

N. C. Legislature Will Convene At Noon Wednesday

Principal Clerks Will Be Named The First Thing After Body Meets

Inaugural Plans

Governor's Budget Message To General Assembly Will Come Next Week

The state legislature will convene for the first regular session of the members of the 1937 body at noon Wednesday. Although the special session of December, held for the enactment of some necessary of certain social security measures, relieved them of considerable preliminary organization, the usual caucus the night before the opening is not planned. Election of the principal clerks will be held on Wednesday morning, the first thing.

Senate committees will be announced at the first session after the inauguration of Lieut. Gov. Wilkins P. Horton Thursday, he has said. House committees are expected to be named this week by Speaker Gregg Cherry. Retiring Lieut. Gov. A. H. Graham will preside over the Senate sessions until the new president takes the oath.

While members of the two houses have been speculating on the length of the session, Horton and Cherry yesterday stated that they would propose a full six-day week for the Legislature to expedite its deliberations. The traditional "long week-end" of the General Assembly would be eliminated, both houses would have regular Saturday and Monday sessions and committees would work on both days.

Governor-elect Clyde Hoey with his family, will arrive in Raleigh Wednesday afternoon preparatory to the inauguration of Mr. Hoey as governor on Thursday.

At home last night, Mr. Hoey said that his budget message to the General Assembly, accompanied by the report of the State Advisory Budget Commission, would be delivered early next week. The budget will be printed by that time, Assistant Budget Director Frank L. Dunlap said yesterday.

Ministers Name Officers Monday

The Randolph County Ministerial Association met in regular session in the Presbyterian church, Asheboro, Monday, January 4, at 10:30 a. m. with the president, Rev. E. G. Cowan, of Seagrove, presiding.

The association was organized a little more than a year ago and now has seventeen members, twelve being present at this meeting. There are about sixty ministers of various denominations serving churches in the county. All of these are eligible to membership in the association. One new member, Dr. J. L. Stokes, the new pastor of the Southern Methodist church in Randleman, was present and welcomed into membership by vote of the association.

The president, Rev. E. G. Cowan, and Rev. H. M. Stroup of Rameuse and Franklinville were asked by the association to appeal to the county commissioners not to grant license to any vending machine that has in its operation an element of gambling. There seems to be a number of such machines in operation in the county. The association feels that such machines encourage gambling, and that there lies the objection to their use.

A paper dealing with the liquor situation in North Carolina, and addressed to Governor Clyde Hoey, was read before the meeting. It was unanimously endorsed and ordered sent to the governor. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, Rev. H. M. Stroup; vice president, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Asheboro; secretary-treasurer, Dr. J. L. Stokes. Since the beginning of the association Rev. R. E. Heath has served as secretary-treasurer. It is gratifying that he is soon to be a citizen of the Asheboro community, having recently been called to the pastorate of the Balfour Baptist church. The retiring officers rendered efficient service during their term of administration and they retire with the full appreciation of the association for their faithful and efficient service.

The next meeting, February 8, will be held in the First Methodist church of Asheboro, and will be a luncheon meeting. Rev. H. P. Powell, pastor, and Gerald Ford, director of young people's activities of the church, will be hosts to the association. The hour for this meeting is twelve o'clock with the program in charge of Dr. S. W. Taylor.

The world's oldest known tree is a bald cypress growing in Santa Maria del Tula, Mexico. It is said to be from 4,000 to 6,000 years old and about 125 feet in circumference.

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Captive In Play, Then In Reality



Prophetic was this pose of Charles Mattson, 10, kidnaped Tacoma, Wash., lad, showing him as captive during a frolic with a playmate on Christmas Day, 48 hours before he was seized in his home by an abductor. With a cowboy rope given to his companion as a holiday gift, Charles had allowed his friend to tie him to a tree. Fears for the boy's life grew, as effort was made to establish contact with his kidnaper and pay the \$28,000 ransom demanded. Monday night police were notified by Dr. Mattson to stop their search and it is thought that contact has been made with the abductors.

