

LEGISLATURE ENDS SESSION

Passes Employment Reserve Act In Shortest Session In State's History

BOND TIME IS EXTENDED

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—North Carolina's shortest session of the General Assembly became history and the compulsory setting aside of unemployment reserves to be used for the benefit of persons unemployed through no fault of their own became a State law shortly after noon yesterday.

Immediately upon the sine die adjournment of the Legislature, four state officials converged on Washington to expedite Federal approval of the recently ratified Unemployment Compensation Law and the establishment of a commission to begin administering the act.

Also ratified yesterday was an act extending the time for issuance of PWA bonds by State agencies, passed to protect projects of the University of North Carolina, and a resolution permitting the State Liquor Study Commission to file its report at the regular session of the Assembly, convening January 6, instead of the special session.

Ratification of the bill was delayed 26 minutes and adjournment 17 minutes when a copy of the liquor resolution was lost between House and Senate, while the clocks of the two chambers stood still at noon—designated hour of adjournment.

Enactment of the Unemployment Compensation Law, passed unanimously by both houses on every reading, finished the principal business of a last-minute special session, called to save the State's \$2,500,000 share in Federal pay roll taxes. The Assembly remained here only six working days—the absolute constitutional minimum.

Refraining from efforts to amend the act, because of the necessity for speed and their intention to get home for Christmas, legislators indicated that they would not be resistant to suggest changes at the regular session.

The compensation act, drafted by the administration and approved by Federal Social Security Board experts, imposes a tax beginning at 49 per cent on 1936 pay rolls of all employers hiring eight or more persons; provides unemployment benefits up to \$15 a week for a maximum of 16 weeks for workers with a year or more of employment; and creates a three-member State commission and two coordinate divisions to administer the program.

Collection of taxes imposed by the bill will begin in January. Failure to collect them before January 31 might have cost the State \$2,500,000 which would have gone into the Federal Treasury by default.

To Present Play At Local School

More than 30 children in the primary grades of the John Graham Graded and High School will take part in the operetta, "Which? Santa Claus or Mother Goose," to be presented in the auditorium of the school building on Tuesday night, December 22. The cast of characters is as follows:

Santa Claus, Will Carroll; Nebo—Santa's Messenger, Calvin Whittemore; Mrs. Santa Claus, Elsie Thompson; Mr. Polar Bear, Sam Cranford; Mr. Esquimaux, Edward Snipes; Brownies, four boys; Jack Frost, Roy Powell; Carpenters, five boys; Fairies, eight little girls; Mother Goose, Douglas Taylor; Cyniel—Messenger of Mother Goose, Julie Conn; Jack and Jill, Martha Frazier and Bill Ellington; Little Boy Blue, Stanley Harris; Man in the Moon, Allen King; Aurora Borealis, Eloise Parker; Little Bo-Peep, Sarah Kearney Burion; The Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe, Ruby Wortham; Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son, Monroe Gardner; Chorus, other girls from the primary grades.

There will be a small admission charge to the entertainment.

KNEE IS FRACTURED

R. L. Cooke, employee of the Carolina Box & Lumber Co., suffered a badly fractured knee yesterday when struck by a piece of lumber. He was given first aid treatment and then carried to a Henderson hospital. He was reported to be getting along nicely last night.

Clerk of Court William Newell was a visitor in Richmond Tuesday.

Ready To Complete Compliance Papers, Says County Agent

By BOB BRIGHT
We are in a position to complete compliance papers under the Soil Conservation Act and would appreciate the cooperation of farmers very much in the signing of the applications. We are sending out notices daily for interested persons to come in and sign their applications. We are also trying to clear up this year's program before we start on the 1937 program and to do this we must rush the applications. Those persons who are notified to come in and sign and fail to do so will delay their payments. It will take approximately 30 days to fill out the application and send it in and receive payment. This means that it will be at least 30 days after you sign your application before you will receive payment. Any person that has a work sheet and is entitled to payment may come in and sign his or her application at any time.

I understand that the 1937 program will be very much like the present program and those producers that plan to cooperate may begin to make plans for the 1937 program. I do not know at this time just what action the legislature will take on the compact, but it is believed that they will pass the act. I make this statement at this time because I don't like to see any farmer have to pay a tax on his products. In case the present program is carried out a tax of 5 cents per pound will be paid on each pound of tobacco sold in 1937 and those who have allotment cards will receive their payment back and those who have no allotment will not receive any payment back from the revenue department.

