

Jackson County Journal

THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

WOULD MAKE DRASTIC CUTS

(M. L. Shipman)

Mar. 2.—Recommending departments which would organize affairs at the top, fear deep into the pockets of employees and in general notes of determined determination to "govern" out of more than 100,000 workers needed in the affairs of the State.

The bill to increase the size of the Highway commission from 9 to 27 was objected to by Frank Page, chairman of the commission, but was favorably reported. It is a special order for Tuesday morning and Mr. Page has stated he probably will not continue in office if it passes. It is his belief that the back-door politicians back home, want to get in on the "politicking" of the roads and he says this will ruin the organization. Sentiment here appears to be strongly with the Chairman and the measure probably will be lost.

The General Assembly expressed confidence in the personal and official integrity of Secretary of State W. N. Everett during the evening sessions of the two branches Friday. The Secretary has been subjected to criticism on account of the number of automobiles reported as having been purchased by his department and because of what is considered by some as an excessive salary paid the manager of the automobile bureau. The resolution, introduced in the Senate by Senators Harris and Mendephall, passed that body without a dissenting vote and was sent to the House by a special messenger. Similar action was taken by the House and the resolution was ordered enrolled for ratification. It follows: "Whereas there have been certain attacks directly made and others by insinuation and innuendo, affecting the official conduct of the Hon. W. N. Everett, Secretary of State; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That this General Assembly expresses its full confidence in the high integrity, character and official conduct of the said W. N. Everett, Secretary of State, in the performance of all his official duties."

In a special message on Friday, communicated by messenger, Governor McLean requested the General Assembly to enact proper legislation to provide for the appointment of a commission of twelve persons, who would serve without pay, to make an extensive study of the State school system. The Governor called attention to the fact that during the past six years investments for educational purposes have been unusually heavy and the cost should be kept within the ability of the taxpayer to pay. The commission would study costs, needs and administration of the State's schools, the message points out, with a view to eliminating "overlapping efforts and expense". A bill in accord with the Governor's recommendation "is in the making."

The House committee on Agriculture put itself on record Friday afternoon in favor of letting the rules of the co-operative selling association stand. The meeting was by all odds the largest experienced by any legislative committee at this session of the General Assembly. The Billwell Bill sought to permit members of co-operative selling associations to withdraw by filing notice, but the committee "sat upon" the proposal by a vote of 23 to 11 and a big crowd of farmers went home disappointed. No accounting, some of them were saying, for the action of a legislative committee, anyhow.

With only one week remaining of the sixty-day limitation, during which it may complete its work, the General Assembly is expected to continue the recent practice of holding day and night sessions. The working members are care-worn, weary and homesick. Those who spend their time in a "happy-go-lucky" sort of way and follow the leaders at voting time are not taking very seriously the constant daily grind of legislative matters. Sixty days will have expired on Saturday night of the present week, but the middle of the week following may find the solons still on the job.

The State-wide primary measure will come up this week but, if precedent is followed, the politicians will choke it off. The North Carolina League of Women Voters is against the Neal repeal bill and this organization may have better luck in the fight to retain the primary than they did with the Falls Australian Ballot Bill in the House last week.

