

BICKETT GIVES HIGH PRAISE TO LEGISLATURE OF 1919

DID WELL IN THREE GREAT FIELDS OF LEGISLATION: TAXATION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH, SAYS GOVERNOR REVIEWING WORK OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1919-WAS FIRST IN THE UNION TO DECLARE FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

"An inspiring record" is the suggestive caption that Gov. Bickett gives a special summary of important legislation that he prepared for the newspapers of the state, as reviewing the work of the 1919 legislature, just adjourned. He says that "its record will declare its glory" was the way he expressed his faith in this assembly in his message at the opening of the session and he is deeply grateful that its work had justified his "confession of faith."

The governor reviews the legislation of the session in a most gratified vein, beginning with the petition for a league of nations, ratification of the national prohibition amendment to the constitution; and in taxation, education, health and all the other avenues of legislative contact with the people, stressing especially the school, good roads, and health legislation. The Governor's summary follows:

The closing sentence of my biennial message to the general assembly of 1919 is: "My prayer to God is, and my faith is that when the general assembly of 1919 shall pass into history its record will declare its glory."

I am deeply grateful that the work of the general assembly justifies the above confession of faith. It is not a perfect record. A careful reading of the Journal will disclose errors of commission, but, viewed in its entirety, it is an inspiring record.

In the very beginning the general assembly evidenced its sympathy with "the new tides running in the hearts of men." The general assembly of North Carolina enjoys the noble distinction of being the very first in the union to petition the American peace commissioners in Paris to incorporate in the treaty of peace a league of nations that will deliver the world forever from the burdens and horrors of war.

The general assembly promptly ratified the federal prohibition amendment, and thus aided in cutting out of our social and political life the most fruitful source of poverty, disease and crime.

Taxation

(1) The budget bill is abreast with the best thought of the times and will enable succeeding general assemblies to consider demands for the expenditure of public funds with a full knowledge of all essential facts.

(2) The income tax amendment to the constitution will enable the state to derive a reasonable revenue from sources well able to pay it, and will wipe out the discrimination now practiced against the man who earns a small income in favor of the man who collects a large one, and will make it possible for a succeeding general assembly to write a model tax law under which it will be unnecessary for the state to levy an ad valorem tax on real or personal property, but can leave all of this to the counties and towns.

(3) The revaluation machinery act marks the high tide in sane and progressive tax legislation in North Carolina. It is a complete abandonment of a standard, hoary with age and iniquity, and the establishment of a new standard of truth and justice. I am well within the bounds of conservative statement in saying that the fixed purpose of the general assembly to make all men come clean to the tax books will add more to the moral and material welfare of our people than all the tax laws that have been written in North Carolina since Virginia Dare first saw the light on Roanoke Island.

Education

(1) It was a monumental achievement to get the people of North Carolina to insert in the organic law of the state a mandate that every child shall have a chance to go to school six months in the year. But it was a more difficult task to frame a wise and just law to carry out this constitutional mandate. This task has been accomplished so well that when the measure was fully explained many who "came to scoff remained to pray."

In the beginning there seemed to be a hopeless division of opinion, but when the light was turned on these differences disappeared and practically all men of all parties now confess that the law as written is the very best that can be devised under the conditions that obtain.

(2) Last year the average teacher received a salary of \$45 a month, and was employed four months in the year. Under a minimum wage law enacted by this general assembly the average teacher will receive approximately \$65 a month for a minimum term of six months.

(3) The law requiring every child under fourteen years of age to go to school during the entire term of the public school in the district in which the child resides, and providing for the rigid enforcement of this law through a system of juvenile courts, gives to North Carolina a compulsory school law that ranks with that of any state in the union.

(4) The act appropriating \$50,000 to provide teacher training through a series of county summer schools conducted in every county in the state is a most vital and valuable departure.

Health

The general assembly made tremendous strides in health legislation. The steps taken for the protection of the health of this and future generations in themselves abundantly justify the existence of the present session of the general assembly.

(1) In my opinion the most important and the most advanced step taken in the domain of health laws is the statute that gives authority to the medical staffs of our penal and charitable institutions to perform operations on inmates of these institutions that will make it impossible for incurable lunatics and imbeciles to "multiply and replenish the earth." The law carefully safeguards the patients and these operations can be performed only when in the judgment of the medical staff they will redound to the benefits of the patients. This law is the very essence of humanity in so far as it effects the individual patient, and is the only way to bring about a gradual decrease in the number of these unfortunate people.

