

General Assembly Last Week Passed Many Bills Of State-Wide Importance

Legislature Creates Four New Judicial Districts, and Passes Park Bill.

Road Bond Issue Is Passed In A Hurry

Many Other Important Bills Passed Or In The Hopper For Quick Action.

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, February 28.—Outstanding legislative accomplishments during the week was approved by both branches of the State-wide game bill, the Smith-Hargett highway bill, the creation of four additional judicial districts, final enactment of the Great Smoky Park proposal, bill requiring vehicles driven or operated upon the highways of the State to carry light at night, provide for the construction of a bridge across the Cape Fear at Wilmington, change date of motor vehicle license from June 30 to December 31, bill to prohibit the lending of money to bank examiners by State banks and tentative acceptance of the revenue bill, the machinery act and appropriation bill. The Australian Ballot bill met with ignominious defeat in the House and will not be revived again during the session, for that body applied a clincher which prevents, under the rules, consideration of any bill of State-wide significance containing the subject matter of the Falls measure. More than a score of representatives wanted their counties exempted from the provisions of the bill and in the melee which followed a motion to table prevailed by a vote of 58 to 49. The Senate agrees to extend franchises to bus operators from three to six years, but rejected the request for permission for a 90 inch bus width proposed in the Womble bill.

A spirited fight occurred in the House on the \$30,000,000 Highway Commission bond issue endorsed by Governor McLean, but it went through with a whoop on call of the roll. Representative Folger, of Surry, offered an amendment reducing the amount to \$24,000,000, while Graham, of Orange, wanted only \$20,000,000 and called to the attention of the House the fact that the State debt is rapidly approaching its constitutional limitations, the session having started out facing a bonded indebtedness of \$143,000,000, to which has been added \$5,000,000 for permanent improvements; \$2,000,000 for the Great Smoky Mountain park, and one million and a quarter for a Cape Fear bridge. Another \$80,000,000 would bring the total to \$181,250,000. Proponents argued that many counties that had loaned money to the State Highway Commission could not be reimbursed if the amount should be reduced without retarding the road building program and county interests walked away with the committee bill on its second and decisive reading by a vote of 99 to 12. And the Senate heartily concurs. The Smith-Hargett highway bill relative to the location of roads, as amended in the Senate and slightly in the House, was piloted through the latter body by Pete Murphy by a vote of 78 to 34. The proposed \$30,000,000 of highway bonds is expected to complete the program of the construction of around 5,000 miles of hardsurfaced highways and to repay "in the neighborhood" of \$17,000,000 of county loans.

Only ten of the 109 House members voting had their names recorded against the bill carrying appropriation of \$2,000,000 worth of bonds of the State for purchase of lands in the North Carolina and Tennessee mountains upon which the Federal government may establish the Great Smoky Mountain Park. Western senators and representatives supported wholeheartedly by their constituents voted solidly for the measure.

If the House agrees to the bill of Senator Horton, of Chatham, Confederate soldiers and widows will receive the following pensions: Blind and maimed \$420 annually; disabled, \$365; blind widows, \$300; other widows, \$100; ten old servants, \$200. The total pension fund under the Horton bill would be \$1,500,000 instead of

\$1,200,000 recommended by the Appropriations Committee. For the past biennium it has been one million. Another bill of the Chatham Senator which the House will be called upon to okeh would place the names of candidates for congress on the State ballot.

The House has passed the revenue act on its final reading and the Senate must do likewise within the next few days if the Assembly expects to complete its task by the end of the week, the date fixed by many members for final adjournment. A number of important amendments have been written into the committee bill which the Senate will be asked to reject. One of these is the provision imposing a \$100,000 privilege tax upon manufacturers of cigarettes and tobacco, included in the original bill and cut out in committee. Another would require railroads to pay a franchise tax of \$100,000 in addition to present requirement; chain stores are required in still another amendment to "come across" with \$100 each when there are six or more operated by one concern, and non-resident contractors, who bid on contracts in this State, are to be required to pay a license of \$100. A stubborn fight on these amendments to the bill of the joint-committee on finance is expected in the Senate.

Proponents of the Poole anti-evolution resolution have abandoned the fight for the present and the matter will not be brought up again during the session, while the Sedberry bill making it unlawful to seize liquor cars was killed in the House committee on propositions and grievances.

