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General Assembly Term Will Probably Be Short

(By Dan Tompkins)
 Raleigh, January 11.—With the 1931 General Assembly just one week old it looks as if the session will prove to be a short one, in comparison with those of 1931 and 1933, which are known as the "Long Parliaments". There is not so much to be accomplished for the general term work as in the progress along many lines in the State was laid during those two sessions, with Social Security, including old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children, added to the 1937 session. The main problems of the present General Assembly are shaping up to be the expansion of the policies adopted in 1931, 1933, and 1937, and the finding of a way to finance such expansion, without placing additional burdens, especially upon the homes and lands of the people.

In fact there are members who hope that some measure of reduction of taxation upon home can be effected, either by reduction of the county rates of burden for old age assistance by placing some of the responsibilities for that act upon the State, or by partially putting into effect the Constitutional Amendment allowing exemption of homes up to \$1,000 from ad valorem taxation.

Then too, teachers and other State employees are asking that they be given the benefits of the Social Security Act, or some other means of retirement equally as good, if not better. And there is a great measure of justice in their argument that the State shouldn't force other employers of labor to participate in Social Security payments, and make no provision for its own laborers.

All these matters will come up in good time for consideration, as will the improvement of the public school system, and ballot reform.

Hoey Recommends 12th Grade
 In his message Governor Hoey recommended the addition of the twelfth grade to the public schools; but reminded that 62 cents of every dollar in the General Fund of the State goes for the support of the public schools, and that 80 cents of every dollar of the school money is paid to teachers in salaries. He stressed the fact that a smaller per cent of the money in the treasury is paid out for administration in North Carolina than in any other of the 48 states.

Those who had hoped for the out-and-out repeal of the Absentee Ballot in the State had their hopes somewhat altered when Governor Hoey flatly opposed repeal; but expressed the hope that its good features can be retained, asked for a new registration throughout the State (with provisions for registration by mail) and called attention to the fact that in 41 of the 48 states there is an absentee voter's law. He said that if it can be made to operate elsewhere, he can see no reason why it should not be made to do so in North Carolina.

Senate Com. Appointed
 Following fast upon the Governor's message, came the appointment of Senate Committees by the Lieutenant Governor, with Senator Morphew, of Graham, as the Chairman of the committee on elections and election laws, Senator Morphew regarded as being opposed to repeal of the Absentee Voters Act; but his friends believe that he will be found willing to consider reasonable amendments along the line suggested by the Governor.

Morphew Chairman
 The big assignment as Chairman of this important committee to Senator Jack Morphew, is considered a compliment to him, and an unusual one, as he is serving his first term in the State Senate. However, he has had considerable legislative experience in the House of Representatives.

Other Committees on which he was placed are: Agriculture, Appropriations, Consolidated Statutes, Counties, Cities and Towns, Courts and Judicial Districts; Distribution of the Governor's message; Immigration; Insurance; Internal Improvements; Judiciary No. 1; Journal, Mining, Roads, Salaries and Fees; Senatorial Districts; Printing and the new committee just formed in each house, known as the Committee on Unemployment Compensation.

Senator Cogburn, of Haywood, also got good assignments for a first term. He is chairman of the Committee on Distribution of the Governor's Message, and a member of the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations; Claims, Corporation; Elections and Election Laws; Federal Relations; Immigration; Institutions

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 10.—As Congress gets into its stride, and old and new members exchange opinions, it is becoming apparent to observers on Capitol Hill that one of the major themes of this session will be the effort to curtail the personal authority of the President.

This effort will be joined in by members of both parties, including sincere followers of Mr. Roosevelt. It will not be an effort to prevent his renomination in 1940. It will be an effort to reassert the authority of Congress in its Constitutional sphere of action.

How far this movement will get is, of course, problematical. Congress surrendered many of its Constitutional powers to the President at the beginning of his first term, on the theory that the economic emergency could not be dealt with in any other way than by putting one man in charge.

Some of the actions of Congress were held to be beyond its power, by the Supreme Court decisions in the N. R. A. and A. A. cases; they delegated power to make orders and regulations which had the force of law, and only Congress may enact laws.

