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THE LEGISLATURE WAS ECONOMICAL

Governor McLean Exerted Great Influence Over the Law-Makers—Some Of the Laws Enacted.

Raleigh, March 9.—The 1925 General Assembly goes down in history as one which followed the Governor more than any other in recent years. Other Legislatures have been influenced by Governors but scarcely to the extent that the one just ended has been led around by Governor McLean. The 1921-23 General Assemblies were led "up the hill" by Gov. Morrison and the 1925 body was "led down the hill," in the path of economy by Governor McLean. And as if to atone for the action of its predecessors in following Morrison, the present body went even further than any before it had gone and gave to the Governor greater powers than any executive in North Carolina has ever had enacted measures at his bidding which will revolutionize the administration of the State government.

Governor McLean sponsored or indorsed 23 measures which were presented to the Legislature. Most of these were enacted into law as originally written, one or two were slightly amended, but all of any importance, except one, got through during the last two days of the body and these which came up this week were expected to be put across before adjournment Friday night.

Chief among the Governor's recommendations were the creation of an executive budget system placing all departments and institutions on a budget basis and making the Governor the head in fact of the State's financial policies; transferring the auto license bureau and the insurance department revenue collecting powers to the Revenue department in order to co-ordinate the revenue collecting agencies of the State and to eliminate unnecessary employees; creating a state department institution out of state prison hitherto operated as a private corporation; creating a state department to take over the functions of the economic and geological survey; appointing an official executioner to relieve the warden of state prison of that duty; deposit daily with the State Treasurer of all funds instead of monthly as heretofore so as to obviate to an extent short term financing and save interest; creation of a pardon attorney to assist the Governor in investigating clemency cases; an educational commission to investigate the educational system of the State; a wage investigation commission to go into the salaries paid state employees, eliminate useless employees, bring salaries into line with actual work done and establish a standard salary scale; a \$20,000,000 bond issue for roads; and other measures of more or less importance.

The Governor so recommended constitutional amendment creating a pardon commission but this was put off last Saturday until the next session after some difficulty over its term arose, the Governor saying he would try out the pardon attorney for the next two years.

Other measures which had the Governor's "stamp" were to limit the time in which checks are issued by the Auditor would be paid by the Treasurer; to declare transfer of claims against the state void if made before actual adjustment and allowance of such claims had been made; to place all charitable State institutions on the same basis and require those able to pay to do so to bear the expense of their care; to create a judicial Conference to study methods of practice and procedure; to create an advisory Commission to investigate and report on freight rate discrimination, to reduce cost of public printing and a number of proposals having to do with his program of economy in governmental affairs.

RATIFIED BILLS

An act to amend the Stokes county road laws so as to make the issuing of bonds discretionary with the county commissioners; an act to establish township recorder's courts with criminal jurisdiction, in Cabarrus county; to amend section 1131 of the consolidated statutes and section 1156 of consolidated statutes, as amended by chapter 155 of the public laws of 1923 relative to the

amendment of chapters of corporations and to the creation of classes of stocks; to amend the charter of the town of Boone, Watauga county, N. C., and index relative to banks an act to authorize the board of commissioners of New Hanover county to issue bonds for the purpose of building a bridge across the Cape Fear River and for its maintenance and operation; to repeal chapter 119 public local laws extra session 1924 relating to the roads of Pender county; and to authorize them to cooperate with the State Highway Commission in reference to road building in Robeson; to provide for the working of Streets in incorporated towns of Pender county; to incorporate the town of Leggett in Edgecombe county; to amend chapter 359 of private laws of the session of 1913 being "an act to revise the chapter of the city of Charlotte;" an act to amend chapter 322 public local laws of 1921 providing for better roads for Pender county; an act to authorize the Pasquotank county Highway Commission to issue bonds for road construction in Pasquotank county and for other purposes; an act placing all State charitable institutions on the same basis and to protect the interest of the State and to require those who are able to pay to bear the expense of their care, maintenance and treatment, and to enforce the same policy in all such institutions, and to provide machinery relating to the same; to amend article ten of chapter five volume 3 of the consolidated statutes of 1921 as relates to industrial banks as follows: an act to authorize Carteret county to issue bonds for the purpose of road and bridge construction and improvement; act to create a road commission for the county of Harnett; an act to create and establish a department of conservation and development in the place of the State geological and economic survey; an act relating to salaries of county commissioners and tax collector in the county of Buncombe; to authorize and empower the county commissioners of Stanly county to issue bonds for building purposes; to amend section 1660 consolidated statutes authorizing the warden of the penitentiary to designate some person to electrocute convicts convicted of a capital crime; act to amend the motor vehicle title registration of 1923; an act to provide a salary and wage commission to repeal chapter 331 public local laws 1915 entitled "an act to provide road commissioners and for road improvements in Davidson county; to authorize and empower the board of commissioners of the town of Lillington to expend funds derived from the sale of its electric light and power distribution system; to fix county attorney's fees for Hyde county; to amend section 1957 of consolidated statutes of North Carolina relating to the North Carolina Agricultural society; to authorize the county commissioners of Forsyth county to employ a tax supervisor and a county bookkeeper, and to prescribe the duties of each; joint resolution to pay the expenses of the House and Senate sub-committee visiting the hospitals at Morganton and Goldsboro; joint resolution to pay the expenses of the House sub-committee visiting the Cullowee Normal school; joint resolution to pay the expenses of the committee from the Senate and House of Representatives visiting the North Carolina school for the Deaf at Morganton; act to regulate the license tax of non-resident dealers in horses and other live stock in Bertie county; act to regulate the terms of the superior court of Burke county; to authorize county board of Yadkin county to fix the commission of the county superintendent of public instruction of said county; to incorporate the town of Carolina Peach in the county of New Hanover, State of North Carolina; to amend H. B. 207, S. B. 129 ratified Jan. 27, 1925, entitled "an act to re-establish the office of Treasurer of Jackson county." Act providing for the appointment of road supervisors

