of the world are other vital parts of the war against the Nazis. Radio relay companies handle the variety of transmitting and receiving stations that instantly connect Sixth Army group headquarters with other parts of the front and of the world.

Among the soldiers in this battalion who are contributing so greatly to the approaching victory is S/Sgt. Harvey G. Elkins, Jr., of 220 Tennessee Street, Murphy, N. C.

Services To Be Held On Sunday

Service of Holy Communion will be held at the Church of the Messiah Sunday morning, January 28, at 11 o'clock, and the Rev. Rufus Morgan will preach the sermon.

Sunday School classes for children, young people and adults will meet every Sunday at 9:30, beginning January 28.

Triple-Header Is Set For Friday Night

Friday night at seven o'clock in the Murphy high school gymnasium there will be three benefit basketball games. The proceeds will go to Cherokee county's polio fund quota.

The teams playing will be: Murphy girls vs Hiwassee Dam girls; Murphy boys vs Hiwassee Dam boys; and Murphy All-Stars vs Navy, stationed at Hiwassee Dam.

These games are being sponsored by Murphy and Hiwassee Dam high schools in an effort to increase contributions to the polio drive.

The infantile paralysis drive in this county will be climaxed on Tuesday evening when President's birthday balls are held at Murphy and Hiwassee Dam. The week of January 25-31 is being observed as March of Dimes week by the local theatres, and contributions are being taken in each.

This will be the fifth year in which the motion picture industry has participated nationally in the campaign of the Nation Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for funds.

A situation has developed among moviegoers almost as dramatic as any of the war-scenes flashed on the screens they watch! The moviegoers of this city—and America—apparently have apodized as their own the home-front war against infantile paralysis. Each year they provide a large part of the money needed to battle the Crippler. Those contributions are in millions (\$5,000,000 in '44!) of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars. There is no high-pressure solicitation. The American movie public—which is just about all of the public—has voluntarily enlisted to help win this war against the mysterious epidemic disease.

In 1941, the theatres reported \$435,000 for the "Dimes" fund. In 1942, the total shot up to \$1,403,000. In 1943, it soared to \$2,116,000; in 1944 it leaped to \$4,667,000! That brings the moviegoers' contributions to over \$8,621,000. It is hoped this year the movie fund of 1945 will crash through \$5,000,000.

R. C. Baxter, Jr. Is Awarded Combat Badge

With the 8th Infantry Division in France—Major General Horace L. McBride, commanding general of the 80th infantry division, has announced that Pfc. Robert C. Baxter, Jr., of headquarters company, 3rd Battalion, 319th Infantry regiment, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

Pfc. Baxter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Baxter, Sr., residing at route 1, Robbinsville, North Carolina.

Pfc. Baxter entered the service December 30, 1942. Date of last promotion March 17, 1944.

Ration Office To Be Closed On First Of Month

Fred V. Johnson, chairman of the Cherokee County War Price and Rationing Board in Murphy, has announced that the ration board office will be closed to the public on the first working day of each month in order that the clerks may get their reports to the district and regional office on time. This becomes effective on February 1st.

Marvin H. Bell Gets Promotion

CHERRY POINT.—Marine Sergeant Marvin H. Bell, son of J. L. Bell, route 2, Culberson, N. C., has been promoted from corporal to his present rank here.

Sergeant Bell is serving as an aviation ordnance man with the Ninth Marine Aircraft wing, which is in combat training at the marine corps air station here. He enlisted on September 28, 1942, at Rome, Ga.

Promoted

Sgt. James C. Farmer has received a promotion from Private first class to Sergeant. He is in the infantry, in the European theatre of operations. Farmer is the son of Mrs. Ella A. Farmer of Grandview.

ALL-NIGHT SERVICE

An all-night service will be held at the Pleasant Valley Baptist church the second Saturday night in February. Everyone is invited to attend in behalf of Victory, says Rev. Leonard McCure, pastor.