Among the unlimited powers which the President still has under the emergency legislation are these:

Powers of President

He can devalue the dollar still further at any time he so chooses.

He can issue three billion dollars in paper money with no gold reserve behind it.

He can decree the free and unlimited coinage of silver and fix the ratio of the silver dollar to gold at any proportion he sees fit.

He can prescribe the regulations under which gold can be owned, traded in, held, or exported.

He can operate a "stabilization fund" of two billion dollars in complete secrecy, being accountable to nobody for its operation.

He can suspend trading on any stock exchange for a period of ninety days.

He can raise or lower by as much as 50 percent any tariff imposed by the United States on goods imported from any nation which enters into a trade agreement with this country.

He can spend practically at his own discretion funds for relief, farm benefits and other similar projects, totaling more than all previous Presidents lumped together have ever been authorized to spend.

There has been some talk of the possibility that the President would voluntarily relinquish some of those broad powers.

Some plan for turning relief back to the states may be put forward. In any event the expectations is that the new appropriations for relief will be rigidly apportioned for specific purposes.

To Vote On Hopkins

There are expected to be loud echoes of the W. P. A. situation on the floor of the Senate when the question of the confirmation of Harry Hopkins as Secretary of Commerce

for the Deaf; Journal; Judiciary No. 2; Library; Military Affairs; Mining; Pension and Soldier's Home; Proprietary and Grievances; Public Welfare; Senatorial Districts; and Printing.

In the receiving line at the Governor's reception for members of the General Assembly, Friday night, were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva. Among those from the extreme west who attended the reception were Representative George Patton, and Mrs. Patton, of Macon, Dan Tompkins, of Jackson, Thad Bryson, of Swain, A. L. Penland, of Clay, Dr. Crawford, of Graham, Clyde Jarrett and Mrs. Jarrett, of Cherokee, Glenn Palmer, of Haywood and Senator Jack Morphew, of Graham, and Senator and Mrs. Chester Cogburn, of Haywood.

An attractive man is Governor "Happy" Chandler, of Kentucky, who delivered the Jackson Day Dinner address Saturday night. His smile is contagious, and his humor irresistible. Not only did the crowd like his speech, but perhaps even more enjoyed the duet sung by him and Mrs. Chandler, when he calls the Secretary of War. It was a whoop of approval from the crowd as it sang big time for the crowd as it laughed and cheered for Democratic victory in 1940.

Youngest Congressman



WASHINGTON, D. C. ... Lindley G. Beckworth, 25-year-old Texan, who will be the youngest House member in recent years. Mr. Beckworth, a former school teacher, unseated Representative Morgan G. Sanders, a veteran of eighteen years in the House, in the Democratic primaries.

LICENSED TO WED

The following persons have been issued license to wed, by Register of Deeds Glenn Hughes, since Dec. 1:

Ralph Daniel Gentry to Thelma Crisp, of Jackson county; Dean Riddle to Magdalene Messer, of Haywood; Alliney H. Bryson, of Jackson, to Shirley Muse, of Canton, Haywood county; George L. Raby, of Macon, to Mamie Hooper, of Jackson; James David Middleton, to Louie Colubine Tritt, of Jackson; Roy McMahan, to Gerlie Siton, Jackson; Henry Hooper, to Margaret Pierce, Jackson; Howard Webb, of Buncombe to Pearl Fowler, of Jackson; Grover Brown, to Dessie Shook, Jackson; Willard Neil on Davis, to Delphia Elizabeth Owens, Jackson; Amos Cabe, to Ruby Buchanan, Jackson; Roy Wiggins, of Swain, to Melita Styles, of Jackson; A. J. Warren, to Edna L. Patterson, both of Swain; Troy A. Lewis, to Edith L. Wilson, Swain; Walter Queen, to Virgie Norman, Jackson; Neal Hooper, to Rosa Young, Jackson; Joe Clyde Fisher, to Lucy Betty Parker, Jackson.

Funeral Rites Conducted For Marion Adams

Funeral services for Marion Adams, 89, who died at the home of his son-in-law, Henry Taylor, were conducted Tuesday. The Rev. J. M. Tucker officiated and burial was in Mountain Grove cemetery.