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TO GIVE PLAY AT WALNUT COVE

Claud Boyles To Build Residence on North Main Street—Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, March 11.—Many of the town people saw Ziegfeld's "Sally" in Winston-Salem Monday night and enjoyed it thoroughly.

Miss Nell Hutcheson spent the week-end with friends in Thomasville.

Mrs. Herbert Smith and daughter, Frances, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones.

Mr. Frank Tilley and Miss Mary Tilley, of Smith were visitors in town Saturday.

Messieurs Roy King and A. J. Fagg, of Danbury, were in town Monday.

Atty. J. W. Manuel has moved into his new office over Harrington's Hardware store.

Mr. Bennett has moved his pressing club into the building vacated by Mr. Manuel.

H. L. Shader has accepted a position as salesman with the Stokes Motor Car Co.

The Mt. Airy High School will give a play in the auditorium of the Walnut Cove High School on Saturday night, March 14. Admission will be 20c and 35c.

Mr. Emory Rothrock and family have moved to their new home in the country, and T. A. Rothrock has purchased the house formerly owned by him in town, which he is having remodeled.

Mr. Claud Boyles has purchased a lot on North Main Street and will build in the early future.

Mr. T. E. Smith, of Baltimore, was in town a few days this week.

Mr. Charlie Crutchfield is enlarging his cafe and expects to be furnishing his customers with ice cream soon.

Mr. Joe Carter of Elkin, was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Misses Mildred Bailey and Lucile Snow, of Elkin, were visitors in town Tuesday.

Bill Hairston is at home for a few days.

Miss Lucy Burton and Mrs. J. A. Burton spent Friday in Madison.

Mrs. P. W. Davis and Miss Myrtle Buge went to Greensboro shopping last Thursday.

PAGE AGAIN ROAD CHAIRMAN

Three Other Members Of State Highway Are Also Re-Appointed By Governor.

Raleigh, N. C., March 11.—Within an hour of the closing session last night Governor McLean re-appointed Frank Fagg as chairman, and three members of the highway commission for a term of six years.

Re-appointed were W. A. Hays of Durham, for the first district; W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, for the sixth district, and A. M. Kitter, of Morganton, for the ninth district.

LAW-MAKERS HAVE QUIT

1925 Session Of General Assembly Adjourned Tuesday Night.

Raleigh, N. C., March 11.—The 1925 session of the general assembly closed last night at 11:30 o'clock, official time. Time-honored formalities were observed. Both gavels fell simultaneously as the presiding officer of each branch declared adjournment sine die.

VETS' PENSIONS DEFEATED 26 IS

After Bitter Fight Senate Beat Bill Which Had Passed the House.

Raleigh, March 10.—The Senate today re-considered the vote by which it passed on second reading yesterday the bill to increase the Confederate veterans' pensions by taking theater admissions and after a bitter fight defeated the measure 26 to 18. The vote ended the attempt to increase the pensions for this session.

NEW CHURCH FOR KING

To Be Erected By Christians—Much Building In Progress—Personal Items.