United States Congress Goes Into Session At Noon Today

At noon today the congress of the United States again swung into session after a lengthy, but friendly pow-wow the previous evening resulting in the election of a majority leader in the house. Sam Rayburn of Texas won out over John O'Connor of New York in a vote of 184 to 127. Mr. Rayburn has the fourth longest service record in the house, finishing more than two decades. At the suggestion of his opponent, his election was made unanimous. Mr. Rayburn expects a lengthy session for this session with lots of constitutional amendments and fine chances for party harmony. He was said to be the choice of Vice President Garner "200 per cent."

The caucus included the nam-

ing of William B. Bankhead of Alabama as speaker for another term. The halls of both the house and senate building, as well as the capitol, rang with hearty greetings from friend to friend of long standing. Their office forces were scurrying about the freshly cleaned halls and offices dodging "fresh paint" signs and getting ready in general for a long business session. Meanwhile, from the retreat of the minority leader, Representative Snell of New York, came the report that "we are not going to oppose measures we think sound just because they come from the Democrats. We shall consider each piece of legislation on its merits."

Millsaps Says Outlook Is Bright For County Farmers

County Farm Agent Reports On Progress Made In 1936, Cites Statistics

The farmers of Randolph county have enjoyed a very prosperous year in 1936 and are looking forward to an even better one in 1937. No agency has been of more service to the farmers of the county than the county farm office. E. S. Millsaps, county farm agent, has prepared a statistical summary of the work of his department in 1936, which, prefaced by a survey of the prospects for 1937, follows:

The outlook for 1937 is the brightest we have had for many years. After one year's experience with the New Soil Conservation Program, we find that our farmers as a whole like it better than anything we have tried so far. Through this program we can get crop control, and at the same time soil conservation and soil building. The farmers of the county have cooperated in every way, and as a result we have more legumes and cover crops seeded this year than ever before, and there will be a much larger acreage seeded to these crops next year.

The above program also ties in very nicely with our terrace program, as credit is given for this type of work. Our terrace unit has been busy every day this year, and we look forward to even greater demands next year. There are still several townships that have not been touched that are calling for the work, and the demands for work from the ones already covered are greater than ever before. With this situation before us, we look forward to having our county fully protected in a few years.

With the greatest demand for dairy cattle and dairy products this year, we have had in several years and the prospect of this condition continuing, our dairymen are very much encouraged, and are facing the New Year with eagerness.

News Flashes Everywhere

ITALY WILL LET SPANISH LANDS ALONE

London.—Great Britain and Italy signed an agreement Sunday covering their operations in the Mediterranean, the feature of which was a guarantee by Italy that she keep her hands off Spanish territory. The pact affirmed the freedom of navigation by all nations in the Mediterranean and marked the official resumption of good will between the two countries after the Ethiopian trouble.

MEXICO NOT SENDING ARMS TO SPAIN

Washington.—The United States government, disturbed over reports that recent arms shipments to Mexico were being reshipped to Spain, was reassured Sunday by an official statement from the Mexican embassy that the weapons were for use in Mexico alone. This policy was adopted by Mexico voluntarily to comply with the spirit of non-intervention, not because of any protest from the United States.

ENGLAND SENDS WARSHIPS TO PROTECT SHIPPING

London.—After the halting of one British steamer and the shelling of another by Spanish fascists, Great Britain Monday sent 17 warships to Spanish waters to guard against further attacks on her shipping. Ships of Germany and Russia have been fired on or seized by the Spanish, and Spanish vessels have been molested by the Germans as naval difficulties in Spanish waters increase.

Education Board Of County Holds Regular Session

Approve Consolidation Of Charlotte School And Sale Of Unused Property

Schools To Be Sold

Will Defer Building Program Until Legislature Takes Definite Action

Meeting in the office of the secretary, T. Fletcher Bulla, in the county court house Monday afternoon, the Randolph County Board of Education approved the consolidation of Charlotte school, ordered the sale of school property no longer used for school purposes, and discussed the new buildings just completed and possible building for the next year.