Hundreds of new laws found their way to the statute books during the week. Some of the public bills ratified are: act to create a Judicial Conference and fix time of meeting; to permit the Daughters of the American Revolution to place a tablet in the rotunda of the Capitol in honor of William Hooper, Joseph Hawes and John Penn, signers of the Declaration of Independence; change law relative to county pension boards; limit the reward for capture and destruction of stills and conviction of operators thereof; require all vehicles operated upon the highways at night to carry lights; provide a right of way for the United States Government for the Inland Water Way from Beaufort Inlet to the Cape Fear River; relative to distribution of Supreme Court reports and other public documents; provide for the construction of a bridge across the Cape Fear River near Wilmington; relative to the establishment of special school taxing dis-

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ed Statutes relating to crop liens; empower guardians of idiots, imbeciles, lunatics, or incompetents to re-nounce obligations of their wards; relating to the authority of the State Highway Commission as to the location of State highways; provide for the acquisition of parks and recreation facilities in the Great Smoky Mountains of the State; withdraw power from the Governor to fill vacancies in the office of United States senators and require selection by primary vote, and a resolution of assent to the purpose of the congressional Purnell Act. Local measures are receiving the "finishing touches" at a rapid rate and when the financial bills are out of the way there will be a general exodus of members for their homes.

A bill by Senator Johnson, of Duplin, and Representative Haywood, of Montgomery, which has passed both branches of the Assembly, makes it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to create, organize, foster, aid, abet, or in anywise encourage or become or remain and continue a member of any secret, oath-bound fraternal society, association, corporation or assembly in North Carolina, which requires their members to conceal their identity by any

method, or permit members to wear robes, masks, hoods, or other regalia which conceals the identity of the wearer. The senator and representative offering these bills are both klansmen, or have been, it is said, but are willing to follow Judge Grady, head of the order in the State, who recently resigned as Grand Dragon and "washed his hands" of the organization in the country as at present constituted, with Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans directing policies that the Grand Dragon of North Carolina declines to endorse. Many local klaverns, it is reported, have recently voted to surrender their charters and withdraw from the National Invisible Empire.

The Senate and House Judiciary committee No. 2 have favorably reported a bill providing for the creating of a State board of barber examiners and requiring a license of all barbers before they are allowed to serve the public with razor, "clipper," or scissors. Senator Griet, of Iredell, proposes a bill which provides that not more than two members of a single family can be employed in the executive department, agencies and business of the State. A workmen's compensation bill is having rough sledding and is likely to meet the

fate of predecessors offered in previous legislatures. The eight months school term issue may not be insisted upon further at this session, but the fight is on for a much larger equalization fund. The House turned down the Senate proposal to release delegates to national conventions when only one aspirant for president enters the State primary, but an effort to reconsider is probable. An extra session of the General Assembly next winter to consider a revision of the State taxation system is probable. A bill to bring about a survey of women in industry is pending. Governor McLean's five county government improvement bills are being debated

along with the general appropriation bill for maintenance of State educational and penal institutions providing for an expenditure of \$14,000,000 next year and \$15,000,000 the year following. Also the proposal of a State-wide ad valorem tax for schools and the Royal idea of a tax limit for land at \$2.50. An additional prison farm is asked for in a bill authorizing the issuance of \$400,000 in bonds and notes. Appropriation for radio station was cut from the appropriation bill in the House. "Bad check" bill passed both houses. Bill for inspection of barber shops and beauty parlors is through the House.

tricts; permit county libraries to be established by county commissioners; erection and maintenance of county tuberculosis hospitals; amend law relative to the enforcement of judgments by executions; establish the "Old North State" as the State's official song; change the date for issue of motor vehicle license from June 30th to December 31st; require the annual registration of drug stores and pharmacies; prohibit the lending of money to bank examiners by State banks; providing for the taxation, suits and service, regulation and control of the business of co-operative non-profit life benefit associations; amend statute in regard to removal of graves; repeal sections Consolida-

