

## JAN. TERM LINCOLN COURT POSTPONED

Solicitor Huffman and Judge Finley Notify Capt. Childs That Regular Term Is Postponed—Expect Special Term in April.

Capt. C. E. Childs, of the local bar and County Attorney, last Saturday received a message from Solicitor Huffman announcing that the regular term of Lincoln County Superior, set to begin Jan. 29th, will not be held, with no place large enough in which to hold court, and other conditions, is given as the reason for not holding the regular term.

It is expected that a special term of Lincoln Court will be held in April, or soon thereafter. There are only two or three jail cases to go over.

Judge Finley of Wilkesboro, was scheduled to hold the regular term, now postponed.

## Judge Long Makes Drastic Court Rule At Gastonia.

Gastonia Gazette, 16th.

Upon opening court Tuesday morning, Judge Long commented upon the large number of cases on the docket in which defendants had been released under small bonds when charged with violations of the prohibition law, and then had failed to appear for trial. He caused a general order to be entered upon the minutes of the court to the effect that all cases on the docket in which the defendants were charged with violation of the prohibition laws and had failed to appear for trial all such defendants should be taken at the first opportunity and required to give a minimum bond of \$600 for their appearance at the next term of court.

Judge Long also spoke very strong convictions upon the large amount of carelessness and recklessness shown by drivers of motor vehicles and the wholesale manner in which the laws regarding such traffic are violated.

## SEEKS TO COLLECT STATE NAVAL DATA

Admiral A. O. Wright of Jacksonville, Fla., head of the surviving members of the Confederate Navy is in Raleigh to arouse interest in the collection of the records of the North Carolinians who served in the navy. He will ask an endorsement of his undertaking by the legislature and a small appropriation to aid in carrying on the work. He says the army has been well looked after, but there has been a tendency to overlook the naval veterans as they have been so few in number. He thinks the time is here before all the veterans have passed away to secure from them what they know that would be useful in completing in Richmond in December and a successful tag day was held there in the interest of his movement.

## ARBUCKLE FILMS BARRED AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte Observer.

Declaring that no Roscoe Arbuckle picture will be given the endorsement of the local Better Films committee, the resolution which was recently passed by the national Better Films committee was heartily endorsed and applied to Charlotte at the meeting of the local organization yesterday afternoon at the chamber of commerce.

J. A. Baldwin, head of the Southern Industrial institute, made a brief talk against the Arbuckle pictures, stating that the time since his escapade is too short and that the entire affair is too fresh in the minds of the people for the pictures to be shown at this time.

"Mr. Hays is right about it not being just to keep a man from his work," he said. "I understand that Arbuckle was a bartender before he went into pictures. Of course, he can't go back to tending bar as in the old days, but he might sell grape juice. After more time has elapsed, the Arbuckle pictures might not be objectionable."

## WALLACE REID, MOVIE ACTOR, DIES THURSDAY AT HOSPITAL

Los Angeles, Jan. 18.—Wallace Reid, motion picture actor, died today at Hollywood.

The end came about 1:30 p. m., in the sanitarium where the actor was taken about a month ago after a nervous breakdown, said by his family to have been due to his fight against the narcotic habit.

Reid's wife and children were with him when he died.

## SPECIAL TERM TO TRY GRICE AND CARSWELL

Gastonia, Jan. 18.—Decision was reached by Solicitor Carpenter today not to attempt the trial of cases against Robert Grice and John Carswell at this term of court, owing to the large number of minor cases yet remaining to be tried. Efforts will be made to have Governor Morrison order a special term of Gaston superior court at some time following the close of the two weeks' civil term which begins Monday, at which special term the above named case will be taken up. The only formality connected with the charges against Grice and Carswell to be gone into at this term will be their formal arraignment under the true bills returned by the grand jury and the continuance of their cases to a special term.

## STATEWIDE GAME LAW IS OFFERED IN LEGISLATURE

A uniform Statewide game law introduced in the General Assembly provides for the appointment by the Governor of a commission of three men, who shall take over the powers and duties of the Audubon Society. Each of the three principal divisions of the State shall be represented on the commission. A game warden shall be appointed for the State and as many deputy wardens as necessary shall be named for the enforcement of the game laws in the various sections.