If Charlotte school, located on Highway 90, is consolidated as approved, a portion of its pupils will be transferred to the new Tabernacle school and the remainder to the Asheboro city schools. This move will become effective at the end of the fourth school month, about the middle of January, on the condition that Asheboro will accept the Charlotte students assigned here. The teachers now employed at Charlotte will go to Tabernacle.

This consolidation has been made advisable because of the reduced attendance at Charlotte school. During the third school month the average number of children in daily attendance dropped below 20.

The board ordered the sale of the following school houses together with their lots: Brewer's Chapel, Asheboro township; Shepherd, Tabernacle township; old Tabernacle school, Tabernacle township; Mountain, Union township; Pleasant Ridge, Coleridge township; Patterson's Grove, Columbia township; Davis Mountain, Cedar Grove township; and Marlboro, Sophia, and Genia schools in New Market township. These ten of the county's 16 unused school properties are to be offered for sale now, the others are to be sold later on.

After discussing whether or not to undertake any extensive program of building or repair for the next year, the board decided to wait until the state legislature adjourned to see what new laws might have been passed that would either help or hinder such work. The members felt that to act now would be moving blindly.

The question of the new buildings was brought up to discover if they were fulfilling the purpose for which they were built, and all reports were very favorable. All the new classrooms are well filled with pupils and many already have capacity classes. Practically every room will be filled to capacity, Superintendent Bulla said, when the program of consolidation is completed.

Health Board Has 3 New Members

Dr. C. C. Hubbard of Farmer, Dr. R. D. Patterson of Liberty, and Dr. C. D. Kistler of Randleman were elected Monday to complete the membership of the Randolph County Board of Health at a meeting of the three ex officio members of the board.

The ex officio members are by law the chairman of the county board of commissioners, the mayor of the county seat, and the county superintendent of education; who are at the present time, respectively, M. E. Johnson, Walter A. Bunch, and T. Fletcher Bulla. The three ex officio members meet on the first Monday of every odd year and elect two physicians and a dentist, who then serve on the board for the following two years.

This board of six will meet at 2 o'clock Monday, January 11, to elect a county health officer and transact any other business that may come before it.

Only One Highway Fatality Reported

Only one highway fatality, smallest number in years, was reported in North Carolina during the first combined holiday and week-end period of the year. Jacob H. Jernigan, 37-year-old Wallace blacksmith, was struck and killed by an automobile near his home late Saturday night, he was North Carolina's first highway victim of 1937.

Before his death, not since last Thursday, New Year's eve, had a highway fatality been reported. Newspaper files have revealed no such accidentless period for many years.

The number of injuries also was considerably smaller than usual, even for an ordinary week-end period.

W. C. Pritchard, Jr. 1937 Baby Winner

The Courier's annual baby contest, offering prizes from the business people of Asheboro to the first baby born in each year, has created wide interest this time. Among the many contestants, the first baby reported to this office was William Clyde Pritchard, Jr., of Randleman, route two. This young man came to Randolph to make his home at 8:00 o'clock January 1st. He was welcomed by his parents and Dr. J. T. Barnes who properly recorded and reported his arrival.

Mr. Pritchard is well known in the county and in this section of the state, driving a bus, with headquarters locally. Mrs. Pritchard is the former Miss Eva Brown, daughter of John Brown.

Another young man coming early in the year was Wilfred Allen Hammond of Farmer who came to enroll as a citizen of Randolph on January 2nd at 8:45 a. m. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hammond of Farmer.

If young Mr. Pritchard will have his father call at The Courier office, he will receive instructions how to procure the gifts for the young man.

Kerr Scott Tests Farm Applicants

Makes Sure That Applicants Have Some Practical Knowledge Of Farming

Many Dropped Out

Incoming Commissioner Of Agriculture Wants No Political Favorites

In order to make sure that persons he appoints to positions in the Department of Agriculture have some knowledge and are not merely political favorites, W. Kerr Scott, incoming commissioner of agriculture, gave a series of practical examinations on farm questions Saturday throughout the state.

By this test Scott not only received an idea of the fitness of the applicants but also narrowed down the list of 1,000 job seekers. Many dropped out as soon as they saw the questions, without attempting to take the examination.

