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## LEGISLATURE ACTIVE LAST FEW DAYS

### Randolph County School Houses May Be Insured in Mutual Company

The provision allowing exemption from taxation of stocks in foreign corporations owned by resident North Carolinians called for in the Varsar amendment of the internal revenue bill, failed of passage. The Senate devoted an entire afternoon to the discussion of this amendment. The vote stood 25 to 23, with two senators paired. Senator Long, in the debate, stated that \$150,000,000 of the wealth of foreign corporations is invested in this state, and that wealthy operators of North Carolina industries afford to make their residence here but must employ others to look after their properties because of the taxation of "foreign stocks." Senator Varsar in concluding the discussion said that the constitution of the state and the democratic platform constrain the general assembly to adopt his amendment and he declared that the exempting proposition is an effort to make North Carolina an "asylum" for the rich who would like to get the benefit of the State's constitutional limitation of income taxation if they likewise could be relieved on taxation on foreign stocks.

The Bowie railroad bill was passed after the third reading. This bill provides for \$10,000,000 for the construction of a trunk line through the extreme northwestern counties, and, in addition, for the participation of the State to the extent of 49 per cent, of the cost of building of five branch railroads in the northwestern portion of the State.

The Brown amendment to increase the tax on all incomes above \$10,000 lost by a vote of 21 to 27. Senator Long held that his increase was not needed to meet all present demands on the treasury.

The Giles farm loan bill was defeated by a vote of 21 to 20. The Harris "Anti-theft" auto bill was passed as was also the general educational bill.

The general revenue bill passed the Senate without a single change in it as it came from the house. An amendment to the section of consolidated statutes with reference to reprinting of the supreme court decisions was introduced by Senator Squires and passed. The bill provides that "without any alteration whatsoever from the original edition thereof except that the brief of counsel contained in the older reports shall be omitted." Senator Cahoon's bill to create a commission on agriculture for Pasquotank county was tabled. The bill giving superior court judges concurrent jurisdiction with municipal judges on matters coming up in the superior court was passed. The bill drafted by the insurance department with reference to providing greater safety for all buildings over three stories high failed because thought too drastic. A bill was passed adding a man to the commissioner of labor and printing to help handle the employment of deaf people. A measure relating to municipal improvements, which had already passed the house, was held up by the Senate for further study. This bill was fostered by municipal officials, aimed to give general powers regarding assessments of benefits and damages in widening streets. The omnibus bill relating to the pay of clerks went through without difficulty. Randolph county and a bill to enable it to insure its school buildings in mutual companies.

A bill to create a board of funeral directors was killed. While one to authorize various boards of county commissioners to contribute to Confederate monuments was passed, bill with regard to eminent domain with special reference to Wake County highway from Raleigh to Wake Forest failed to pass, while one regarding rights of ways of public service corporations in the counties of Yancey, Mitchell and Haywood passed. Hoke county got a bill to help collect taxes, and bill to require actual weight of each bale of hay to be tagged on it passed.

A bill to permit married women under 21 years of age to waive dower right, having reference to execution of mortgages passed. The omnibus pension bill went through its final reading and was sent to the Senate together with bills providing for the erection of buildings on the State prison farm as provided in the appropriation bill. Reduction of state highways in regard to tonnage over certain roads, and reindexing of the consolidated statutes. Representative Fountain, of Edgecomb introduced a bill providing for a training school for juveniles, the proposed school providing an appropriation of \$25,000, which passed the house and was sent to the Senate. The house made provision for changing the insane in the state prison institutions treating such persons now incarcerated and ordered construction of quarters at the state farm in Wake county for the use of prison employees. The bill providing state supervision of a motor bus line, failed of passage because of disagreement among members.

The general appropriation bills passed without opposition on March 3. These carried a bond issue of \$10,567,500 for permanent improvements for the State institutions and a grand total of \$15,531,200 for maintenance during the next two years. It is provided that these appropriations are to be reduced should the revenue fall short. The governor was authorized to name a board of directors of the State seal.

