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## WOULD CONTINUE FEDERAL AID PLAN OF ROAD BUILDING

### House Passes Bill Overwhelmingly For Continuation of Policy Adopted in 1916

#### NORTH CAROLINA'S SHARE WOULD BE \$2,350,000

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The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By JOE L. BAKER (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 7.—By the overwhelming majority of 278 to 58, the House this afternoon passed the bill authorizing an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for Federal aid in road construction during 1922, and went on record for the continuation of the Federal aid policy first adopted in 1916.

The bill was passed despite determined opposition from most of the New England and a few New York members, as well as scattered opposition from congressmen in urban districts, which would draw no direct benefit from the road fund. All of the members of the North Carolina delegation who were in the House voted for the bill, and Representative Doughton of the Eighth district, who will be ranking minority member of the roads committee in the next House, aided in the fight on the floor. Mr. Doughton has been one of the most ardent good roads advocates in the House and was elected this afternoon at the passage of the bill by such a large majority, despite the New England objection.

An effort will be made to get the bill through the Senate before March 4, probably as an amendment to one of the regular appropriation bills, in order that the organization will be made work contemplated under the Federal aid policy not be stopped at the end of the current fiscal year, as would be the case in more than half the States if the authorization were not made.

**State Gets Good Slice.** Of this \$100,000,000 appropriation, which the House has approved, North Carolina's apportionment will be \$2,350,000, or 2.35 per cent of the total. The bill provides for the distribution of the money on the basis of the population, area and mileage of post roads of the various States. If the 1920 census figures are again employed, North Carolina will receive \$2,350,000, if the 1920 figures are taken, because of the large population gain the Tar Heel State showed, her apportionment will be somewhat greater.

The roads committee report, laid before the House, showed that of the Federal appropriations already made, amounting to \$267,750,000, North Carolina's allotment was \$6,270,000. On January 31, the records at the Federal roads bureau show, the contracts completed or under construction in North Carolina amounted to \$4,846,796. Of these contracts, 3 in 3 per cent had been completed. The amount still available to that State is \$1,433,804.88. With approximately \$2,500,000 the State will receive from the new appropriation, there will be a total of almost four million dollars available to the State for road work.

The Federal requirement, every dollar allotted a State by the present act must be matched within the State. Only determined efforts of the good roads advocates in the House saved the bill today. Strong opposition developed, and the chairman of the roads committee, Dunn, of New York, a Republican and member of the steering committee, led the fight against the bill, supported by Winslow, of Massachusetts. Among those who voted to authorize the treasury department to make payment to the railroads under the guarantee covering their first six months of operations. Advocates of the good roads did not lose the opportunity afforded to score these members for their willingness to appropriate money for the railroads and their unwillingness to aid the farmers and other ruralists who will derive the chief benefits from the roads appropriation.

Senate. Simmons has taken up with Commander Reynolds of the coast guard service the matter of detaching a larger cutter for service in the Williams district than the "Semiole," now stationed there. It is claimed that the duty this cutter is now called upon to perform are greater and require longer trips than her coal carrying capacity makes possible, and Senator Simmons is urging that a boat with a greater cruising radius be sent there. The class of boat he is trying to have detailed is sufficiently large to allow her to remain at sea as much as ten or twelve days.

In the matter of the "Famlico," formerly on duty at New Bern, but now idle at Baltimore for lack of a crew, Senator Simmons will try to get the House and Senate concur on the sundry civil bill to agree to an increase of \$250,000 in the appropriation for the coast guard so that this cutter and the "Apache," formerly in the Baltimore waters, can be returned to duty. Representative Brannen had the matter up with Commander Reynolds last week and was informed that the appropriation made by Congress is so small that crews for these cutters cannot be employed.

**Will Go Ahead.** H. W. Turnage and J. G. Yates, of Farmville, tobacco buyers and exporters, were here today to arrange about getting passports. They plan to go to Belgium, Holland and England on a business trip. Capt. R. R. Boyler, Jr., of Oxford, (Continued on Page Two)

## President Wilson Expects to Go Into Seclusion After March 4

Washington, Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—President Wilson plans to go into virtual seclusion for a time after March 4.

Freed from the responsibilities of office, which have weighed heavily upon him during his convalescence, Mr. Wilson, his friends say, will shut himself in for a period of intensive rest and quiet in the new home he has purchased here. He will deny himself to all callers except immediate members of his family, it is said, and a very few intimate friends with whom throughout his illness he has kept in contact.