For a license fee for hunting Mr. Wade specifies \$3 per year for a State resident hunter's license; \$1 for a county resident hunter's license; \$15 for a non-resident of the State, and \$25 for a non-resident who is not a resident of the United States. A person will be permitted, of course, to hunt on his own lands without a license.

The bill provides for hunting seasons as follows. For the ducks, geese and golden plover and greater or lesser yellow legs, September 1 to December 15; woodcock, November 1 to December 31; dove, October 16 to January 31; bob whites (partridge or quail) December 1 to January 31; wild turkey, grouse, pheasant, deer, rabbit, opossum, racoons, foxes, mink, otter, skunk, muskrats and bear, November 1 to January 31, provided that bear and muskrats may be taken and hunted with traps only from February 1 to April. Foxes and rabbits may be hunted with dogs only from October 1 to October 31 and from February 1 to February 15.

The Game commission is authorized to shorten or lengthen the closed season dates and shorter date may be confined to any particular county. The bill also contains numerous other provisions covering all the types of game in the State. Among other things, it prohibits the hunting or killing of any wild waterfowl in the waters of the State from any floating box, battery or float not on the land at the time. Twenty-five ducks in place as the day's killing. Sale of quail and other types of kind is prohibited. Boards of county commissioners are authorized to offer a reward of 50 cents for each scalp of a chicken hawk.

A fine of from five to fifty dollars or imprisonment from one to thirty days is specified as punishment for violating any provision of the act.

## THE DELAYS OF THE LAW

The delays in the law, which Mr. Sanders, of Johnston, seeks to remedy, will not be prevented by the passage of a bill to require Superior Court judges to remain in a county every day of the term. No man works more diligently than these officers and no one should begrudge the few days they are at home. Indeed, it is true that they have virtually no holidays, for the few weeks when they are not away from home holding court they are making up cases on appeal and hearing motions.

There ought to be enough judges to see that trials are held promptly and business would be expedited if a judge remained in one district a whole year instead of six months as at present and if after every four weeks of holding court the judge had a week at home. These two provisions, plus power to the judges to limit the argument of counsel and a fuller exercise of their authority to compel cases to be tried promptly would do much to remedy the law's delay.—News and Observer.

The French soldiers would withdraw from Germany tomorrow if Germany would meet its obligations to the extent of its ability.—News and Observer.

## KIWANIANS HEAR MAYOR OR R. G. CHERRY FRIDAY

At Regular Weekly Luncheon Mayor R. G. Cherry of Gastonia is Special Guest and Principal Speaker.

At the last Friday luncheon of the Lincoln County Kiwanis Club, Mayor R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia, was a special guest and the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Cherry is a delightful speaker, and his address on this occasion was one of interest throughout. His preliminary remarks were of a humorous nature, and pleased, because Kiwanians believe in a bit of fun as well as the serious. Mayor Cherry for a few minutes discussed city government, making comparisons between the old aldermanic form and the Town Manager form of city government. He thought the aldermanic form was all right where suitable men could be induced to give their time freely. The manager form of city government he declared ideal in theory, and that in many places had proven practical while in other towns there was dissatisfaction. The managerial form of city government is used in Gastonia, said the speaker, there being five councilmen elected by the people just as formerly elected under the aldermanic form, except that the five councilmen are elected at large from any section of the city. These councilmen select from their number the mayor. Under the Manager form the council selects a town manager, whose duties are to manage the affairs of the city, he being a central head working under the direction of the town council. The manager looks after all affairs of the city, does the buying; gives his entire time to looking after the interests of the city government, directing all of its various affairs. Mr. Cherry states that the town manager's position is a very important one, and that the selection of the manager is the all important task under the manager form of city government, as on the manager depends success or failure under managerial form of city government. Mayor or Cherry was introduced by Mr. T. C. Abernethy.