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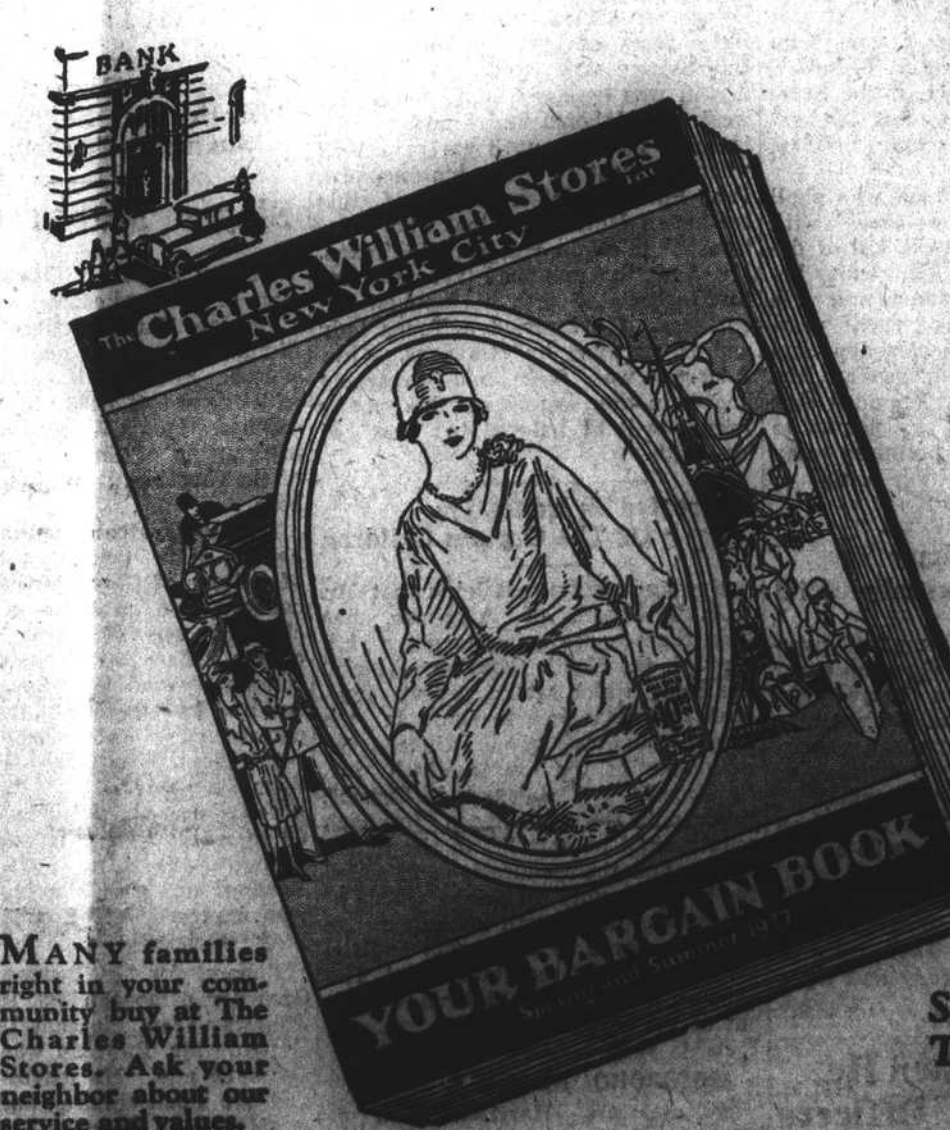
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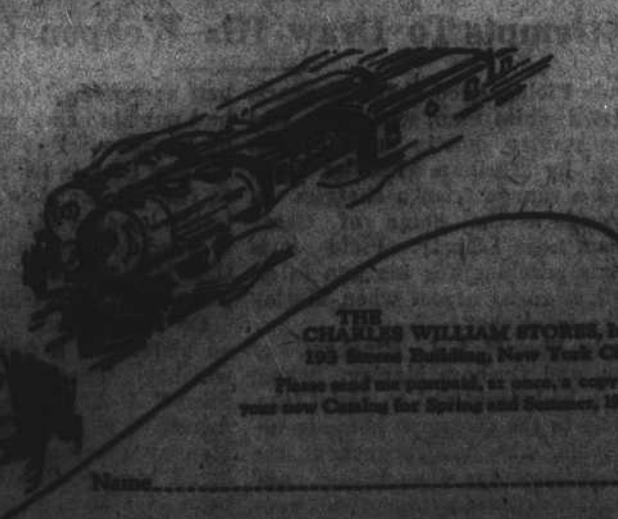
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