No formal engagements of any character are expected to be made by the President until he shall have thoroughly adjusted himself to private life after some ten years in public service. Even the writing which he has planned to do upon his retirement from the White House will be postponed for several months, his friends say. Mr. Wilson is understood to have de-

clined a number of invitations to spend part of the summer out of Washington, but because of his delight with the pleasant weather here last summer, the first which he had spent in this city, it is regarded as unlikely that he will accept any of these invitations.

For possibly six months, friends of the President believe, his life will be wholly taken up with recreation. His chief diversion since his illness has been reading. He is said to have practically exhausted the field of detective stories, of which he has always been especially fond, and more recently has taken up novels and light stories. He also has given some time to reading poetry.

Since his resumption last week of his old custom of attending the theatre, the President is expected to continue as his health improves to find occasion more and more to avail himself of this form of recreation. He also is expected to continue his daily automobile rides.

## RELIEF MEASURES ADOPTED BY HOUSE

### Big Upset of Day Was Defeat of Bill To Permit Payments To The Railroads

Washington, Feb. 7.—Two big relief measures were put through the House in a hurry today and a third was beaten by a slight margin.

Called up under suspension of rules, a proceeding which required a two-thirds vote on passage, the thirteen million dollar soldier hospital bill was passed by a rising vote and the one hundred million dollar road fund appropriation won with votes to spare.

The big upset of the day was the defeat of the Winslow bill to permit partial payments to railroads under the guaranty section of the transportation act. Backed almost solidly by Republicans, it was killed because two members did not shout answers when their names were called. Democrats lined up almost as a unit against the measure, and criticized the Republicans for attempting to rush it through with debate limited and no opportunity for amendment.

The defeat of the Winslow bill today, however, was only temporary, for after failing to receive the necessary two-thirds vote, the House rules committee reported a bill which provides for its consideration tomorrow immediately after the House convenes. The vote today was 220 to 111, which line up if maintained tomorrow easily will give the measure the simple majority that then only will be needed.

Passage by the House of the bill appropriating funds for the hospitalization of disabled service men was followed by the adoption of similar legislation by the Senate. The letter sent to the House on better, however, making a total appropriation of \$18,000,000 available through amendments tacked on the sundry civil bill.

The hospital bill passed by the House provides for erection of five regional hospitals for sick and disabled soldiers, at a cost of \$2,500,000 each, and \$500,000 for conversion into hospitals of buildings at Forts Walla Walla, Wash., and McKean, Wyoming.

One of the Senate's hospital amendments to the sundry civil bill would appropriate \$12,500,000 for five new hospitals, the location to be decided by the surgeon general of the public health service and the President, and the other would provide \$6,100,000 for the care of disabled veterans through improvements or new construction of public health service hospitals.

The bill passed by the House making an appropriation for good roads would permit expenditure of one hundred million dollars and was offered as a substitute for the McArthur bill which sought to appropriate that sum each year for the next five years.

**ONE NATION PROPOSED TO CANCEL ALLIED WAR DEBT**

Secretary Houston Announces Intention To Make No Further Loans To Allies

Washington, Feb. 7.—Declaration by Secretary Houston that an unnamed allied government had proposed to the United States cancellation of its war obligations to that country; a wrangle over status of war loans to Russia and Russian embassy financing, and a decision to divide the investigation as to foreign loans with the foreign relations committee marked today's session of the Senate judiciary committee. The proposal of Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, to prohibit additional foreign loans was under consideration.

Secretary Houston said merely that "one government" had proposed cancellation by the United States of loans to it. He preferred "not to say" what government and the question was not further pressed by Senator Reed.

Most of the session was taken up with discussion of Mr. Houston's assertion that he did not propose to make further loans to foreign governments. The Secretary contended, however, that it would be "unfortunate" if the United States failed to live up to "solemn commitments" and make additional payments, if requested, in the case of belligerents, estimated at \$75,000,000, standing to the credit of allied nations. He added that no such requests had been made or indicated, however.

## THOMAS DIXON TO FIGHT CENSORSHIP

### Distinguished Novelist Coming To Raleigh On Benefit Tour

Interest will be added to the fight of the organized women of North Carolina to establish a board of censorship for moving pictures by the arrival tomorrow and producer of moving pictures and of other theatrical productions. Announcement of his coming was made unofficially last night by friends in Raleigh.

Formal launching of the fight for a censorship board has not been made in either branch of the General Assembly, but the measure has been fully prepared by the club women, and is ready for introduction any day. The chief trouble thus far has been the finding of a man who is willing to make the fight for them. Representative Doughton and Senator Varner, who had tentatively agreed, and the measure not altogether to their liking.