(2) The act that calls for the regular examination of every child who attends a public school in order to ascertain the existence of either physical or mental defects and the appropriation of \$50,000 per annum to correct these defects in indigent children breaks new ground in this field of legislation. This law is based on the sound principle that Christian civilization cannot allow a child to stagger through life under the handicap of a curable physical or mental defect simply because the parents of that child may be stricken with poverty.

(3) The law making it mandatory to maintain in all towns and thickly settled communities sanitary closets in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the state board of health, means the saving of nearly a thousand lives a year, the prevention of ten thousand cases of sickness together with all the suffering and expense incident to sickness and death.

(4) North Carolina has for several years been the leading state in the union in the development of rural health work. The appropriation for this work was practically doubled, and this means increased activity and efficiency in this great field.

(5) A series of acts was passed for the purpose of cooperating with the federal government in the suppression of vice and the prevention of diseases incident to vice. These measures are as follows:

(a) The education of the public by suitable means regarding the cause and prevention of unhygienic sex life and general diseases.

(b) The furnishing of free salvarsan, the specific for syphilis, for the treatment of all syphilitics of the state, and making provision throughout the state for free treatment of persons diseased with gonorrhoea, and syphilis, in order that these diseases may not be transmitted to others.

(c) Making prostitution a dangerous practice in North Carolina by enacting laws that will reach the prostitute, and providing the necessary law enforcing agent to see that the laws are properly applied.

Social Welfare

For the first time in the history of the state we now have the machinery for a united state and county system of social welfare work. The state board of charities and public welfare, which has oversight over the state's charitable and penal institu-

tions, has been given the right to appoint three persons in each county to act as a local welfare board and to advise with the local authorities on all matters pertaining to local conditions. In addition to this the legislature made it the duty of the board of education and the county commissioners in each county to elect, not later than July 15 next, a county superintendent of public welfare, who shall be an officer trained in all matters pertaining to constructive social work. This officer will be the chief school attendance officer and the chief probation officer of the county, charged especially with the duty of looking after delinquent and neglected children. His position is made to fit in with the compulsory attendance law and the new juvenile court law.

The juvenile court law marks the most wholesome advance in child welfare legislation ever accomplished in this state at one stroke. It provides that all children under sixteen years of age who may be infractors of the laws shall not be treated as criminals, but as wayward children needing parental control, education, and discipline, which must be supplied by the state since it has not been provided by natural guardians. The law provides that every clerk of the superior court in the state shall be a juvenile court judge and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over children of less than sixteen years. Every city of more than ten thousand population must establish a juvenile court or make provision for combining with the county court.

And towns of five thousand population which are not county seat towns, and therefore not of easy access to the county clerk, may provide courts if they choose. The design is a guarantee that every child be within the jurisdiction of a juvenile court, no matter whether he lives in town or country. The law provides the manner of procedure for carrying out the juvenile court principles as it is known in the most modern legislation of the country and is not behind any state in the union. This law was perfected and carried through at the earnest solicitation of the commissioner of public welfare and the state board and the plans are to afford every help in working out the practical operation of the law in the several towns and counties.

Good Roads

The general assembly did good work in public road legislation:

(1) A bill of vital importance was passed so quietly that it was scarcely mentioned in the press, and yet it is essential to the very existence of good roads. The sin in North Carolina has not been our failure to build good roads, but our criminal negligence in failing to keep them up. This general assembly has enacted a law making it mandatory for county commissioners to levy an annual upkeep tax where bonds have been issued for the construction of roads. This applies to every county in the state and hereafter there will be no excuse for any road in North Carolina that has been built on bonds to be allowed to go to the bad.

The road act passed by the general assembly for the purpose of meeting the requirements for obtaining aid from the federal government is not a perfect piece of legislation. It does not represent the views of any one member of the general assembly, but in the hands of a wise and fair commission it can be made the instrument of great work in the state. The work of the appropriation committee reflects great credit upon the intelligence and patriotism of that committee. It is a well balanced appropriation bill, and meets the requirements of our educational and charitable institutions in so far as they can be met in the present financial condition of the state.

The Warehouse Act

This act is designed to benefit the cotton growers of the state. It was passed upon the earnest insistence of those most deeply interested in the welfare of cotton growers. I hope that much good will result from the act, but I frankly confess that in my opinion the only way the cotton grower can win in his perpetual war with Wall street is to fight his battles behind breast works of bread and bacon. A warehouse may enable him to win a single fight, but it can never make him win a war.