The bill to amend consolidated statutes with reference to criminal jurisdiction of Mayors court; to authorize leave of absence with pay to all State employees engaged in proper authorized military training or of officers reserve and enlisted men's reserve; to amend public laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty one relative to the census of school population; to provide a special building fund to be loaned to county Boards of Education to aid in erecting school houses; a joint resolution in regard to the death of Mrs. L. Exum Clement Stafford, late member of the General Assembly of North Carolina; to amend section 5960 consolidated statutes prohibiting absentee voters in primaries, to reorganize the Government of the State's prison; to amend consolidated statutes relating to agriculture, to improve county government; to amend banking laws relative to the establishment of branch banks; to amend consolidated statutes of North Carolina with reference to the amount of bonds required by guardians; to transfer to the commissioner of Revenue all duties and authority of the Secretary of State under the motor vehicle laws; to provide for the funding of the debt balance of the State prison hereafter called "the State Prison Department and to provide for the purchase of fertilizer for the State prison farms and for industrial equipment to be used in State prison; to amend consolidated statutes authorizing the Warden of the Penitentiary to designate some person to electrocute convicts convicted of a Capital crime; to provide for recording in the office of the State Auditor statements concerning bonds and notes of counties, townships, school districts municipal corporations and taking districts and making effectual the means of payment provided for said securities and to provide for supervision of such means by the State Auditor, and making non-compliance with their terms of this act a misdemeanor; to provide for the use of certain highway revenues for certain purposes; to amend section 1681 of the consolidated statutes with reference to the payment of damages caused by dogs; to provide for advertisement of bonds of counties before the sale thereof; to authorize disbursing officers of counties, cities, and towns, townships, district to pay and to contract or pay fiscal agency fees for the payment of bonds and coupons; to limit the time within which a warrant drawn by the auditor may be paid by the treasurer; an act declaring all transfer and assignments of claims against the State of North Carolina of any department, commission, bureau, or any State institution, void before auditing and allowance of such claim and issuance of a warrant for the payment thereof to create and establish a department of conservation and development in the place of State Geological and economic survey; to amend statutes relating to the enlargement of school districts within incorporated towns; to amend the constitution of the State of North Carolina so as to transfer the Governor's duties as to reprieves commutations and pardons, to a pardon Board; to define, regulate and license real estate brokers and real estate salesmen; to create a State Real Estate commission and to provide a penalty for a violation of the provision hereof; to provide for the lighting of the dome of State Capitol; to amend the bakery inspection laws of 1921, to authorize the organization of Agricultural Loan corporation; to amend the banking laws relative to the establishment of branches as continued in sections of the consolidator statutes. An act to allow the trustees of the University of North Carolina to fix the tuition fees of said University; to amend public laws of 1923 relating to Railroad Stop Law; to revise the pension law of North Carolina; to repeal chapters of public laws of 1921 relating to the examination of county officers by officer of the State Auditor; to empower the tax book commission to adopt tax books; to amend consolidated statutes in relation to drainage districts; to provide for the re-production of Conover's statue of Washington; to allow that race of people in Gaston County township Northhampton county, known as designated as "Portuguese" to register upon the registration books under a separate page or pages to be designated by the Registrar as "Portuguese" to provide for the registration in the name of the owner of bonds of counties, cities and towns, school districts and school taxing dis-