Mr. Adams is survived by seven children, Mrs. Ida Bryson, of Tuckepau, S. C., Oscar Adams, of Bend, Oregon, Mrs. Lillie Price, of Sedro Woolley, Washington, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, of Gay, N. C., Mrs. Polly Taylor, and Allen and Parker Adams, of Ellijay, N. C.; six brothers, three sisters, 79 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren.

Reed Elected Town Clerk

The Board of Aldermen elected Charles M. Reed, clerk of the town of Sylva, to succeed M. D. Cowan, resigned, who has served as clerk for a number of years. Mr. Reed began his duties as of Jan. 1.

Mrs. Avery Mashburn Ill

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mashburn, of Cullowhee, will be sorry to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Mashburn. She is in Norburn Hospital, Asheville.

comes up for discussion. That he will be confirmed is generally believed. It takes only a majority of the Senate to confirm a Cabinet officer, and at most the members of the Cabinet are merely the President's clerks, employed to run the executive departments according to his ideas.

In the case of the Secretary of State and some others, Cabinet officers are in line of succession to the Presidency in case the President and the Vice-President should both die before their terms expire, but the Secretary of Commerce is not eligible, so it makes little difference, as most of Congress sees it, who holds the job.

The principal criticism of Mr. Hopkins' appointment is that he has had no business experience. His whole life has been spent as a social worker. The Department of Commerce is the one department which deals with the problems of business,

Aged Lady Passes

Mrs. Polly Ann Keener, aged 92, was buried, Monday, at Glenville, the funeral service having been conducted by Rev. Fred Forester, pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church. Mrs. Keener is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Tom Moss, and Mrs. Roxie Russell, of Glenville, and Mrs. Molly Watson, of Cullowhee, and by one brother, A. J. Monteith, of Glenville. She is also survived by a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Officers Installed For Sunday School Convention

Officers for the year were installed, last Sunday, at the meeting of the Tuckasee Baptist Sunday school convention, which was held in the Webster Baptist church. The installation was conducted by Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church.

The principal address of the meeting was made by McKinley Edwards, attorney, of Bryson City. The convention was presided over by Clarence Vance, of Webster, president. An adult program demonstration was led by D. M. Hooper, who was assisted by Rev. Fred Forester, Rev. W. M. Bredlove, Rev. H. M. Hocutt, Rev. W. N. Cook, Messrs. J. T. Gribble, O. V. Cagle, J. V. Hall and L. D. Cowan.

Representatives from the Sunday schools at Cullowhee, East Sylva, East Fork, Hamburg, Jarrett Memorial, Dillsboro, Lovelace, Locust Field, New Savannah, Shoal Creek, Scott's Creek, Savannah, Sylva Tuckasee, Speedwell, Webster, White Rock and Hyatt's Chapel.

The devotional was conducted by Mr. G. H. Cope and special music was rendered by the Wykle quartet, of East Sylva.

Jury List For February Term Of Court Has Been Drawn

The following list of jurors has been drawn for the February term of Superior Court, which is scheduled to begin here on February 20. The names were drawn by the jury commission, composed of R. U. Sutton, Dillard Coward and H. H. Bryson:

FIRST WEEK:

Clayborne Bryson, Hamburg; L. H. Watson, Mountain; C. M. Martin, Qualla; J. M. Nicholson, Cowarts; W. F. Shelton, Canada; W. C. Adams, River; J. T. Bryson, Green's Creek; J. B. Galloway, Hamburg; John L. Jones, Sylva; Troy Hooper, Tuckasee; M. W. Bredlove, Hamburg; J. W. Settlemyre, Qualla; A. H. Hooper, Cowarts; Estes Green, Green's Creek; Hobert Nicholson, Cowarts; J. C. Patterson, Dillsboro; Fred W. Cogdill, Scott's Creek; Tim Nations, Qualla; John Pannell, Sylva; B. R. Henson, Sylva; Dee Denton, Barker's Creek; Gola Ferguson, Cullowhee; John W. Smith, Sylva; Brady Parker, Cullowhee; J. F. Melton, Cowarts; Thomas Keever, Dillsboro; Otis Caba, Savannah; John Cope, Cowarts; Dock Henry, Sylva; J. C. Sutton, Dillsboro; T. Posey Blanton, Sylva; Tom Henry Simpson, Cullowhee; G. B. Gunter, Qualla; M. R. Matthews, Canada; Edward Bryson, Cullowhee; Frank Coward, Cowarts; S. N. Mills, Cowarts; W. L. Enloe, Qualla; John W. Bryson, Sylva; W. C. Queen, Dillsboro; J. B. Cogdill, Sylva; Hoyle Deitz, Green's Creek.