## HOUSE IN WEST ASHEBORO BURNED

The fire alarm sounded Tuesday night about 11:00 o'clock announcing the burning of the house in which Mr. Walter Betts lived. When the fire was discovered it was so far advanced that it was impossible for the fire company to save any part of the building. The house was one of the bungalows which Mr. L. D. Waggoner built during last year and was modern and complete. Mr. Betts has occupied the house every since it was completed. A heavy rain was falling at the time the fire was announced and it was hoped this would stay the flames until the fire company could reach the scene. Mr. and Mrs. Betts lost practically all of their furniture and clothing. They had no insurance. The bungalow cost \$2300 and there was \$1500 insurance. Fire originated from a defective flue.

## COTTON GOODS ADVANCE IN PRICE UNDER NEW TARIFF

Investigations made by the Fair Tariff League, a protectionist organization, shows that the profiteers are taking full advantage of the excessive rates which the Fordney-McCumber law imposes on all sorts of commodities. A comparative list of 75 chemicals compiled ten weeks after the enactment of the Fordney-McCumber bill showed that all but one had undergone increases in price equaling or approximating the amount of tariff placed on them.

Cotton sheeting and muslin of well known and widely used brands had advance in price in the same way. The sheeting was 22 1/2 per cent higher than it was before the Fordney bill passed; the muslin was 12 1/2 per cent higher, and cheap satins for women's wear and men's sleeve linings had increased about one-half.

The rise on the cost of raw cotton represented about one-fifth of these advances, the remainder being due to the tariff.

## HONOR ROLL FOR ASHEBORO SCHOOL

The honor roll for the students in the Asheboro school shows the pupils are striving to take advantage of the splendid educational opportunity which the school offers.

The honor roll follows:

Grade 1 C—Wade Rogers, Clyde Shaw, Leonard Hanes.

Grade 1A—Eleanor Anne Hammond, Mary Moffitt, Carol Royter, Marion Stedman, Lillian DeMarcus, Clyde Brown, Edgar Cheek.

Grade 2A—Howard Fox, William Coffin, Eldon Cox, Bruce Steel, James Walton, Lewis Overman, Edward Armfield, John Brown, Susan Ferree, Frances Hughes, Pauline Hamilton, Ailene Johnson, Julia Rice, Virginia Hanner, Virginia Brittain, Helga Luck, Maggie Rogers, Nollie Cox.

Grade 3A—Ima Andrews, Vera Beane, Lucie Brown, Xanie Hamilton, Thelma Hurley, Hazel McCain, Edith McDowell, Carrie Nelson, Ethel Rich, Margaret Robins, Lucy Clyde Ross.

Grade 3B—Waldo Cheek, George Foust, Norman Hopkins, Lester Laughlin, Clifford B. Lewis, Lewis Berry, Velma Cox, Grace Davidson, Lou Stout, Beulah Burrow.

Grade 4A—Jenovee Cox, Lizzie Honey, Dock Johnson, Arthur Miller, Coleman Moore, Clarence Overman, Clarence Boggs.

Grade 4B—Leo Rice.

Grade 6A—Ruth Hanner, Nettie Alice Wood.

Grade 7B—Althea Pressnell.

Grade 7A—Virginia Hendrix, Ruth Shaw, Margaret Tyson, Pearl Stokes, Pauline Stead, Ret. Kene, Beatrice Lowdermilk, Esther Lowdermilk, Lawrence Hammond, Bruce Hilliard.

## EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE MAY BE CALLED

The General Assembly of 1923 has closed. There is wide spread feeling that another session will be held this year.

torium for the treatment of tuberculosis cases. Senator Harris secured a compromise of his bill to reimburse the Western Wake Highway District for one fourth of the cost of the Raleigh-Cary road on account of the fact that the State has since acquired within the district and removed from the tax books of the State prison farm and the State highway shops. Senator Bennett got through a bill providing that all bags of fertilizer must bear tags showing the source of ingredients. Other measures of state wide importance passed last Friday were house bills authorizing the several counties in the State to issue bonds or borrow money for the construction of court-houses and validating the formation of all special tax districts now existing. The Senate receded from its amendment making the Cabarrus county slot machine law apply to the whole state, and the measure becomes applicable to Cabarrus and Rowan counties only.