The examination consisted of two parts—one, in arithmetical tests designed chiefly for those who wanted jobs in the State's statistical division and the other, the agricultural experience test designed to show what years, if any, an applicant had spent on the farm and how familiar he was with common farm knowledge.

Here are the questions in the farm examination.

1. What is the average daily per cow yield of milk? How much butter should a gallon of good cream make?
2. What kind of hens lay the most eggs? What kind make the best fryers?
3. Why do fruit trees and grape vines need to be pruned? Why are fruit trees sprayed?
4. Why is stiff soil plowed when wet? Why not plowed when dry and hard?
5. What vegetables may be grown in the winter garden? Which may be stored untreated for winter usage?
6. Which of these may be pasteurized to advantage? Cider, grape juice, water, stewed fruits, soup, sweet milk, buttermilk.
7. What records does the average farmer keep (check)? Cost of production, labor, materials bought, products sold, dairy production, field records, household expenses.

Here are the answers, as given by Frank Parker, chief of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

1. One and eight-tenths gallons. A little more than two pounds, and up to two and a-half pounds.
2. Lean, hungry-looking hens, with large vents. Heavy, lazy-looking hens.
3. For health, shapeliness, and fruitfulness. For prevention of disease and insect damage.
4. It should not be plowed under these conditions. (A trick question).
5. Those resisting frost—such as turnips, collards, spinach, onions, etc. Mostly root crops.
6. Cider, grape juice, and sweet milk only.
7. The average farmer keeps no records at all.

DEATH SOLVES TRAIN WRECK MYSTERY

Dunn.—The 36 year old mystery of the wreck of an Atlantic Coast Line train at Hope Mills in 1900, in which three men were killed, was believed solved Saturday with the death of Alvin Tart in an automobile accident in South Carolina. Relatives of Tart said that he had tied a spike on the track just to see how flat the train would mash it, being then only an 18 year old boy.

N. C. State Alumni Name George Ross As New Secretary

In Charge Of Move To Sound Out Alumni Of Three U. N. C. Units On Autonomy

Son Of R. R. Ross

Graduate Of Class Of 1911, Known As One Of College's Most Active Alumni

George Ross of Raleigh, former Asheboro resident and son of the late R. R. Ross, was named on Monday alumni secretary of the North Carolina State College Alumni Association at its meeting in Raleigh and will be in charge of a movement initiated at this meeting to sound out alumni of the Chapel Hill and Greensboro units of the consolidated University of North Carolina on the question of establishing the administrative autonomy of the separate units.

Mr. Ross was instructed to get in touch with alumni of the Woman's College and Chapel Hill to find if they were willing to cooperate with the State College group for individual control. Mr. Ross will give full time to the alumni office, relieving Fred Dixon, who has been serving part time since September. Dixon, who was asked to act as acting secretary until January, will continue his work as director of sports publicity in the News Bureau. He will, however, assist with the editing of the Alumni News, monthly publication of the General Alumni Association.

Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University, wired his approval of the appointment of Mr. Ross as secretary. Mr. Ross' election was by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ross is a graduate of the State College, class of 1911, and recently has been connected with Region Four of the Resettlement Administration as regional chief of community and cooperative services. He is recognized as one of the school's most active alumni and has done much valuable work as a member of the school's Memorial Tower Committee.

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Of this total 1382 are in the two white schools, and 321 are colored pupils. The 1382 white students include 392 in high school and 990 in the elementary grades. Of the latter figure 630 are in the East elementary school and 360 in the West elementary school.

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Reports Heard & Plans Are Formed

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Farmer Grange To Install Officers

An important meeting of the Farmer Grange will be held Thursday night. At this time the officers for the coming year will be installed, and all members are urged to be present.

Several other granges in the county are also meeting this week. There will be a reorganization meeting of the Sophia Grange tonight, and the Seagrove Grange will meet Wednesday night. The New Hope Grange held a regular meeting Monday.