County Agents To Return Today From State Meet

County agents of Warren county are expected to return this afternoon from Raleigh where they have been for several days this week attending the annual staff conference of the State College extension service.

The 298 white and negro agents and assistant agents of the state are meeting with district agents and extension specialists to review the past year's work and study plans for improving the extension program in 1937.

Warren county is represented at the meeting, which opened Tuesday morning and closes this afternoon, by County Agent Bob Bright, Assistant County Agent George McColl, and the negro county agent, C. S. Wynn.

The four-day meeting is featuring addresses by state and national authorities in the fields of agriculture and education. Among them are:

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, speaking on "How Extension Workers Can Expand the Services of the University System"; J. B. Hutson, director of the east central region in the soil-conservation program, and J. E. Thigpen, administrative assistant, in a discussion of 1937 agricultural problems of the AAA.

Dr. C. W. Warburton of Washington, national director of agricultural extension work, speaking on the development of extension work.

Dr. Carl F. Tausch, chief of the program study and discussion section of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and members of his staff in a study of discussion group methods.

Miss Madge J. Reese of Washington, field agent in home demonstration club work; Mrs. Evelyn Toby of New York, nationally known stylist; J. H. Stallings, state coordinator of the soil conservation service in North Carolina; and W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture-elect, in discussions regarding their respective fields of work.

Bryant Champion Dies Wednesday

Bryant Champion, age 40, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. W. Williams, in south Warrenton, early yesterday morning following an attack of pneumonia. He is to be buried at Zion M. E. Church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Miss Lula Alston Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clay Powell of Inez, has accepted a position in the office of County Agent Bob Bright.

Ambassador to Russia



WASHINGTON . . . James E. Davies, (above), is the new U. S. Ambassador to Russia. He takes the post vacated by Wm. C. Bullitt who recently was appointed, Ambassador to France. Mr. Davies is a former member of the Federal Trade Commission.

43 Opportunities To Aid Destitute Listed By Leach

Thirty-six Christmas Opportunities were this week added to the list submitted by Miss Lucy Leach, county welfare officer, bringing the total to 43 cases which are submitted to the citizens of the county in the hope that they will accept them and contribute towards the happiness and well-being of these unfortunates at the Yuletide season.

Miss Leach said yesterday that some of the cases she listed last week, as well as those she is submitting this week, have been taken and that she is hoping that they all will be selected within the next two or three days. Those willing to take these opportunities are asked to get in touch with the welfare officer in order that she may explain the nature of each case. The complete list follows:

1. Colored woman, whose husband is on the roads, needs food, fruit and clothing for two children. Taken by a friend.
2. Widow, white, with two girls and one boy—ages 12, 14, 19—would appreciate gifts or fruit and candy.
3. Widow, white, would like something for four boys. Taken by Lions Club.
4. Invalid, white woman, would appreciate anything suitable for an invalid to eat. Taken by friends in Littleton.
5. Needy white family will appreciate candy and fruit for children—a boy one year old, girl 4, girl 6, girl 9.
6. Taken by friends in Colored Community Center.
7. Taken by Lions Club.
8. Invalid negro woman would appreciate something to eat during the holidays. If this opportunity is taken, please give cheese, coffee and snuff.
9. T. B. colored girl in County Home would appreciate being remembered.
10. Taken by Lions Club.
11. Taken by Baptist.
12. Woman whose husband has been out of work for a while, and who has a young baby, would appreciate something to eat suitable for a sick person.
13. Taken by Norlina friends.
14. Taken by friends in Warrenton.
15. Taken by interested citizens in Norlina.
16. Taken by Hawkins High P. T. A.
17. Taken by Lions Club.
18. Negro man with 17 in family, including four abandoned children, will appreciate food or anything.
19. White boy from Warren county in a Reformatory would appreciate being remembered.
20. Widow, negro, with five children, would appreciate being remembered. This woman has a girl, 20, who is sick, girl 16, boy 11, girl 5.
21. Taken by interested friends in Churchill community.
22. Taken by friends.
23. Old negro man needs a pair shoes badly—size 12.
24. Taken by Lions Club.
25. Old couple partly blind. Suggest clothes and confections.
26. Old couple, man too old to work, woman has cancer, would suggest bed clothes for woman.
27. Widower with three children.

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URGES CARE WITH CHRISTMAS TREE

Inflamable Decorations May Cause Serious Accidents; Fasten Tree Firmly SHOULD INSPECT WIRING

The Christmas season, that period of the year when joy and happiness should reign supreme and gladness never dimmed by accident or adversity, is now knocking at our doors and will be here almost before we are ready for it.