A reading of The Journal would doubtless disclose many other bills of value, and of importance, but I am writing from memory, and the bills above mentioned are those that come into my mind in reviewing the work of the general assembly. These bills

A Bilious Attack.

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in the stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and terrible headache. Take Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

Ulah News. Mr. E. Whatley and family were visitor in Asheboro Sunday afternoon.

Miss Dora Freeman spent Saturday night with her brother, Mr. R. H. Freeman.

Miss Nettie Newsome visited her parents Sunday.

Pvt. Dannie Belle arrived home Sunday from overseas.

Misses Etta and Mary Ann Lowdermilk, of High Point, visited their sister, Mrs. Joel Hammond recently.

Miss Pearl Tant, who has been visiting her parents, returned to High Point Saturday.

Pvt. Henry Lewallen, who for the past year has been stationed at Hoboken, N. J., came home Thursday discharged. Mr. Lewallen is looking well, but seemed to be glad to get home.

Mr. Rupert Freeman is sick with measles.

Miss Alma Luck spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mamie Hoover.

Notice of Land Sale Under Mortgage

By virtue of an order and power vested in the undersigned by that certain mortgage deed, made by John Craven and Mary Craven, his wife, on the 6th day of March, 1916, recorded in Book 184, Page 68, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Randolph county, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on the 5th day of April, 1919 at 12 o'clock M. at the court house door in Asheboro, N. C., the following described lands situated in Randleman township, adjoining the lands of A. W. Barker and others, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone A. M. Barker's corner, in public road; thence east along Barker's line to a stone; thence north to McAdoo's line; thence west along McAdoo's line to the public road, thence along the public road to the beginning, containing one acre more or less. Known as the Chas. Richwine land, and deed to J. W. Parson by S. L. Hayworth, sheriff of Randolph county.

This sale is made on the account of the non-payment of the principal and interest secured by said mortgage deed. Said mortgage deed contains a power of sale authorizing the undersigned to make a sale in the event of default being made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage deed. Said default having been made, this sale is accordingly made under said power.

This the 5th day of March, 1919. S. M. WRIKKE, Mortgagee.

NOTICE In The Superior Court North Carolina. Randolph County. Berta C. Fields, Plaintiff

Clifford G. Fields, Defendant. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Randolph County, North Carolina, in which plaintiff is asking for an absolute divorce from defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the 7th Monday before the 1st Monday of September, 1919, the same being the 2nd Monday of July, 1919, at the court house of said county, in Asheboro, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 5th day of March, 1919. F. M. WRIGHT, C. S. C. Hammer & Moser, Attys. for Plaintiff.

make a robust body of sane, progressive legislation, and in addition to all these one cannot forget Ray's "literary gem"—the dog law.

The general assembly was singularly free from personal and political animosities. The members had a mind to work, and during the sixty days gave the very best that was in them to the building up of the state.

NOTICE

Last Round For Taxes I will be at the following places on the dates mentioned from 10 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of collecting the 1918 taxes. This is positively my last round for the 1918 taxes and I will thank you to meet me and pay your taxes promptly:

Randleman Township, Randleman Store, morning, Worthville, evening, February 25.

Liberty Township, Julian morning, Liberty, evening, February 26.

Columbia Township, Staley, morning; Watkins-Leonard Hardware Co., evening, February 27.

Richland Township, Seagrove, March 4.

Trinity Township, Trinity, March 5.

New Market Township, Glenola, morning; Sophia, evening, March 6.

Providence Township, Ashworth Macon's, morning, March 10.

Level Cross Township, Siler's Store, evening, March 10.

Tabernacle Township, A. W. Fuller's Store, evening, March 11.

Tabernacle Township, Cicero Parish's Store, morning; Tom Pierce's Store, evening, March 12.

Coleridge Township, C. M. Stout's Store, morning; Coleridge Store, evening, March 13.

Concord Township, Farmer, morning; Johnson's Store, evening, March 26.

New Hope Township, Shaw's Store, March 27.

Union Township, Parks Store March 28.

Franklinville Township, Gray's Chapel morning; Franklinville Store evening, April 8.

Brower Township, Erect, morning; Spokane, evening, April 9.

Pleasant Grove Township, J. B. Powers' morning; Ward's Store, evening April 10.

This is my last call for 1918 taxes, so please pay promptly and save cost and trouble. J. F. HUGHES, Sheriff of Randolph county.