ANNOUNCE PURCHASE OF SERVICE STATION

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Groom, who operate the White Hall Service Station and cabin camp, have just purchased that property from Henry L. Ingram. They plan to remodel the present service station and put in a new and more modern dining room with all new equipment so that they may better serve their many friends and customers. When these improvements are made Mr. and Mrs. Groom will give 24 hour service.

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The first meeting of the Randolph county board of commissioners held in the new year was that of Monday, January 4th, which was called to order at 10 a. m. by the chairman, M. E. Johnson. The members of the board now include M. E. Johnson, C. M. Hayworth, J. B. Farlow, A. B. Beasley and Clegg Garner. Mr. Beasley and Mr. Garner are the two new members of the board, elected in November.

Matters of importance were discussed and a great many decisions made, including the drawing of the jurors for the special term of court to be held in Randolph county in February, the sheriff's report and like business.

John Humble was awarded compensation for the loss of goats killed by dogs in Columbia township. Some matters of tax release were also accorded Mr. Humble, and several others applying for the same thing. The application of Miss Ida May Goins to the sanatorium was approved at a reduced rate of fifty cents per day.

In the discussion of the agricultural building, now nearing completion, several matters were settled, such as electric meter connections and the completion of the building.

Mr. Garner, a new member of the board, was appointed a member of the soil-conservation board. Sheriff King's tax report included: total balance last report, \$25,044; 281.59; after listed taxes, \$25,044; total, \$158,632.05; releases allowed, \$106.99; receipts, \$20,000.00; total, \$20,106.99; total balance uncollected taxes, \$138,525.04—all of which relates to 1936 taxes.

A delegation of representative citizens of Asheboro appeared before the board asking for an increase of salaries in the offices of the sheriff, register of deeds and clerk of the court.

Randolph county. A lengthy schedule of proposed increases were offered the county board, but no action was taken about the matter. The board, however, took the matter under consideration and will render their decision at a later meeting.

Dan Burns, local attorney, was selected by the board as county attorney. Mr. Burns is a local citizen, having been born and reared in Asheboro and this selection will probably meet with the approval of his many friends throughout his home county.

The juror list for the special term of court includes: D. D. Brewer, Coleridge; R. P. Copple, Concord; I. Vann Cox, Providence; H. L. Bean, Union; H. P. Garner, Coleridge; Roy Cox, Asheboro; T. R. Burgess, Coleridge; R. B. Albright, Richland; N. C. Coletrean, Liberty; J. R. Brown, Pleasant Grove; J. M. Strider, Randleman; C. S. Stout, Coleridge; Carl Yow, Randleman; J. W. Slack, Randleman; John Briles, Tabernacle; Jonah Latham, Union; W. F. Brady, Coleridge; Eli Garrett, Liberty; Willis Luther, Columbia; W. C. Jones, Columbia; John Kinley, Tabernacle; J. E. Hill, Back Creek; R. L. Bunch, Asheboro; W. R. Vestal, Trinity; O. F. Gunter, Asheboro; E. O. Bean, Union; Delph Heath, Randleman; T. B. Wood, Asheboro; E. S. Allred, Franklinville; Isaac Gray and Clyde McNeill, Columbia; J. R. Lucas, Union; J. V. Hinson, Concord; H. K. Moore and B. F. Sunford, Asheboro; Gilmer Rush, Cedar Grove; W. L. Williams, Coleridge; J. S. Bulla, Franklinville; H. C. Check, Asheboro; B. F. Andrews, Trinity; Laurin E. Shaw, New Hope; W. C. Winslow, Concord; G. R. Harper, Columbia; D. G. Berry, Providence; S. F. Wall, Trinity; W. M. Coble, Cedar Grove; J. P. Maynor, Trinity; R. L. Callicutt, Union; Frank Bingham, Concord; J. E. Younts, Trinity; L. H. Davis, Trinity; S. E. Nelson, Franklinville; T. H. Nance, Asheboro; J. W. Pugh, Providence; L. B. Cagle, Asheboro; B. M. Cavanaugh, Coleridge.

German universities report a decrease in number of women students and reveal that the number of law and chemistry students fallen 50 per cent.