SECOND WEEK:

Jarrett Davis, Qualla; John R. Hooper, Cullowhee; W. F. House, Qualla; A. S. Parris, Dillsboro; Carl Crawford, Canada; Oscar Wike, River; C. L. Smith, Sylva; Ernest Lewis Sylva; Lee Estes, Green's Creek; J. P. Bumgarner, Qualla; Ed Oxner, P. Bumgarner, Qualla; Caney Fork; Qualla; W. L. McMahan, Caney Fork; C. W. Mills, Sylva; W. O. Parker, Canada; J. H. Fisher, Sylva; Baston Buchanan, Gay; Frank T. Jacobs, Dillsboro; L. N. Crisp, Scott's Creek; W. M. Harris, Sylva; W. O. Robinson, Scott's Creek; Lem Norton, Cullowhee; W. F. Bryson, Gay; T. S. Nations, Barker's Creek.

and to which business men can come with their difficulties and get at least sound advice. How business men will get along with Mr. Hopkins, and he with business men, is still a question.

Those who hold that his appointment is a good one point out that he is personally closer to Roosevelt than any other man in Washington, and that the President will listen to him when he tells him of the troubles of business more than he ever listened to Secretary Roper.

There is no doubt that those who have business with the Department

East Gets Pickings In House Committee Posts

Commerce Body Has Anniversary Meeting

Friday, the thirteenth, at 7:30 o'clock, the anniversary meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Community House.

Dinner will be served by the Sylva Parent-Teachers Association and a large attendance is expected.

Mr. P. L. Elliott, head of the Department of English of Western Carolina Teachers College will be the principal speaker for the evening. Mr. Elliott is recognized as an unusually interesting and forceful speaker and it is thought that the officials of the Chamber of Commerce are fortunate in securing him as the speaker for this occasion. At the meeting plans for the year's work will be laid before the body.

The officers for 1939 are: President, J. Claude Allison; Harry E. Ferguson, Secretary; and Dr. H. W. Kirchnberg, Treasurer. The directors are J. C. Cannon, J. C. Allison, Dr. H. W. Kirchnberg, R. C. Allison, Harry E. Ferguson, Chester Scott, W. R. Enloe, Jeter Snyder and Dr. W. P. McGuire.

Lawyer Locates Here

A. E. Leake, formerly of Marshall, Madison County, has located in Sylva this week. He has taken an apartment in the Morris House, on Jackson Street, and for the present will have his office in the same building. Mr. Leake passed the State Bar Examination at the August, 1933, examination. Since that time he has been engaged in a general practice in Madison county, part of which time he practiced by himself and part of the time as a member of the law firm of Wells & Leake. Prior to 1933, he served as a deputy sheriff and taught school in the Madison county public school system.

Glenn Palmer, Haywood's new representative, was placed on the committees of Agriculture, Health, Public Welfare and Conservation and Development. Observers in Raleigh express the opinion that, while these appointments are good, and Mr. Palmer will fill them with credit, that as large and important a county in the West as Haywood, with as promising a representative as Mr. Palmer is, should have received posts on other leading committees.

W. C. T. CLUBS ELECT OFFICERS

Cullowhee, Jan. 9, (Special)—Three clubs of Western Carolina Teachers College held meetings today in order to elect new officers and to discuss plans for the coming year. The members of the Shubert Glee club met in the parlors of Davies Hall at 2:30 and voted to re-elect Melba Nanney of Swiss, North Carolina, president, Celeste Allman of Asheville, vice-president, Mourine Davis, of Shelby, secretary and treasurer, and Ruth Coggins, of Bee Tree, reporter. Mrs. Charles G. Guiley, faculty sponsor of the club, appointed Margaret Wilson, of Bryson City, librarian for the music scores.