A compromise was effected among friends and enemies of the solicitors' salary bill and the Senate passed the measure and increased the salary. The house bill provides a salary of \$4,000 with an expense allowance of \$750.00 and provided that the measure shall become effective on December 31, 1923 and the Senate made the salary \$4,750 and the effective date June 30, 1924.

Since the opening day of the legislature more than 1,500 bills have been introduced and 900 ratified. Three hundred have been tabled or withdrawn or killed.

## SIXTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS ADJOURNS

### Butter Bill Last To Become a Law—Many Bills Passed

The 67th Congress adjourned at noon Sunday, March 4th, sine die after having been in session for the greater portion of two years. During the closing hour Pres. Harding signed the farm credits bill and 98 other measures. Nothing was vetoed.

The "better butter" measure was the last bill to become a law. This law changes fat standards. An important measure considered at the last moment was the one pertaining to alien owners of all property seized amounting to \$10,000 or less.

The final hours in the House of Representatives were more interesting. Galleries were crowded and the lobbies were filled with those urging the passage of certain pet bills. The occasion was enlivened by music furnished by the Marine band and songs from members. Representative elect Perry, a Democrat, who is to succeed the Hon. Bascombe Slump, of Virginia, who died some months ago was introduced in the role of soloist. He sang "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," in which all joined. After this rendition, Representative Barker, of Kentucky, sang, "My Old Kentucky Home," and was enthusiastically applauded. The Marine orchestra program made a hit with "Dixie," being led by Representative Ward of North Carolina, from the top of a table in the center of the Democratic side. Much of the time of the hour and a half that the House was in session was devoted to farewell eulogies. Representative Fordney of Michigan, Campbell, of Kansas, Kitchen, of North Carolina, Alice Robertson of Oklahoma, were given a great ovation, but "Uncle Joe Cannon" received the greatest tribute of all. Speaker Gillette was thanked for his able impartial and dignified manner in presiding as Speaker during the term now closing. Thus the 67th congress passes into history.

## M. E. MATTERS

### W. H. Willis

The plans for the new church have been received from Architect Harry Barton.

Attendance on last Sunday reached a new high water mark in the Sunday School history.

Mr. O. V. Woosley, Conference Sunday school secretary addressed some of our workers Sunday afternoon.

Rev. W. B. Thompson, and G. H. Howell, adjacent Methodist pastors attended the ministers meeting here Monday.

10 cottage prayer meetings will be held by our laymen on Friday night of next week, preparatory to revival services to begin, March 18th.

Topic for next Sunday: 11 a. m. A prayer meeting that stirred angels.

7:30 p. m., Conscript or Volunteer.

## NEGRO OFFICER ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

William W. Green, negro military instructor of Greensboro, and for many years a soldier in the United States army is being tried before Judge Stack in Davidson County Superior court, this week on the charge of committing rape on a young girl of his own race at near Linwood.

The assault is alleged to have occurred while Green was hunting near Linwood and was a guest at the home of the girl's grandfather, where she lived.

## MR. I. C. MOSER RETURNS FROM RALEIGH

Representative I. C. Moser arrived in Asheboro Tuesday after having been in Raleigh during the term of Legislature. Mr. Moser has been fortunate in the passage of bills which he has presented. Mrs. Moser and son Thad who have been in Smithfield with Rev. D. H. Tuttle during Mr. Moser's absence, have also returned.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 24

Schools visited, 4.  
Number children examined, 307.  
Number children with diseased throats, 97.  
Number children with defective teeth, 97.  
Number of children with defective vision, 14.  
Number schools with no privies, 3.  
Number schools with sanitary privies, 1.