King, March 9.—The King high school basketball team defeated Pine Hall in a game played at Pine Hall Thursday. The score stood twenty-nine to twelve.

Messrs. E. P. Newsom and J. W. Tuttle returned from Winston-Salem Friday where they closed deals for some real estate in Greenway Place, the new development on Patterson avenue.

Mr. John Stewart, of Winston-Salem, has purchased from Mr. Will Tuttle a lot in Pilot View on which he will erect a new home.

Attorney Dallas Kirby, of Winston-Salem was here Saturday looking after some business matters.

Material is being placed on the site preparatory to erecting a new Christian church on West Main St.

Mr. A. N. Jones and family, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

A force of men went to work this morning on a new six-room dwelling for Mr. J. Wilson Mitchell in West View.

Mr. James Love, Sr., of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. Grady S. Newsom, who is a patient in Oteen government hospital at Asheville, is spending ten days with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Newsom, who resides on Pulliam St.

Mr. Grover Wright and family, of Mount Airy, spent Sunday with Captain C. J. Kirby in Walnut Hills.

The wheat crop in this section is looking fine and farmers are busy preparing land for corn and tobacco.

Mr. Ralph Kiser, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Work on Mr. R. A. Newsom's new home just South of town is well underway and will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

Mr. Wilburn Newsom, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here yesterday.

Ex-Sheriff H. D. Turpin, of Pinebluff, is here today looking after business matters.

Attorney E. C. Bivens, of Mount Airy, is here today attending to some legal matters.

Mr. S. P. Wright and family, of Rural Hall, spent the day yesterday with relatives in Walnut Hills.

Mr. Roy R. King, of Danbury, is among the business visitors here today.

D. V. Bottoms was tried here today in Justice James R. Caudle and Thos. E. Smith's court on a charge of abandoning his wife and six children. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to the next term of Superior court in a bond of three hundred dollars which he gave.

Mr. W. G. Tarr, of Rural Hall, is here today looking after some real estate deals.

JUDGE HORTON HAS RESIGNED

Albion Dunn Appointed As His Successor On Superior Court Bench.

Raleigh, March 9.—Judge J. Lloyd Horton, of the superior court, has resigned his office, effective March 15, and will become connected with the law firm of Jones and Jones in Raleigh, it was announced today.

Raleigh, March 10.—Albion Dunn, of Greenville, was commissioned judge of the fifth Superior court district by Governor McLean yesterday afternoon following the resignation of Judge J. Lloyd Horton, of Farmville, also of Pitt.

Two Stokes Men Are Arrested

Ed Nicholson and Sam Smith, of the Smithtown section, were arrested recently by Prohibition officers on the charge of manufacturing whiskey. Nicholson was given a hearing before Commissioner N. A. Martin here Sunday and his bond was fixed at \$1,000, which he gave. Smith was not ready for trial and will be given a hearing here next Tuesday.

Dr. W. V. McCandless spent yesterday in Winston-Salem with his brother, Dr. W. L. McCandless.

DOUGHTON HOLDS ZEAL FOR ROADS

Eighth District Congressman Keeps Highway Work As Hobby.

Washington, March 6.—Representative Doughton, of the 8th District of North Carolina who has been elected as a member of the ways and means committee for the 69th congress, and consequently will have to give up his other committee assignments is still enthusiastic over the matter of federal aid to good roads.

He has been a member of the committee on public roads since the 63rd congress, when the committee was first formed. And for the last two congresses has been the ranking minority member on that committee. Mr. Doughton stated this morning that since the federal government entered upon the policy of making appropriations to aid in road building, there has been made available to North Carolina by the federal government for road building \$12,294,251. In addition to this the congress which has just come to a close has authorized appropriations for the fiscal years of 1926 and 1927 in the amount of \$75,000,000 for each year. Of this amount North Carolina will receive for the two years \$3,298,336, making a total that has already gone to North Carolina as a result of appropriations and authorizations of \$15,892,587.

Mr. Doughton stated that he will still continue his interest in the good road movement, and believes that it will become a fixed policy with the federal government to appropriate money for road building, although there is considerable sentiment, especially in the large cities against this form of governmental activity.

When questioned as to the probable work of the next congress relative to tariff and taxation matters, Mr. Doughton stated that in all probability the ways and means committee would meet in advance of the assembling of congress to give hearings and consideration to matters of taxation.