The business meeting was presided over by J. Frank Love. Report of the Kiwanis check showed that B. C. Lineberger had passed it over to Thorne Clark. The attendance prize was given by T. C. Abernethy and won by Victor Fair, who the committee declared had the best foundation in competition with B. J. Ramsaur and J. T. Perkins.

The program was in charge of the program committee and the luncheon was by the Methodist ladies. Supt. E. D. Johnson of the city schools, in behalf of the Woman's Club, introduced the movement for proposed library which it is hoped to establish in a room in the new high school building. He stated that it was hoped to make this library a town library for the present until such time as the city could offer a larger library. This matter will come up later through the regular channels.

The next meeting of the club, on January 26, is Anniversary Meeting, celebrating the Eight Anniversary of Kiwanis. Program in charge of Rev. J. T. Mangum.

A mother's aid law should be enacted by the present General Assembly. With a little financial assistance the widowed mother could keep her little ones with her and give them the inestimable blessings of a mother's loving care, rather than send her children to an orphanage, even if room can be found for them in such an institution. The sheltering care of a mother's love is a hundred fold better for the child than any institution that can be provided, and this is no attempt to discredit the orphanages. In fact, these homes provided by the churches and fraternal orders are the finest institutions of our civilization, but the orphanages are not able to care for one-half of the needy children of North Carolina. Perhaps none see as clearly as do the superintendents of our orphanages the need of a mother's aid law to assist in caring for the childhood of our state. It would supplement the work of our orphanages in an economical manner and at the same time preserve the natural method of keeping mother and child together. By all means, give us a mother's aid law for North Carolina.—Christian Advocate.

TAKES ONLY \$50 TO BE MILLIONAIRE IN MARKS

New York, Jan. 17.—It took just \$50 in United States money today to become a millionaire in German marks. Theoretically, the American dollar could buy 20,000 marks in the foreign exchange market, but practically little or no business was transacted in less than million share lots. At pre-war prices, 20,000 German marks would have been worth \$4,780.

## THE LEGISLATURE

### MORRISON BEFORE COMMITTEE

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Charges that merchants and business men in the state of Virginia were raising a \$100,000 fund to combat the administration's ship line proposal, examination of witnesses by Governor Morrison today to present the feasibility of the bill and speeches by representatives of several commercial organizations from various points in the state developed here late today at the joint session of the house and senate committees on water commerce which had before them the ship line proposal.

The Virginia lobby fund charges were made by N. Y. Chambliss, secretary of the state association of commercial secretaries and the chamber of commerce of Rocky Mount.

After the measure was read by the clerk, Governor Morrison addressed briefly the crowded chamber and packed gallery, stressing the important points of the measure and declaring that it was not his intention, or the intention of the council of state, to take away the power of the legislature, or to do anything that would be unconstitutional in the provisions of the bill.

### THE BOWIE COMMITTEE ADVISES AGAINST BUILDING LINE

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Under the official caption of "Report of Special Commission appointed by the Governor to Investigate the Advisability of the Sale of Stock in the North Carolina Railroad and the Investment of the Proceeds of Such Sale in Certain Railroads in Western North Carolina," T. C. Bowie, of Ashe county, today reported to the general assembly as a member of the commission.

The report advised against the sale of such stock. It contained information of several meetings held by the commission at North Wilkesboro, Statesville and other points along which railroads were proposed to be constructed, investigated these routes and received propositions for their construction, a through rail line with the middle west and which would redeem the "lost provinces"—Ashe, Watauga, Yadkin, and Wilkes counties—the report set forth, would greatly change freight rates and save 24 to 48 hours in the transportation of freight from middle western points in this state.

Because the interstate commerce commission must give consent for new lines to be constructed only after investigation shows that such lines will pay, the report says, it is deemed unwise to put a secondary branch line through these counties which would have to be dependent upon what local business it could handle for its revenue. The state, therefore, according to the report, must look forward to "the construction of a gauntlet that would ultimately open up a trunk line midway between Virginia cities and the Knoxville-Asheville gateway."

### LEGISLATIVE GRIND

The following new legislation was proposed in the Senate Thursday.

