

WILMINGTON ASKS FOR LOCAL OPTION

May Be Joined by Other Counties Seeking Turlington Exemption

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—Representative Tom E. Cooper, of Wilmington, New Hanover county, is going to lead the anti-prohibition parade and introduce a bill to exempt New Hanover county from the provisions of the Turlington Act, the State's home-day prohibition enforcement law, enacted in 1926, he said here today. He did not say exactly when he would introduce this bill, but indicated it would be very soon.

"A good many of the House members I have talked to about it do not think my bill will get very far," Cooper said. "But I think I have a good chance to get it passed, since I believe a good many of the members from the Virginia border counties will vote for it and probably introduce similar bills for their counties, since they know better than some others, perhaps, what a farce the present State prohibition law is in most sections of the State."

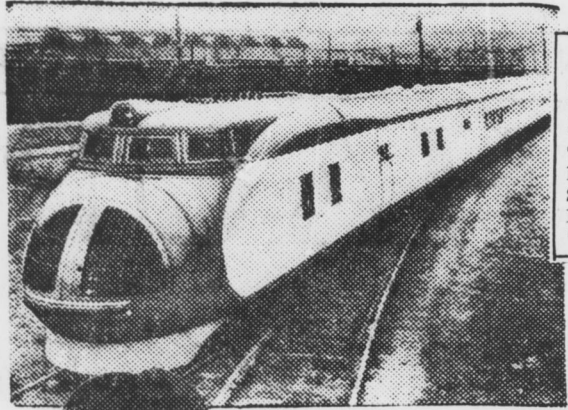
Since this bill will in no sense repeal the Turlington Act, but merely exempt his county from it, Representative Cooper does not see why there should be any objection to it from the other members of the General Assembly, even though they may want to retain the dry law for their counties. He maintains that since the Federal government has left it up to the state for them to decide if they want prohibition or liquor, that the State should be equally magnanimous with the counties and let the counties decide whether they want to remain under the State dry law or permit the sale of liquor on a countywide basis, under strict regulation.

It is recalled that the largest number of votes cast for repeal or modification of the Turlington Act in the House during the 1933 session was 17 far short of the 61 votes necessary to give any measure a majority of one vote in the House. Most observers here doubt very much if Representative Cooper will be able to get anywhere near enough votes to get his bill passed by the house, although many think it will probably get more than 17 votes.

William B. Mayo, of Detroit, mechanical engineer, former Ford chief engineer, born at Chatham, Mass., 69 years ago.

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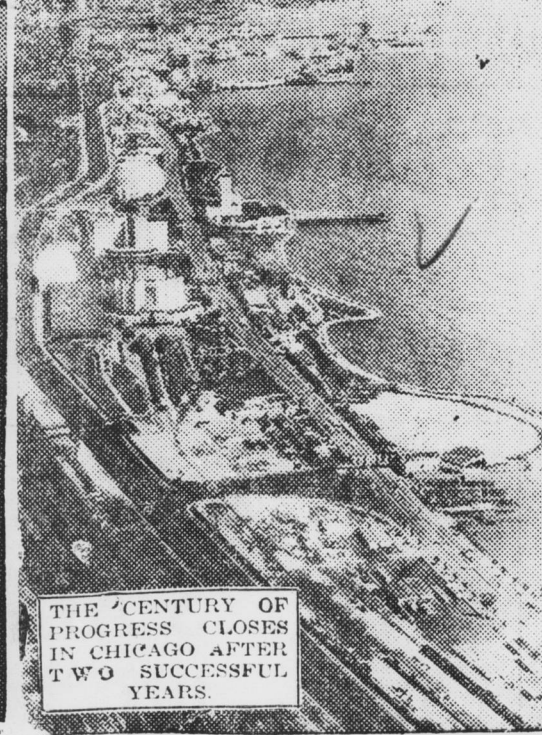
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T. CAMPBELL BLACK, TOP, AND C. W. A. SCOTT, BRITISH FLYERS, WIN THE \$50,000 LONDON-TO-MELBOURNE AIR RACE.

Would Cut 100 Counties In State To Only Twenty

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Raleigh, Jan. 8.—North Carolina's one hundred counties would be reduced to twenty under the provision of a bill formulated by Paul R. Erwin, young Charlotte attorney and member of the lower house.

"The idea of the people supporting one hundred county governments in this State is ridiculous and expensive," said Erwin. "Aid I'm willing to do the missionary work necessary before the excessive load of multiple county expense is lifted from the shoulders of over-burdened people."

Erwin has devoted considerable time and energy to the problem of county consolidation. He speaks informally on his pet measure. A mass of facts and figures are at his finger ends. He will introduce the measure before the session is old.