Mr. Doughton is of the opinion that taxation can still be materially reduced but does not believe that much relief will be granted in the way of tariff reduction under the present administration. When questioned as to his position on the tariff said that it was too early to express himself on that matter but that he should take the orthodox democratic position of equal and exact justice to all sections, and all industries, with no preferential consideration for any section, any individual or industry.

McLEAN NAMES TEN FOR BOARDS

Governor Appoints Members On Prison and Agriculture Commissions.

Raleigh, March 10.—Within a few hours after Governor McLean had announced the nomination of six members of the newly constituted prison board and four members of the state board of agriculture, the senate met and confirmed these names.

There was not a dissenting vote in confirming the appointment on the part of the senate.

The members of the prison board as named by Governor McLean are: Richard Chatham, of Elkin; James A. Linder, of Wadesboro; A. F. White, of Lenoir; J. M. Brower, of Wake Forest; Preston Wilson, of Warsaw; and Ben B. Everett, of Palmox.

The members appointed to serve on the state board of agriculture are as follows:

Dr. Clarence E. Poe, Raleigh, re-appointed; Fred P. Latham, Belmont, re-appointed; T. J. Finch, Wrentham, to succeed C. C. Wright; E. Grover Robertson, Leicester, to succeed Mrs. Vanderbilt.

Georgia Woman Is Sentenced To Hang

Atlanta, Ga., March 9.—Mrs. Ida Hughes today was re-sentenced to die on the gallows and Friday, April 24, is the date, for the murder of her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. C. Hughes, December 31, 1922.

The sentence was reaffirmed by the higher courts to which the case was appealed.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR CO-OPS

Legislature Votes 23 To 11 To Uphold Contract By Opposing Braswell Bill Recently Introduced.

Co-operative marketing and the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association in particular, were given strong support in the legislature of North Carolina when the House Committee on Agriculture from that body, voted 23 to 11 last Friday against the Braswell Bill to permit members of co-operative marketing associations to withdraw by filing notice.

A farm woman, in old fashioned bonnet and black dress—Mrs. M. O. Winstead, of Nash County—made the most eloquent plea of the day for co-operative marketing, when she asked the author of the bill why he had introduced it, without the consent of a majority of association members in her county. Declaring that she might not know much about law or the ways of legislators, Mrs. Winstead said: "But I know that I signed a contract and have too much honor and too much self respect to get out of it."

Representative H. G. Connor, of Wilson County, who has been an active figure in litigation against the tobacco association, argued for forty minutes in an attempt to prove that it was constitutional for the legislature to authorize members of the association in North Carolina to withdraw from their contract upon request.

In reply to Representative Connor, George Ross, head of the Division of Markets in North Carolina, declared that the bill, if passed, would seriously injure forty co-operative associations which the farmers of the state had formed in order to improve their condition by orderly marketing.

Deliveries of tobacco to the association have now brought its total receipts of this season to more than 100 million pounds, according to the latest report.

Within three years of operation the association has received more than 410 million pounds of tobacco. During this period the tobacco farmers of North Carolina have received according to government statistics, an average price of 24.7 cents as compared to an average price of 15.1 cents during the four years preceding the World War. At no time since the operation of the association has the price of tobacco in North Carolina averaged as low as during any year prior to the war days.

Lawsonville News and Personals

Lawsonville Route 1, March 10.—Harvey Riggs, the 14-year-old son of Mr. Sam Riggs, had the misfortune to get thrown off a mule while plowing and getting his feet hung in the harness breaking his leg and several bones in the head, and other parts of the body were also bruised.

Most of the people through this section are getting their land ready for planting this pretty weather.

Mr. Jesse Martin is very sick with the flu at this writing.

Mr. Martin while painting in Midland, Pa., fell forty feet from the top of a ladder which nearly killed him, but was getting along fine when last heard from.

Mr. W. H. Tudor, cashier of Bank of City, Va., was a visitor at Mrs. W. H. Sheppard's Sunday.

Mr. Zack Campbell, who has been away for some time, has returned home to farm with his father.

Mr. L. P. Grogan is selling out his entire stock of goods here.

Mrs. Cora Rhodes is road sick with pneumonia and her daughter, Ora, is in the hospital waiting for an operation.

Mr. Wesley Martin, a prominent citizen near here, is seriously ill and not improving any at this writing.

Rev. Hall filed his regular appointment at Peters Creek Sunday.

To Be Tried Here Next Monday

Joel East and Charlie Yates, who were recently arrested in the Moore's Springs section on the charge of manufacturing whiskey, will be tried here next Monday before Commissioner N. A. Martin.