Administrator's Notice Having qualified as administratrix of Troy A. Briles, late of Randolph county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of February, 1920, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the premises on Thursday, March 6, 1919, the following articles of personal property, to wit: One Dort automobile, five horses and mules, twelve hogs, six cattle, one gasoline engine, corn mill, cane mill, 600 bushels corn, a lot of flour, feed, a lot of wheat, one reaper, one-half interest in stalk cutter, a lot of farming tools, two buggies, two wagons and various other articles too numerous to mention. Sale to begin promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. This the 14th day of February, 1919.

NEVA BRILES, Admrx. of Troy A. Briles, Deceased. Caraway, N. C., Route No. 1. C. N. Cox, Attorney for Admrx.

NOTICE—LAND SALE By virtue of an order of resale entered by the clerk of the superior court for the county of Randolph under date of February 17, 1919, in a special proceeding entitled May D. McAlister, administratrix of A. C. McAlister, deceased, et al, vs. Adelaide Worth McAlister et al, the undersigned will sell beginning at 1 o'clock p. m., on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1919, at public auction at the court house door in Asheboro, N. C., to the highest bidder on terms of one-third cash, one-third in six months and balance in 12 months with interest on the deferred payments from date of confirmation, the following real estate, to wit:

The fourth tract described in the petition in said case, the same being a lot on North Main Street in the town of Asheboro, N. C., bounded on the south by the old Ross and Rush livery stable property; on the west by the lots of Mrs. Z. F. Rush, on the north by the old Odd Fellows lot and on the east by North Main Street.

Also lots numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, as shown on plat of J. M. Allen, surveyor, which is registered in book 181, page 304, in the office of the register of deeds of Randolph county.

Also lots numbers 23 and 24 of the Randolph Heights property purchased by A. C. McAlister of James H. Pugh and wife as will be seen by reference to book 140, page 47, the same being the second and third tracts mentioned and described in the petition in said cause.

Also the 6th tract described in the petition, 21 acres more or less. For description see deed book 67, page 564, from which deduct sale book 116, page 364.

All the above sales are to be severally and collectively subject to the confirmation of the court. Said sale is a resale by reason of additional or ten per cent bids having been made for said property over the bids therefor at a prior sale and is, therefore, advertised for less than thirty days by virtue of the statute in such case made and provided.

This the 17th day of February, 1919. MAY D. McALISTER, Administratrix and Commissioner.

Administrator's Notice Having qualified as administrator of the estate of James N. Hodgin, deceased, before F. M. Wright, clerk of the Superior court of Randolph county, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned duly verified, on or before the 10th day of March, 1920, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are expected to make immediate settlement.

This 4th day of March, 1919. A. E. TOOMES, Administrator.

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Executor's Notice Having qualified as executor on the last will and testament of Sarah J. Hammer according to law, this is to notify all persons who have claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1920, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This January 30, 1919. W. J. SCARBORO, Executor.

Administrator's Notice Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W. L. Nance, deceased, before F. M. Wright, clerk of the Superior court of Randolph county, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned duly verified on or before the 5th day of February, 1920, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are expected to make immediate settlement.

This 5th day of February, 1919. W. V. SMITH, Administrator.

SALE OF REMAINDER OF RANDOLPH HEIGHTS Property Consists of I.

Seventy-eight building lots on Hammer, Taft, Hendricks and Redding Streets and Uwharrie Road; generally 50 feet front and 150 feet deep, but some much larger. These are Nos. 25 and 27; 30 to 49; 56 to 77; 81 to 100; 107 to 117; 228 to 230, all numbers inclusive.

II. Four farm sites, A, K, T, and the southern portion of E. T fronts railroad and E Uwharrie Road.

III. Two manufacturing sites on either side of Uwharrie Road, fronting railroad, with water. Area large enough for large establishments.

IV. Twenty-six lots Nos. 206 to 227, both inclusive, lying between Norfolk-Southern Railroad and Fayetteville Road; 22 - 100 feet wide; 3 - 50; and 1 - 75 feet wide, running back to Norfolk-Southern tracks, subject to right of way. Fine for warehouses, mills and small manufacturing plants.

V. Land outside platted area of Randolph Heights, supposed to contain 20 or 30 acres; and several small portions inside said area.

Flat recorded in Registry, Randolph County, Book 125, page 548. Map mailed to any one interested. JAMES H. FOU, Raleigh, N. C.

Shop, swine and cattle for meat purposes are of increasing importance in North Carolina.

Sandusky 10-20 Tractor Pulling 7 1-2 ft Reaper on the Farm of G. P. Barker, Near Climax, N. C.



For Sale By G. P. Barker, Climax, N. C.