Other members of the legislature had many comments to make when Erwin's bill. Most of them were frankly dubious. Many of them said it did not have a chance. Others said consolidation was inevitable, but that the time is not yet ripe. Back of many legislators' views are their political tie-ups back home. Some of them doubtless owe their election to the string-pulling of county officials who, quite naturally, will look at consolidation as some sort of monster designed solely for the purpose of devouring their apparent securities.

It will be interesting to observe the tide of local patriotism which will flood the capital and overflow into

hotel lobbies when Erwin introduces his measure.

There are, however, those who will openly oppose Erwin's cause regardless of their back-home political affiliations. And it must by no means be forgotten that there are those who honestly oppose consolidation. Some members are against it because, they say, it would mean fewer jobs. Others say that larger county units would be unwieldy.

There are some good arguments both for and against, and Raleigh will hear plenty of both before Erwin's bill runs the gamut.

Man Who Handed Over the Ransom Names Defendant

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him up to the night of April 2, 1932, when he drove with Colonel Lindbergh to St. Raymond's cemetery with \$70,000 in a wooden box to meet the man known as "John."

After he testified that \$50,000 was separated from the money, Wilentz asked:

"Did you give the money to a man that night?"

"I did," he answered, his voice beginning to rise.

"Whom did you give it to?"

"To 'John'."

"Who is 'John'?"

Wilentz's own voice cracked. "Bruno Richard Hauptmann."

Hauptmann blanched, turned scarlet and glared at the aged witness. Jafie glared back.

Sees Stars



Dr. Cecilia Payne Gaposchkin became interested in astronomy through astronomical work of her husband, Dr. Sergei Gaposchkin of Harvard. Now she's home in Boston, crowned with laurels for her own work in spying on heavens. She received Cannon medal for outstanding achievements in 1934. (Central Press)

Youth Freed By Alleged Kidnap Trio

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any payment had been made.

Young Bomberger said there were two men and a woman in the gang and that he would be able to identify one of the men who was called "Ed" by the others. They seized him, he said, while he was walking on Crawfordville street, after they had pulled their car alongside and asked him if he wanted a ride.

Drivers' License Favored By Many

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license law on our statute books," he said, means nothing.

Ed Tonissen and Paul Erwin, house members from Mecklenburg, refused to commit themselves as being for or against such a measure. "We realize that something must be done," they said, "and if a driver's license law is necessary to curb highway fatalities we are, of course, in favor of it."

Most members are apparently in favor of transfer of the highway patrol from the revenue department to the highway commission. Since the cost of the patrol is assessed against the highway department it seems but natural that it should have control.

Unless legislators change their minds, which they frequently do, the patrol will be increased. "Two hundred" is the usual answer when they are asked as to the number of patrolmen necessary for adequate patrol of the highways.

Graham Has Big Job On Committee

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liever in efficiency and economy in the conduct of the State government. He has been a member of either the House or Senate during every legislative session, with the exception of one, for the past ten years. He has been chairman of the House Finance and Judiciary Committees, as well as speaker of the House during the 1929 session. He was appointed as a member of the Advisory Budget Commission in 1925 by Governor A. W. McLean and served on that body continuously until his election as lieutenant governor in 1932. Since becoming lieutenant governor he has been an ex-officio member of the State School Commission and its presiding officer.

As a result, Graham probably knows as much about the operation of the State government, its needs and limi-

Wife Preservers



Adhesive tape may be used to hold coins together for ease in counting.

tations as any one in the State, and hence knows the need for having committee chairman and committees with the ability and capacity to do the work they are supposed to do. He also should be and undoubtedly is more familiar with the various abilities of the present members of the Senate than any one else, so that he should not have much difficulty in selecting chairmen for the more important committee who are well fitted for doing the work they are supposed to do. And under ordinary circumstances it is agreed that "Sandy" would select his committee chairmen and members solely on the basis of fitness and ability.

But Lieutenant Governor Graham expects to be a candidate for governor in the Democratic primary of 1936. In fact, it is generally agreed that he has been a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the past two year or more and that he will undoubtedly be a candidate for the nomination in the spring of 1936, regardless of who else becomes a candidate or how many. As long as Graham has been in politics, he, of course, knows that either a lieutenant

governor or speaker with ambition to go still farther politically can greatly further these ambitions by appointing committee chairmen who can help them politically in their sections later on.

So while the natural tendency of the lieutenant governor, under any other conditions, would be to make his selection of committee chairmen and members solely on the basis of merit, many are wondering here now if he may not be tempted to depart slightly from his policy and also take into consideration the political influence of certain senators in their respective sections before making up his committees. If it appears that one senator has more influence in a certain section or district than another, even though he may be somewhat lacking in ability, a good many are wondering if Graham will not be inclined to give him preference over the senator with more ability but with less political influence.

Those who know him best, however, are confident that Graham will be able to steer a clear course, retain efficiency and still be able to get the support of all factions.

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