Legislation and personally the coming of Thomas Dixon with war paint on against the bill bids fair to be one of the most interesting developments of the session. At one time, before he became a minister, and many years before he achieved distinction in his first novel, "The Leopard Spots," Mr. Dixon was a member of the House of Representatives, and as such will be accorded the privileges of the floor. He will very probably be asked to address a joint session.

The bill which he is coming to fight provides for the establishing of a board of censors, three in number, one member to be named by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, one by the State Superintendent of Public Welfare and a third by the president of the Federation of Women's Clubs. Pivotal powers are given them over every film shown in North Carolina.

Every film designed for exhibition in North Carolina must pass through the hands of the board, and no film may be exhibited without carrying at least four feet of the board's sanction at the beginning of the picture. The board is authorized to purchase such equipment as may be necessary for the projection of the films. The expenses of the board are to be paid from fees charged the exhibitor of the film. Section six of the act reads:

"The board shall examine or cause to be examined under the supervision of the board, all films, reels, or views to be exhibited or used in North Carolina, and shall approve such films, reels or views, that are moral and proper and the board shall disapprove only such films, reels or views as are sacrilegious, obscene or clearly immoral, or such as may reasonably tend to debase or corrupt the morals of persons viewing them."

No definition of what may be termed immoral, sacrilegious, obscene, etc., is contained in the measure.

**GERMANY DENIES MAKING OFFER OF PEA TERMS**

Berlin, Feb. 7.—Official denial was made today of a report that Germany had offered through the American mission in Berlin terms for arranging peace with the United States. The Berlin newspapers printed the denial of the government and at the headquarters of the American commission the statement was made that no information had been received of such a proposal on the part of Germany.

**BAKER ORDERS CESSATION OF ALL ARMY RECRUITING**

Washington, Feb. 7.—Complete cessation of army recruiting was ordered tonight by Secretary Baker in accordance with the direction of Congress as embodied in a joint resolution passed over the veto of President Wilson.

The War Secretary acted to stop recruiting through orders sent all recruiting officers within a few hours after Congress had completed adoption of the resolution which directs cessation of all recruiting until the army is reduced to 175,000 men.

Army officers have estimated that it will require nine months or until next November 1 to reduce the army from the present more than 213,000 called men strength to the 175,000 figure. Recruiting for the last few weeks has averaged about 1,000 men a day.

The Senate voted 67 to 1 late today to override the President's veto of the reduction of the army. Senator Kirby, Democrat, Arkansas, alone being recorded as sustaining the President. The House voted overwhelmingly to adopt the resolution over the President's veto last Saturday.

## URGES RETENTION OF GEORGE WHITE AS NATIONAL HEAD

### Champ Clark Issues Statement Condemning Movement To Retire Chairman

#### REPLIES TO STATEMENT ISSUED BY COMMITTEE

Six New Names Added To Petition Calling For General Meeting of Democratic Committee; National Chairman States He Has No Intention of Resigning the Place

Washington, Feb. 7.—Democrats who "for purposes of boosting some particular presidential candidate" are trying to force the resignation of Chairman George White, of the Democratic national committee, should be "quenched," Champ Clark, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, declared today in a formal statement.

Mr. Clark was replying to the statement of the committee which had been circulating for a number of days in the city, calling for a meeting of the committee at St. Louis March 1 to organize "the forces of progress." The former speaker of the House said Mr. White made an "up hill fight last year and did it well," and that he should be allowed to fill out his term of four years.

Mr. Clark further declared that the sooner "presidential candidates and their enthusiastic proponents" could bring themselves to wait, the better it would be for the party and the country.

Representative Flood, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, also issued a statement opposing an early meeting of the committee. He said the issues of the 1922 campaign would be made by the Democrats in the Senate and House and that while Mr. White might desire to resign he could render service to the entire Democratic party by remaining as chairman.

"If the Republicans propose legislation in the interest of the country," said Mr. Flood, "we will support it earnestly. Only when such proposed legislation is not in the interest of the country will we oppose it, and the difference between the two parties will constitute the issues in 1922 and 1924."

This view was endorsed by Representative Clark, who said the only question pressing for solution now was paying off the deficit in campaign expenses, to which "impatient" Mr. White now was addressing himself.

"The issue in the next campaign," he added, "will be based on legislation of the 67th and 68th congresses. New men and new issues may appear in the next three years."