tricts; joint resolution accepting the deed from the Federal Government giving Fort Macon Military Reservation to the State and providing for the maintenance of same; act authorizing the Secretary of State to make use of the stenographers in the various governmental departments in the enrollment of bills; act regulating the marketing of the boundaries of the municipalities touching the public highways; to provide any group of counties to establish and maintain a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis; to validate certain acknowledgements; act to regulate the speed of buses carrying school children; to prevent the publication of the name of any woman upon whom the crime of rape or assault with attempt to ravage has been committed or alleged to have been committed; to retire with pension public school teachers who have served for twenty five years in the public schools of North Carolina; to amend chapters of the public laws of 1923 relating to railroad grade crossings; to make the extortion or confession of any officer a misdemeanor; to amend consolidated statutes relating to the conduct of elections; to amend sections of consolidated statutes relating to absentee votes; to amend consolidated statutes of North Carolina, providing for the election of Delegates at large; to prevent public officers from serving as judges or registrars in elections, to prevent the fraudulent operation of slot machines and coin receptacles, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof; to require retailers of Prison made goods to plainly mark the same; to change the name of the Appalachian Training School and to outline its organization, powers and duties; to establish land mortgages association under the supervision of the State Department of Agriculture; to amend the chapter of the Town of Winston; to amend section 1140 relating to mortgaged property of corporations subject to execution in certain cases; to amend section 1138 consolidated statute relating to corporate conveyances; to amend section 4133 of Article 43 chapter 82 of consolidated statutes relating to county to amend to provide for the printing of the daily journals of the proceedings of the General Assembly to provide for the construction of a scenic highway from three county corner Avery, Burke and McDowell, to state highway number 30 at or near Bridgewater; and to provide for issuance of six hundred thousand dollar bond of the state to pay the cost of same; to impose certain duties heretofore exercised by the Board of Internal Improvements upon the Governor and Council of State; to amend chapter 2 Public Local Laws of North Carolina of 1901, as amended by Chapter 160, Public Laws of 1923, relating to the eliminations of grade crossings; to prohibit the shooting on Roanoke Island, Dare County, for a period of five years; to provide additional assistance for the officer of the Attorney General; to amend Section 2787 of the consolidated statutes relative to corporate powers and extending same; to amend chapter 191 public laws, session 1923 relative to a game sanctuary of Grandfather Mountain; to provide for the purpose of raising revenue by the appointment of a committee by the increase of inter-state rates on railway and bus lines for educational purposes; to provide a salary and wage commission; to appoint a commission to be known as the North Carolina Commission for the celebration of the two hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington; to regulate the compensation of State Officials and Employees; to require a levy of thirty-five cents on each one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property based on the 1921 uniform valuation, for school purposes throughout the State and providing for the distribution of the proceeds of such levy; to provide for a non partisan supreme court; to amend section 4554 consolidated statutes relating to hours of work in maritime establishments; to require the registration of power of attorneys for agents for fidelity and surety companies; to amend section 5040, volume 3 consolidated statutes relating to juvenile courts; to provide for the relief of ex-sheriffs and ex-tax collectors with respect to credits for errors in settlements; to amend section 277, chapter 136 public law of 1923, relating to the literary fund. Relative to the character and integrity of W. N. Everett.

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REYNOLDS GETS FIVE YEARS

Late Thursday afternoon, just before court was adjourned, Judge Finley sentenced Mark Reynolds, convicted of manslaughter, for the killing of George Hensley, to a term of five years in the state prison. He made a record of Reynolds' tubercular condition, to be transmitted to the prison authorities.

Ben Buchanan's plea of guilty of larceny was changed to forcible trespass and his sentence changed from three years in the state prison to 18 months on the roads, with the commissioners allowed to hire him out after 60 days of the sentence has been served, Buchanan to execute a bond for his good behavior for three years.

The same entry was made as to Glenn Norton and Kelly Frady. George Stephens sentence was changed to allow him to be hired out to his mother, by the commissioners, after 30 days, he to execute a good behavior bond of five hundred dollars for three years. The same order was made as to Howard Stephens and Riley Parson, except that they must serve 12 months before they can be hired out.

W. B. Davis was allowed to execute bond of \$2500 for his appearance here on the first day of November next, to begin his sentence.

Pleas for reduction of sentence of Homer Brown, John Jones and Shirley Watson were denied.

Edna Henry, a young girl, who had appealed from the recorder's court on a conviction of prostitution, was sent to the State Home Industrial School, at Sauratown for a term of three years, or less, in the discretion of the board of directors of that institution.

GROUP CENTER AND COUNTY COMMENCEMENTS

In carrying out the policy of showing what the schools of the county are doing for the children the educational authorities are putting on a series of group and county commencements. Two of these group center commencements have already been held, and despite bad weather at Webster and Cullowhee they were very successful.

Three other group commencements are to be held this week, and next in the other three group centers of the county. The one at Glenville Friday March 6. In this group, the Glenville and Cashiers schools will be the chief contestants.

On Monday, March 9th, the schools of the Sylva Group Center will meet at Sylva for their commencement. On the 11th, the schools of the Qualla group will meet at Qualla.

Friday, March 13th, the winners from the various group centers will meet at Sylva for the final county commencement.

The people of the various groups, patrons, students and friends of the schools have been written and are urged to be present. The public in general is invited to attend these commencements, to see what the schools of the county are doing.