## SIX UNITED STATES SAILORS SUFFOCATED

Six enlisted men on the United States destroyer Hulbert, of the Asiatic fleet, were burned to death in an explosion in the boiler room caused by a flare back of oil last Friday.

## LEE COUNTY MAN MARRIES GUILFORD COUNTY WOMAN

William S. Foushee and Mrs. Nannie Bell Oldham were married February 25 in Greensboro. Rev. Walter M. Gilmore performing the ceremony. The groom is a substantial farmer living in the Tramy section of Lee County and the bride is a highly esteemed lady of Guilford county.

## RANDOLPH TEACHERS MET SATURDAY

### Plans Made for County Commencement on April 13

More than 125 teachers met in the courthouse Saturday and discussed plans for the county commencement which is to be held Friday, April 13, in the court house, in Asheboro. A program was prepared which will last through the day and part of the night. In the morning the county superintendent will deliver the seventh grade diplomas and perfect attendance certificates, and this will be followed by an address by some well known speaker. An extensive athletic program has been arranged for the afternoon. At night the declaimers and reciters contest and spelling contest will be given. These contests will be confined to the first seven grades.

On Saturday, April 7th, at three o'clock a preliminary for the declaimers and reciters will be held at Asheboro in the Court House to determine who shall enter the final contest. Each school in the county is entitled to enter one contestant for the spelling match. Valuable prizes will be offered in these contests.

A ball game has been arranged between the two high schools which will be in the preliminary. There will be other events for both high and grade school pupils such as broad jump, high jump, 100-yard dash, 200-yards and one mile race. This is the most extensive athletic program ever put on in the county. Individual prizes will be given as well as a prize to the school which wins with the most points. In addition to this there will be given a prize to the school for the best demonstration of physical training.

The seventh grade examination will be held throughout the county March 30. The questions will be mailed to all teachers who make written application for them. Schools which do not have the seventh grade need not make applications. Further details will be mailed soon to the teachers in the county. Every teacher should begin now to prepare and train contestants for some one of the events mentioned.

## ASHEBORO WOMAN WRITES INTERESTING PAPER

Mrs. Ewing S. Millsaps, wife of our County Farm Demonstrator, has written the following letter of interest and information which we clip from the Greensboro News:

Editor of the Daily News:

In your Sunday paper about two weeks ago I noticed an article among your book criticisms, a part of which I think it well to correct. It was concerning the authorship of "Aunt Minerva and William Green Hill." It is correct that Mrs. Sampson wrote the last three books mentioned in the article, but Frances Boyd Calhoun wrote the one I mentioned above, and she has been dead ever since a few years after it was written, not living to enjoy the full measure of its success. I know this for a certainty, because I once lived in the town in which she was born and raised, Covington, Tenn., and many of the laughable episodes which she so graphically portrays are facts. The names she used in the book use true names of people in her home town and many of them were my friends and associates.

Thinking that possibly you might want to correct this wrong impression, I have written you this.

MRS. EWING S. MILLSAPS, Asheboro, N. C.

## FIRE AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE

A disastrous fire at Davidson college a few days ago, completely destroyed the Waits building, a three story dormitory, where 50 students live, entailing a loss of about \$50,000, partly covered by \$20,000 insurance.

This was the second bad fire at Davidson in fifteen months.

## COLORED PEOPLE OF TRINITY DISTRICT HOLD RALLY

The colored people of Trinity district No. 1, on March 1st, had an educational rally on the new school building we are planning to build soon.

Dr. G. E. Davis, the Rosenwald man was present and delivered one of his fine addresses. Afterwards we raised \$251.41. This makes us a total of \$628.55.

S. C. GRAY, chairman finance committee. R. L. GREEN, Principal, CASSIE M. DAVIS, Assistant.

## MR. J. F. WHITE BUYS INTEREST IN HIGH POINT BUSINESS

Mr. J. F. White who for the past two years was Register of Deeds for Randolph county, has purchased an interest in the Bradner-York Furniture Company of High Point. Mr. White will not move his family to High Point before sometime in the fall. Mr. White was with the Beeson Hardware Company, in High Point several years before his election to the office of register of deeds in this county. His home was in Aroleidale.