Six more members of the national committee wish their names added to the request for a meeting of the full committee. Included in these is Mary C. B. Munford, of Virginia.

The addition of these names make a total of 55, or two more than a majority, approving the request, it was explained.

**WHITE HAS NO INTENTION OF RESIGNING, HE SAYS.**

Marietta, Ohio, Feb. 7.—Chairman George White, of the Democratic national committee, has no intention of retiring, he said here tonight before leaving for New York and Washington, to take up the request of 49 members of the committee for a meeting March 1.

"Conditions have changed since last fall when I said I might retire," said Mr. White. "I now feel that I do not need to give my entire time to business and will be able to take care of the chairmanship."

The whole matter will be thrashed out at the meeting of the recently appointed Democratic executive committee at Washington February 17, Mr. White said. He announced that he had received numerous telegrams urging that he continue as national chairman.

**WAYNESVILLE SECURES BIG VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**

Disabled Service Men Will Be Given Opportunity To Learn Occupations

Asheville, Feb. 7.—Arrangements have been practically completed by representatives of the Federal board of vocational education of the United States government for opening a comprehensive school at Waynesville for rehabilitation of former service men. Leases covering a period of five years have been taken upon the White Sulphur Springs property, which is to house the school. In addition leases have been taken on adjoining farm land, to be used in teaching of practical agriculture and truck gardening, and several private residences have been rented to serve as quarters for members of the staff and for the married men who will be students at the school. Present plans call for opening the school on or about March 1, providing all details may be completed by that date. The vocational school is being transferred from its present location at Johnson City, Tenn., where it has been conducted in conjunction with the United States public health service hospital.

**DIVES AIRPLANE INTO OCEAN TO SAVE A LIFE**

Daytona, Fla., Feb. 7.—L. G. Merrill crashed his airplane into the ocean today in trying to save J. Eugene of Daytona, who had been caught in an undertow of the beach. Life guards quickly rescued both men who cling to the machine.

Annual Harvest Race, Dixie Flat and St. Valentine's Steeple Chase, Flatstart, tomorrow, adv.

## MONDAY SESSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS ROUTINE AFFAIR

### Matthews Introduces Resolution For Investigation of Atlantic Coast Line

#### DOUGHTON AND MATTHEWS ENGAGE IN VERBAL TILT

Member From Alleghany, Replies To Charge That He Is Pandering To Woman Vote In State; Senate Passes Up Anything That Holds Prospect of Fight

Representative Matthews, of Bertie, in the House last night, offered his resolution, calling upon the General Assembly to have the Judiciary committee No. 1 of the House to investigate the conduct of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad as to attempted removal of litigation from State to Federal courts, in contravention of its agreement with the State, under which it has its charter, and holds leases for certain State owned railroads.

Save for a passage of words between Representative Doughton and Representative Matthews over the latter's bill to make certain words of common gender when applied to holders of certificates in the State, procedure in the House was drab and uninteresting. For the most part the session was devoted to the introduction of 27 new bills and the passage of that many more, all of them provincial in interest.

Mr. Doughton offered a measure some days ago making such words as "Governor," "Senator," "Solicitor," etc., mean either male or female, when applied to the holder of the office, whether the holder was a man or woman. It got through the committee, and for one reason or another, has been deferred several times when it reached the calendar. It came up again last night and Mr. Matthews wanted to strike out the word "Juror." He sent up half amendments which charged the member from Alleghany with pandering to the woman vote in the State, and endeavoring to stonewall his opposition to the Anthony amendment when it was up last August in the special session. He didn't like the possibilities of the measure at all—it was going too far, and as a lawyer he didn't want any woman serving on juries. He thought they ought to be excused.

The veteran representative from the county of Alleghany took up the challenge in like temper and proceeded to unhorse the member from Bertie. "I understood that I was being marshaled in the forces of the opposition by the gentleman from Bertie last summer," he began. "He was leading the fight, and I was a mere private in the ranks of the Round Robin."

"These lawyers are always seeking boogers," he went on, "and while I belong to that honorable profession myself, I can see nothing in this bill that need worry anybody. The attorney general drew it, and I just offered it at his request." And although he had offered it by courtesy, he was willing to fight for it. He got the bill out and read it, stopping as he named over each office to ridicule the feminizing of them—"governors, senators, solicitors, members, and such like phrases. The House howled in delight.

