

### Legislature Fought Hard Over Liquor And Beer Laws

Raleigh, April 25.—The 1949 General Assembly was no exception when it came to arguing over liquor.

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The debate ranged from arguments whether 3.2 per cent beer is intoxicating to discussing of the merits of corn whiskey compared with legal hooch. Action included killing bills calling for a state-wide referendum, passage of compromise legislation allowing some 18 cities and towns to vote on A. B. C. stores if their counties do not call an election within 60 days, and tightening of beer and wine controls.

**Fate Expected**  
The call for a state-wide liquor vote—sounded by the dries and endorsed by Governor Scott—met the fate generally predicted for it before the session began.

But it succeeded in getting the first record vote on the subject in some time. The house voted 54-51 to withdraw a state-wide liquor vote bill—introduced by Representative L. A. Martin of Davidson—from the unfavorable calendar, but the vote failed because a two-thirds majority was needed.

Martin's bill was one of two introduced and called for a ballot on either keeping the present A. B. C. system for liquor sales or abolishing it.

Senator George Penny of Guilford fathered the other measure, which called for either a bone-dry state or an all-wet one—including the manufacture of wine, liquor and beer.

Public hearings on the referendum bills brought two of the largest crowds of the session. The dries had the edge in numbers, with some 2,300 showing up and urging the legislators to allow a state-wide vote.

The A. B. C. advocates ran the prohibitionists a close second as to numbers, with some 2,000 appearing to defend the present system of county option.

It was the first time that A. B. C. backers had turned out in such crowds to publicly support the current system.

After the referendum fight was over, the legislators were hit by a barrage of bills calling for city elections on legalizing A. B. C. liquor stores.

The main storm was in the house, where Dry Leader Martin preached on the evils of whiskey and prayed for divine guidance as he sought to kill the measures.

He and other opponents of the bills said that the county was the smallest unit that should be allowed to vote on the liquor question.

Proponents of the bills said the pattern had been set by the 1947 Legislature, which allowed Asheville, Hickory, Louisburg and Franklinton to hold town and city elections on the question.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. D. E. Glass, late of Wilkes County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, whose address is Statesville, N. C., route 3, on or before the 7th day of February, 1950, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 7th day of February, 1948.

**SHIRLEY JOHNSON,**  
Administrator of the estate of Mrs. D. E. Glass, deceased.  
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Led by Representative Caveness of Guilford, the backers said any governmental unit that could levy taxes on itself was large enough to vote on liquor.

**Compromise Plan**  
After nearly two weeks of debate and maneuvering—with some bills failing passage by one and two vote margins and others passing by similar counts—a compromise was worked out. It allowed cities to vote if a county-wide A. B. C. election was not called within 60 days.

Under this agreement, bills were passed for some 18 cities and towns, including Winstonsalem, Wallace, Warsaw, Kenansville, Mooresville, Walnut Cove, Faison, Dunn, Whiteville, Tabor City, Fair Bluff, Chadbourn, Hertford, Clinton, Salisbury, East Spencer, Spencer, and Newton.

A similar bill for Greensboro passed the house but was killed in the senate because of objection from Penny, a dry leader.

South Carolina farmers are now showing greater interest in permanent pastures than at any other time in the history of the State.

### 269 Gallons Liquor Seized With Truck

Elkin, April 23.—An early morning excursion by police officers one mile northeast of Zephyr, Surry county, today netted 269 gallons of bonded liquor en route from Baltimore, Md., to Wilkesboro.

The haul was being made by Elbert Whittington, 36, negro of Wilkesboro. A 1949 two-ton truck was confiscated in the arrest.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Thomp-

son, State Patrolmen D. J. Caudle and Corporal Sam McKinney reported that the load was overtaken at 2:30 this morning. The driver presented a bill of lading to the officers which listed the load as 12,000 pounds of nails and roofing equipment supposedly intended for transportation to Johnson City, Tenn.

Whittington is in the Elkin jail. The liquor and the truck are being held.

Nearly 527,000,000 bushels of grain and grain products were exported from the United States in the nine-month period from July, 1948, through March, 1949.

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