## PEACE THROUGH LEAGUE OF NATIONS

### It was quite a surprise to the American people when they read the headlines of the Greensboro Daily News and other leading newspapers Sunday morning of Mr. Harding's request for authority for the United States to join the international court of justice, organized under the League of Nations. It is both amusing and interesting to see how this administration tries to evade all obligations and responsibility in foreign affairs. Through its better to join the international court of justice than not to take any part at all in foreign affairs. But wouldn't it be much better to join the League and shoulder our full share of the burden caused by the war?

American leadership is much needed in the league. It has been a matter of deep regret to many people that the United States has never joined the league; therefore I repeat some expressions I made in my late article on the league, namely this; that I could not believe that America was so mentally and spiritually blind not to see something very significant in the League of Nations. It is clear to my mind that peace must come through the League of Nations. If this country desires peace, then why continue to bring it about. Why do I say this? Because it stands true to form that before any great event takes place there must necessarily be some preparation and opening of the way. The league opens the way to peace, though all people have not the vision to see it in this light. But surely there are enough men and women of vision to carry it through, and right here let me say these do not include the United States Senate, for the majority of the United States Senators are seemingly void of conscience and mentally blind. Then let every conscientious man and woman ask themselves the question, Am I standing in the way of peace, or in other words are we retarding world peace by our attitude on the league.

MRS. I. W. PHILLIPS, Randleman, N. C.

## JOE McDOWELL RELEASED ON \$10,000 BOND

Judge A. M. Stack, in special habeas corpus proceedings at Lexington, on March 5, authorized the release of Joe McDowell from confinement in the Randolph county jail, under bond of \$10,000. Judge Stack, in announcing his decision stated that his action was not influenced by belief in either the guilt or innocence of the defendant.

McDowell was arraigned before Magistrates Lowdermilk and Ward last week on the charge of having criminally assaulted Mrs. Baxter Rich at her home about a mile and a half from Asheboro, on Sunday, December 24, and bound over to the Superior court. Bail at that time was denied. The magistrates being powerless to grant it.

The decision of Judge Stack came after the greater part of the evidence presented at the preliminary hearing had been gone over. The majority of the witnesses were present, as was also McDowell himself. O. L. Sapp, of Greensboro, and Solicitor Z. V. Long appeared for the prosecution, and H. M. Robbins, of Asheboro, for the defendant.

Bond was arranged and Mr. McDowell was released on his return to Asheboro.

The case will be called for trial at the next term of the Randolph Superior Court.

## HIGH POINT MANUFACTURER WANTS NO MORE FOREIGN LABOR

Mr. M. J. Wrenn one of High Point's leading manufacturers has recently written Senator Overman concerning the immigration question. Mr. Wrenn is well supplied with workmen and does not want any more foreign labor. His letter will be of interest to our readers.

"We are enclosing a circular that seems to be broadcasted through the country, on the labor subject. History says that 95 per cent of all men are failures. During the month of January we had 358 to apply at our plant—High Point Furniture Company—for work.

"Looking over the class of men that applied, we find that about five per cent of them are what might be termed first class workers, 45 per cent might be classed as fairly satisfactory, 25 per cent poor, 25 per cent 'caution advised.' This makes a total of 100 per cent.

"The latter class referred to, appeared to be loafers, bootleggers, gamblers, rabbit hunters and fishermen. This is a class of men that we must try to teach how to work.

"With this surplus of trained and untrained American labor we cannot see why we need any more imported labor.

"We had to turn away the above number of men (353) as we had all the labor we needed."

## MRS. JAMES A. BROWER, OF COLERIDGE DEAD

Mrs. James A. Brower died at her home at Coleridge, following an attack of pneumonia, on March 1st. Mrs. Brower was the daughter of Mrs. Gurney Cox, of Coleridge. Mrs. Brower was a splendid woman and her death is greatly deplored by the citizens in her community. She is survived by her husband, mother and four small children.

## CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED

### North Carolina Delegation Goes Back to Old North State

Washington, March 5.—A few words about the North Carolina delegation in congress collectively and individually. Every member of the delegation is now back at his home in the State. They will not return here for perhaps nine months and there is no immediate danger of speaking very frankly about them.

You have a great state. It surpasses almost every other state in attracting the attention of the country" said a very distinguished member of the House from another state.

"But do you find that we have a delegation in congress worthy of a State that is forging to the very front rank of States in the Union?" he was asked.

"Well in logic and mathematics, you have the ablest man in the Senate in F. M. Simmons. His tax and tariff speeches are read and studied by the students of these subjects as the speeches of no other man in Congress are. But the trouble with Simmons is that his personality does not mesh up with his mind. He is a dry little man with a halting harsh, indistinct voice in the Senate but he is a man that his enemies watch from whom less able men of like views steal. I know that. I have myself stolen from his speeches and the best stuff I ever got was 'hewn from him in conversation.

"But what the people of the State would like to know is how do the men in the House measure up?"

The delegation as a whole is regarded as rather above the average of State delegations. You must remember two things the delegation belong to the minority party and half the members of the delegation are serving their first terms. When Kitchin was at his best he and Pou brought the delegation up to rank with any delegation in the House. Kitchin at the head of the ways and means and Pou as head of the rules committee during the great war gave North Carolina a power in the House such as the State has never possessed. And with Simmons at the head of the finance committee in the Senate, North Carolina men did more to shape the financial policy of the war in congress than any other State did. It was Simmons, Kitchin, and Pou who engineered through Congress the financial war policies of Woodrow Wilson.

"Among the new members in the House delegation, I may mention two or possibly three men who, I feel sure will forge to the front in the 68th congress. Two in particular are Zeb Weaver and W. C. Hammer. Weaver is a much stronger and abler man than he appears to be. He has ideas and courage. He has the power of acid and convincing statement in a high degree and he is one of the ablest lawyers in the body.

"Hammer has a great deal of genuine natural ability. He can seize a big question of complex situation as quick as a cat can a mouse. I have seen him come into the house when some new question was up. After hearing half a dozen lines of a speech he knew how to vote. And he can defend every vote he has cast. His future is in his own hands. That can be said of comparatively few men.

"Robert L. Doughton is a very useful man. The people of this republic should be grateful to him for every mile of good road that has been built by federal taxation within the last two years. Hallet S. Ward is mostly the most independent man in the delegation. He is eccentrically independent. He is the orator of the delegation. He was at first misunderstood but as man in the delegation is now wearing better.

"The newest of your new members C. L. Abernethy has plunged in before he got his clothes off. We have looked every day to find him drowned and some of us would not have cared if he had, but he has not and the fact has had the effect of waking up some of your other members. Mr. Abernethy may not make a great man but he can stand a chilly plunge better than most of us. He will either be useful or a great nuisance and I am well inclined to believe that he will be the former.

## MR. MILES CROSS CONFEDERATE VETERAN DEAD

Mr. Miles Henry Cross died at his home in North Asheboro last Saturday at the age of 81 years, following confinement to his bed of more than three years. Mr. Cross was born and reared in Randolph County but went West in 1873. He spent several years in the West, coming back to Randolph county where he has since made his home. Mr. Cross was a confederate veteran. He was a member of the Neighbors Grove church. Mr. Cross has been patient in suffering and although confined to his bed has taken great interest in the outside world. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie Pendleton Cross, a brother, Bud Cross of Randleman, a sister, Miss Vannie Cross, of Franklinville and one adopted brother, W. A. Cross who has for the last few days been stationed at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C. Among the out of town guests were: W. A. Cross, Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C., Mrs. Alice Cross Mr. and Mrs. Lou Yow, Mrs. Daisy Welborn and Melvin Yow, of High Point, Miss Grace Moon, and Lottie Moon of Franklinville, Mo., and Mrs. Joe Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jordan of Central Falls.