At its first meeting of the year the Halcyn Chorus elected Dan Cooke, of Webster, president, Mackey Hughes of Candler, vice-president; Vera Jones, of Brevard, secretary and treasurer; and Katherine Brown of Cullowhee, reporter.

The Halcyn Chorus, also sponsored by Mrs. Guiley, is a member of the North Carolina State Federation of Music Clubs.

Josephine Morgan of Mount Olive, North Carolina presided at the Debar Club's first meeting. Officers of this organization elected during the fall quarter will keep their same officers. During the business meeting, it was decided that the club would meet at 7:00 P. M. on the first and third Mondays of each month, and members voted to reserve half a page for the organization in the college annual.

Plans for attending the Appalachian Forensic Tournament at Boone, in February were discussed.

Each of these organizations has inaugurated the scholastic year with outstanding work, and are beginning the new year with plans for many program and interesting activities.

of Commerce will find Secretary Hopkins an agreeable fellow, personally likeable and genial in his contacts. He has had a reputation in Washington as being perhaps the "most human" of all the high-placed officials. He enjoys sports and play of every kind, and is the life of the party on almost all social occasions.

(By Dan Tompkins)

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Although they may not have realized it at the time any hopes that the members of the House of Representatives from the far Southwestern counties may have had of major committee chairmanships or extra good committee appointments were dissipated when Bill Fenner of Nash withdrew his name from the balloting for the Speakership in the Democratic caucus and asked his supporters to vote for Libby Ward. Fenner is passionately pro-eastern. In the 1935 session he was largely responsible for the defeat of the measure that would have reapportioned membership of the House, according to population, as is required by the Constitution, and thereby transferred the balance of power from the East to the West, where the population is and where the votes are cast.

Now the East, due to Mr. Fenner's move in the recent caucus, is in the saddle and riding hard. Mr. Fenner has a great deal to do with the appointment of committees, keen observers assert, for instance, Representative Larry Burgin, of Henderson, was in line for the committee of Agriculture in the House. I fact, it is generally believed that his name had already been written down; when something happened to upset the apple-cart, and the post went to Mr. Eagles, from Edgecombe county. That something that happened is generally believed to be Bill Fenner. At any rate it gives Edgecombe the heads of the committee on Agriculture in both the Senate and the House. Mr. Burgin was made chairman of the committee on Public Welfare, at the last moment, and drew a long list of other important assignments.

Mr. Tompkins, of Jackson, was appointed chairman of the committees on enrolled bills; and was placed on the committees of Appropriations, Conservation and Development, Corporations, Education, Game, Proprietary and Grievances, Public Welfare, Unemployment Insurance Compensation, Printing and Penal Institutions.

Mr. Bryson, of Swain, a new representative, is on the committees on Banking, Conservation and Development, Courts and Judicials Districts, and Judiciary No. 2.

Mr. Patton, of Macon, drew posts on Election and Election Laws, Blind, Journal, Judiciary No. 2, and Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Crawford, of Graham, Appropriations, Election and Election Laws, Health, Insurance, Roads, Public Welfare, Engrossed Bills, and Game.

Mr. Penland, of Clay, Agriculture, Appropriations, Expenditures of the House, Engrossed Bills, Conservation and Development, Federal Relations, Pensions, Roads, Salaries and Fees, Printing, Blind.

Mr. Burgin, of Henderson, Chairman, Public Welfare, Unemployment Insurance, Agriculture (Ranking member), Justices of the Peace, Education, Corporations, Election and Election Laws, Finance, Game, Blind, Insurance, Pensions, Public Utilities.

Mr. McKimsey, of Transylvania, Banking, Election and Election Laws, Finance, Judiciary No. 2, Roads, and Public Welfare.

In Patterson's Hands

When it comes to running the Department of Commerce, that job will be mainly in the hands of Assistant Secretary Patterson, an able man who has been the actual executive for a long time.

Washington is still trying to figure out just how much the United States got out of the Lima conference of the 21 American republics. There is a tendency to fear that we enlarged our responsibilities toward the rest of the Western Hemisphere that may be used as an argument in favor of the National Defense program, which at present looks as if it might be the principal controversial issue of the session.

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