S. B. 87, by Varsler: To six liability for breach of fiduciary relations and to make the laws uniform with relation thereto.

S. B. 90, by Castelloe: To place solicitors on salaries instead of fees.

S. B. 92, by Baggett: To repeal the laws of 1919 and 1921 relating to the admission of insane persons to State hospitals.

S. B. 94, by Bellamy: To establish a sanatorium for tubercular prisoners.

The following bills were passed on their third reading in the Senate yesterday.

S. B. 41—To authorize Cleveland county to issue bonds and to provide for the payment thereof.

S. B. 75: Relative to the sales of real estate where there is a contingent remainder.

The following new legislation was offered in the House Thursday:

H. B. 184, by Parker, of Alamance: To forbid marriage of females under the age of sixteen.

H. B. 186, by Deaton: To provide for trial of civil cases at September term of Catawba county court.

The following bills were passed on their third reading:

H. B. 186: To provide for the trial of civil cases at September term of court in Catawba.

H. B. 113: To prohibit use of indecent and profane language on public highways in Cleveland county.

## GIRL SAYS MOTHER IS SLAYER OF SMITH

Collins Girl Repudiates Confession, Claiming Mother Killed ex-Soldier.

Morganton, Jan. 18.—A night's meditation over her "confession" yesterday afternoon that she killed Uray Smith in defense of her honor evidently caused Mary Collins to decide to tell the whole truth about the affair, and early this morning after having sent for Solicitor Huffman, she admitted to him that the first story was told in a desperate effort to shield her mother, Mrs. Rosalia Collins, who she now says, shot her cousin.

Mrs. Collins, who is also in jail, has not been allowed to converse with her daughter and although she knows of Mary's taking all the blame upon herself she does not know the turn that the affair has taken today and still maintains her own innocence.

### HICKORY REPORT SAYS CAPITALIST PLANS 33,000 HORSE-POWER PLANT

Hickory, N. C., Jan. 17.—Acquisition of water power rights on the Catawba river from a point just below the Horseford shoals down to and including the old Thornton shoals was announced today by Joseph D. Elliott, local capitalist. Mr. Elliott said work of constructing a hydro-electric plant would begin within a few weeks.

The property which Mr. Elliott acquired cost almost \$200,000, it was stated, and there were reports, which he would not discuss, that A. M. Kistler of Morganton, would be associated with Mr. Elliott in the development. The water-power rights are understood to extend about two miles along the river. These reports said that a 33,000 horse-power plant would be constructed, which would require a sixty-foot dam.

### MANY MOTOR CARS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Total Gasoline Tax and Revenue Over Six Millions; Increase Expected

With approximately 182,000 motor cars now registered, North Carolina's revenue from the gasoline tax amounts to \$2,826,075.26 for the fiscal year period July 1 to December 1, an increase of \$625,709.18 over the entire amount for 1921.

The gasoline tax from July 1 to December 1 added to the revenue from motor vehicles brings the total collections to about \$3,000,000 which indicates, according to Joseph Sawyer, motor supervisor of the department who prepared the statement to be submitted to the general assembly, that the income from these sources will show a record increase for the fiscal year.

Total auto collections to June 30, 1921, \$6,745,825.72.

Amount collected for present fiscal year from July 1, 1922, to December 1, 1922, \$2,709,516.34.

### CAPPER FARM BILL IS ATTACKED BY SIMMONS

Washington, Jan. 16.—Consideration of the Capper farm credits bill was nearly completed today by the senate but final action went over until tomorrow, with the other credit measure, the Lenroot-Anderson bill, scheduled to be taken up immediately after its disposal.

Little criticism of the principles of the Capper bill was voiced in today's discussion, although its efficacy was scouted by some Republicans as well as Democrats. Senator Simmons, North Carolina, said he hoped it would not prevent enactment of "real" farm credits legislation, declaring the co-operative credit associations proposed would not be of much aid to agriculturists except livestock growers.

Senator Harrison, Mississippi, described as "splendid" measures for farmers relief the bill's provisions extending federal reserve system loans on farmers' notes to nine months and authorizing continuation of the war finance corporation's loan aid for another year.