"Now we'll have some of them—the women—in office, in these offices sometimes—and they all behaved mighty well in the last election," he continued. "This bill doesn't confer on them anything that they haven't got, and I think it ought to pass. It doesn't make them jurors, and I am not so certain that they are not already jurors. Mr. Speaker, I think the bill ought to pass." And pass it did, although there were a few scattered Noes.

The House adjourned at 9 o'clock after an hour's session, and will convene again this morning at 10 o'clock. The invocation last night was by Rev. Weston Bruner, D. D., pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church.

The routine Senate Session.

The treatment of justice will be given time to study the new plan and objections are still argument will be heard by the court before a final decision is rendered.

**DANIELS SUGGESTS DUEL TO SETTLE CONTROVERSY**

Washington, Feb. 7.—A conditional challenge for an airplane battle ship duel with Brigadier General Mitchell, chief of army air operations piloting the bomber and Secretary Daniels navigating the battleship was issued by Mr. Daniels today, commenting on the controversy raised by General Mitchell's assertion that aircraft have made dreadnaughts worthless.

"If Admiral Mitchell can't drop bombs from the air more effectively than he can explode them in committee meetings," Secretary Daniels said, "I would take a chance on maneuvering a battleship myself while he tried out his pet plan."

**IF A RAT WANTS TO RIDE IN FORD CAR, LET IT RIDE**

Rocky Mount, Feb. 7.—If a rat wants to ride in a Ford car, it's well enough to let the rodent have its way. E. Clarence Brake started to Sharpsburg this morning in his Tin Lizzie. Travelling leisurely along, he discovered a rat had crawled from his hiding place to the foot of the car. He attempted to kill the vermin but instead lost control of the steering gear. The Ford smashed into a conveniently placed stump. Mr. Brake escaped unharmed from the mass of debris, but is still looking for the rat.

## EIGHT KILLED IN SCHOOL ROOM BY AN EXPLOSION

Lawrenceville, Ill., Feb. 7.—Eight persons, 7 young boys and a man, were killed and another boy is expected to die as the result of an explosion of a can of nitro-glycerine which occurred this afternoon at the Cross Roads school house about three miles west of here.

The explosion occurred at the noon recess, when one of the boys found the can near the school. Not knowing it contained an explosive, he playfully tossed it to a companion and the blast followed.

One wall of the school house was crumbled and Mr. Bunyan and eight boys were hurled fifty feet in the air. Several girls, who were on the other side of the school house at the time, were knocked down and stunned by the blast, but not seriously hurt.

Officials of Lawrence county expressed the belief the explosive inadvertently was left there found by workmen in the oil fields near here, as nitro-glycerine is used in "shooting" wells.

The boys killed ranged in ages from 12 to 16 years.

## LABOR LEADERS PLEASED WITH WILSON'S ACTION

### Head of Railway Bureau of Federation Declares Position Clearly Vindicated

New York, Feb. 7.—The refusal of the Interstate Commerce Commission to complete vindication of the stand assumed by the railroad employes, B. M. Jewell, president of the railroad employes department of the American Federation of Labor, declared in a statement here today. The decision of the President, he said, placed the jurisdiction of wages and working conditions under the railway labor board, while financial matters are retained for adjudication by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This decision was the result of claims advanced by railroad executives that the carriers must adjust wages or face bankruptcy. The President refused to submit the matter to Congress. Mr. Jewell's statement read:

"The telegram of the President is a complete vindication of our position. I am delighted at what he has said. He has made it perfectly clear that the labor board should confine its jurisdiction strictly to controversies as to wages and working conditions, leaving financial matters to the Interstate Commerce commission. Mr. Atterbury, therefore, made a serious mistake in applying to the labor board for financial assistance. We did not consider the facts warranted his prediction that the transportation industry was threatened with immediate bankruptcy. Evidently the President did not think so either. We did not feel that a financial disaster was impending as predicted by Mr. Atterbury, but considered it our duty to call his statements to the attention of the President so that if the President considered Mr. Atterbury's statement seriously, proper measures might be taken. The President has stated unequivocally that financial appeals should be restricted to the Interstate Commerce commission, and not dragged before the railroad labor board.

## PACKERS FILE ANOTHER SCHEME TO SELL STOCK

### Would Appoint Sales-Agents to Dispose of It Under Supervision of Trustees

Washington, Feb. 7.—Swift & Co., and Armour & Co., filed today with the District of Columbia Supreme court a new plan for the sale of their stock yard interests in accordance with the terms of the consent decree agreed upon with the government more than a year ago. The plan is a substitute for the one recently disapproved by the court under which the interests would have been acquired by F. H. Page & Co., Boston bankers. It contemplates appointment of sales agents to sell the stock under supervision of trustees, who would have control of the stock meantime with authority to vote it and who would receive \$5,000 annually each.