JOHN W. HOOPER DIES

John W. Hooper, known to his friends as "John Bill," died suddenly at his home at Tuckasee, Sunday night. Mr. Hooper was a prominent farmer of River Town, and was well known throughout the county. He was about 60 years of age and was his widow, who was Miss Jane Owen, and seven children, Mrs. G. K. Jones and Mrs. Millard Coward, of Sylva, Mrs. McKinley Hooper and Miss Irene Hooper, of Tuckasee, and John W. Hooper, Max Hooper and Askew Hooper.

Mr. Hooper had been a member of the Tuckasee Baptist church for many years. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

GRAND JURY FAVORS COUNTY HOSPITAL

In its report to the court the grand jury recommended that the second floor of the new county home be utilized as a county hospital until such time as better quarters can be provided, and until it is needed for the paupers.

The complete report follows: "We, the Grand Jury of the Feb. term of Court 1925 after carefully examining the County buildings and Property of Jackson County would submit the following reports and suggestions:

"We have examined the Jail and find it filled at this time with prisoners, but the jail is not in a sanitary condition. The cells need a thorough cleaning by using plenty of soap and water. The toilets in the cells or cage need repairing. We would suggest as soon as possible that the cells be given a good painting. The walls of the cell or cage room be given a fresh coat of paint. Some window glass which has been broken where the bars have been sawed out and prisoners escaped should be repaired with ease hardened steel to prevent further escape. The jailer's quarters need to be calcimined. The yard and grounds around the jail should be cleaned up by removing shes, tin cans and other rubbish to make it a more presentable place of refuge.

"The roof on the jail needs repairing as there seems to be several leaks in it. The prisoners seem to be fed well and cared for.

We find the Court House in need of some repairs as follows: Plaster on Court room and other parts of the house should be fixed as it is breaking off in several places. Windows should be washed, rubbish should be removed and a general spring cleaning given to the Court House.

"The lock on the ladies' toilet needs repairing. Some repairs in the men's toilet.

"We find the offices in the Court House, as a whole kept in a very nice manner.

"The steps from the street leading up to the courthouse are in need of some repairs with cement, as a small cost at an early date, would save a much greater cost later.

"A coal bin for use of courthouse and jail is much needed.

"We visited the County Home and find that Jackson County has a Home of which every citizen should be proud. In this home are eleven inmates two of which are sick, namely Parley Queen and Hattie Massey, Hattie Massey has died since the report was filed. Dying Tuesday. One seems to be suffering from tuberculosis. It is a question in our minds whether this is the proper place for one with this disease. We found the supplies on hand for use in the home raised on the farm: 7 hams, 7 middens, 35 gallons of syrup, 250 cans of fruits, 200 bu. of corn, several tons of hay, 2 horses, 7 milk cows, 5 hogs, about 100 chickens, produce sufficient eggs for the inmates.

"The barn is in very bad condition. There is great need for a new barn and crib for the County Farm. There is plenty of machinery for running the farm, but it needs cleaning up and painting to preserve it. The new house which is practically completed has 32 rooms, 24 of which are plastered and finished up, 8 rooms on second floor are unfinished, but can be at small cost. The house is wired but as yet is not connected with any electric current. We would advise connecting up with some power company. We would advise the installing of a furnace to heat the house as at present it is heated with small stoves which are both dangerous and unsatisfactory.

"The yard should be leveled and grassed. With some work, this place can be made one of the show places of Jackson County.

"As Jackson County has no hospital within its bounds, we suggest that those unfinished rooms could be finished and converted into a number one County Hospital.

"The former home of J. C. Keeper which consists of 9 rooms could be utilized in connection with it, thereby giving 41 rooms in all.

"We need such a place for holding clinics, and examination of all children at least twice each year, and if operations are necessary in this manner the cost could greatly be reduced to the public and by such examination the life of the coming generation would be lengthened and a healthier citizenship given to the county.

MADISON PRESENTS TWO BILLS

(By M. L. Shipman)
Raleigh, Mar. 3.—The following

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ennis Ashe to Lola Frady.
Tallie Pinion to Fannie Frizzell.