Germany has her back up, France is determined, and the only hope of averting an eventual clash is "mediation" by the United States, and Berlin is expecting entanglement to this extent on part of Washington. Neither France nor Germany, however, has any reason to bank on any assistance from this Government. Meantime, Russia is straining at the lash. The situation might well be described as "threatening," says the Charlotte Observer.

### FARM PRODUCTS

(From The Washington Star.)

"Why do you get angry when the boys refer to your whiskers as 'alfalfa'?"

"What you mistake for anger," said Famer Corntassel, "is regret. I wish my whiskers was that valuable."

## SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Paris, Jan. 18.—After what is said to have the wildest rioting in the history of the French parliament, during which 50 deputies engaged in a free fist fight on the floor, the chamber of deputies this evening by a vote of 371 to 143 decided to suspend the parliamentary immunity of Marcel Cachin, the communist member.

Cherryville, Jan. 18.—It isn't often that watermelons are served in this section of the country in January, but last Sunday, January 14, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heavner and some of their neighbors on route 1, enjoyed two delicious melons, which were raised by Mr. Heavner last summer. They were in perfect condition.

Mount Holly, Jan. 19.—The Central Bank and Trust company, which was organized here over two years ago, has been moved into its handsome new brick building on Main street. The stockholders of the bank held their annual meeting Tuesday and the report showed surprising progress; the deposits showing an increase of one hundred thousand dollars more than last year.

Greensboro, Jan. 18.—B. B. Foster, barber, banished in municipal court here today, ordered to get on a train and go a long way, announced his intention of not getting off before the train reaches Birmingham, Ala. He left for the train as soon as he got out of the courtroom. Foster was accused of threatening to hurt the judge, D. M. Collins. He has had a checkered career here. His domestic difficulties made the town too hot for him. Once his wife took a potshot at him and later he shot and severely wounded her.

The second trial of O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman, for the killing of A. J. Allen, master plumber of Concord in Kannapolis on the night of October 25, 1921, will be tried in Salisbury at the Feb. term of Rowan county superior court. The removal order was issued at Concord Jan. 11 by Judge James L. Webb after a day spent by attorneys for location of the state in the presentation of affidavits and.

Elon College, Jan. 18.—Elon college, the denominational college in the south of the Christian church, suffered a fire loss of between \$150,000 and \$160,000 this morning when the main administration building of institution was completely destroyed and one of the dormitories damaged. The fire, of undetermined origin, was discovered about 6:30 o'clock.

A SPECIAL DUTY FOR THE LEGISLATURE

(N. C. Christian Advocate.)

The state law as it now exists does not conform to the national law upon the subject of the control of the liquor traffic. Why not make the state law conform to the Volstead Act?

The Anti-Saloon League explains the difference as they now exist between the state and federal laws. Here are the points of difference:

"In answer to your question as to what are the difference between the state law and the Volstead Act, we will say there are a good many. The state law allows the manufacture and sale of wine and intoxicating ciders. The federal law does not. The state law allows the possession of liquor for beverage purposes, the Volstead law does not. The state provides no nuisance act, the federal law does. The state law as interpreted by the supreme court of North Carolina under two decisions has an automobile law that is ineffective; the Volstead law has an automobile law which is effective. The state law has no provision to arrest and punish the land owners, or the other person that may be behind the liquor business, and on whose land the blockader makes liquor, and who is in 'cahoot' with the liquor making, but the federal law has a provision that catches him."

Boys' Stack last week at Greensboro sent a "holiness" preacher to the roads sixty days for driving an automobile when intoxicated and further enjoined that for the next six months this man should not be allowed to preach. This action of the judge is out of his desire that the Christian ministry shall be clean. He sent a married man who had deserted his sick wife and had seduced an innocent girl under promise of marriage to the roads for three years. Such a judge as this is to be commended in the most emphatic terms. Yet he is not a man who delights in the bestowal of heavy penalties. But there are crimes that call for penalties of great severity.—Christian Advocate.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Safeguarded—He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.—Psalm 91:11.