The sales agents would give reference to buyers in this order; live stock producers; stockholders in the yards, other than the defendants; common carriers serving the yards, local citizens or municipalities or local citizens.

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## MAKES RECEIVERSHIP PERMANENT

Charlotte, Feb. 7.—Judge W. F. Harding this afternoon made permanent the receivership of Chase Brensler for the Wizard Automobile Company. Mr. Brensler has been temporary receiver. His permanent appointment was made in chambers this afternoon. Mr. Brensler later said that reorganization of the company was contemplated, and the manufacture of cars would result.

## DESTROY FIVE ILLICIT DISTILLERIES

York, S. C., Feb. 7.—Five illicit distilleries were found on a single farm twelve miles west of here today by prohibition officers who caught one alleged moonshiner.

**Cotton Mills Resume Work**  
York, S. C., Feb. 7.—The Clover Cotton mills, employing 300 persons, resumed operations here today after a sixty-day suspension.

## DOUGHTON-CONNOR BILL GETS HOUSE COMMITTEE OKEH

### Comes Back Practically Unchanged Except Chairman Bowie's Name Is Added

#### 100 MILLION IN BONDS VOTED DOWN YESTERDAY

Minor Alterations of Text of Measure To Make For Clarity; Provides State System of Hard Surfaced and Other Dependable Types; Automobiles and Gas Carry Tax

Practically unchanged after four days of almost continuous consideration, the Doughton-Connor-Bowie road bill was recommended favorably by the roads committee of the House yesterday afternoon, and will be returned to the calendar at this morning's session, or at the latest, by tomorrow morning.

Such minor changes as the committee made were in the nature of clarifying the measure, which covers 40 pages, will be retyped.

Determined efforts to raise the authorized bond issue from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 and to insert a provision for a small ad valorem tax to support the bond issue, were made yesterday afternoon when the consideration of the measure had reached its final stages, but the judgment of the committee was against such of the proposed changes, and the bill comes back practically as it went from its first reading to the committee.

Two other road bills pending before the committee, the Everett of Durham bill and the McGuire minority bill were reported unfavorably after the proponents of both had cast their vote with the other members for a unanimous endorsement of the Doughton-Connor-Bowie bill. Mr. Everett had indicated that he would withdraw his measure. The committee asked the House for permission to print 500 copies of the bill as amended in committee for use when it comes up for consideration on the floor.

**Four Days of Session.** Saturday and yesterday's hearings, held in the offices of the Automobile department on Hargett street, were restricted almost exclusively to committee members and a few highway experts who were called into consultation. Such amendments as were offered were offered by members of the committee, discussed at length and for the most part voted down. The proposal to raise the bond issue was made by Representative Hendricks and the amendment to reduce by Representative Cox, of Forsyth.

Such changes as have been made in the Doughton-Connor bill were largely in the nature of correcting the wording of the document in such manner as to remove possibilities of technical objection to its provisions, and to clarify and strengthen it. Frank Page, chairman of the Highway Commission, called the committee's attention to the fact that the bill called for all of the automobile tax fund to go to the State treasury and without machinery for him to get a penny of it back. This defect was corrected.

As it comes from the committee, the measure provides for State construction of approximately 5,500 miles of road, of hard surface and other dependable types, connecting the county seats and principal cities and towns of the State. The roads are built and maintained exclusively by the State, with such Federal aid as may be received. The counties will be left free to build and maintain their own local roads.

**Expand Highway Commission.** Construction and maintenance will be effected through the State Highway commission, which has been expanded to include nine members, with the chairman additional. Each member will represent a construction district. The measure provides specifically that Frank Page, and other members of the present commission shall retain their appointments until their terms expire.

Revenues for maintenance will be obtained through a tax on motor vehicles, and a tax of one cent per gallon of gasoline used for automobile purposes. Gasoline for industrial purposes is left untaxed. Construction money will be raised through bond issues, with a total of \$50,000,000 authorized. The floating of the bonds will be made upon request of the chairman of the commission. It is estimated that not more than \$20,000,000 will be called during the next two years.

The sentiment of the General Assembly is apparently reflected in the attitude of the committee, and it is not expected that any general effort will be made to alter the measure when it comes to a vote on the floor of the House or the Senate. Differences of opinion have been brushed out in committee, and it is believed that the Doughton-Connor-Bowie bill will become a law early next week.

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