At this time, when we are making preparation for the holidays and before the time we will be permitted to participate in the various Christmas events, it may be well for us to stop and think quietly just a minute or two over some simple rules for safety.

That Christmas Tree—Do not decorate it with flimsy material hung too near candles or lights. Don't decorate your tree with paper, cotton or any inflammable material. Use tensils or other non-inflammable material for decorations and be sure to set the tree securely so that the children and even the "grown-ups" in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

Do not use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use powdered mica or asbestos fibre.

Do not use candles where electricity can be substituted. Even with the use of electric batteries they would be far safer than the use of candles. If candles are used, let only the utmost caution prevail. Do not permit children to light or re-light the candles. They may set fire to their clothing instead. Don't leave the matches within the reach of the children. Candles are meant to be lighted and if children can get matches they will experiment with them.

Do not allow trees to remain inside of the building after the holidays. The tree ignites readily when leaves and branches are dry. A large number of fires occur in January from this cause.

Examine the wiring which leads to lights used for decorative purposes. See to it that it is safe. Let the home, church, or store be warm but look out for the overheated stoves and pipes.

Pension Checks For Veterans Here

Pension checks aggregating \$2,165.00 for Warren county veterans of the War Between the States and the widows of those who followed Lee and Jackson have been received by Clerk of Court William Newell for the semi-annual distribution as provided for by the state of North Carolina.

There are only two veterans of the Civil War in the county—Charles Riggan of Vaughan and Austin Allen of Axtelle,—and each of these receive \$182.50 semi-annually. There are eleven widows in class A who receive \$150.00 each twice a year and five in class B who get \$50.00 each.

The checks were received here on Saturday night by the Clerk of Court who is distributing them to their rightful owners as they call.

To Furnish Dinner At County Home

Christmas time rolls around again and with it the opportunity for housewives of Warrenton to follow the annual custom of furnishing dinner for the inmates of the county home. A member of the committee which is carrying on the customs started by the late Mrs. V. L. Pendleton many years before her death of arranging baskets for the inmates at the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons requested yesterday that this matter be brought to the attention of the public.

The baskets are to be left at any of the grocery stores of Warrenton not later than Christmas Eve by 4 o'clock. They will be called for by one of the ladies on the committee and carried to the county home. A generous response to the appeal is hoped for.

BAPTIST SERVICES

Services of the Baptist church next Sunday morning will be held at 11 o'clock in the Methodist church auditorium, the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse announced this week.

A Christmas Cantata, "Night of Holy Memories," will be rendered by a choir of both churches, he said. A brief Christmas message is to be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Brickhouse.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Edison to Navy



WASHINGTON . . . Charles Edison, (above), of New Jersey, son of the late Thomas E. Edison, famous inventor, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy, by President Roosevelt, the post once held by the President.

Fears Bank Vault And Confesses To Theft Of Tobacco

Fear of spending a night in the vault of one of the Henderson banks was credited by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell with abruptly changing Arthur Green's policy of continuing to deny a charge of larceny into a confession which not only cleared up the mystery surrounding the theft of around \$60 worth of tobacco from Leon Perkinson but also caused the negro to admit that he was guilty on another charge of larceny on which he had been given a hearing by a magistrate who failed to find probable cause to bind him over to Recorder's court.

The sheriff and Deputy Roy Shearin had uncovered evidence which threw suspicion on Green but they did not have any direct proof that he was the man guilty of taking Mr. Perkinson's tobacco until after they had arrested him near Henderson, questioned him at length, threatened to lock him in the vault and started into the bank with him and he confessed, the officer said. "When he looked into that black vault and was told that the doors did not unlock until the following morning, he said that he was ready to talk," the sheriff stated.

As the negro related his story of the robbery he implicated two other members of his race but they were later cleared when they were brought face-to-face with Green.

Sheriff Pinnell said that Green also admitted that he stole cotton from Plummer Thornton in October and a check-up on one of the cotton gins where he sold it revealed that he was also telling the truth about this matter when he was threatened by the vault. "We suspected him at the time of stealing Plummer's cotton and arrested him for the crime but were unable to prove it and the case was thrown out of magistrate's court," the sheriff said. He is being held in jail now.

1937 Auto License Plates Now On Sale

The 1937 automobile license plates went on sale in Raleigh and all branch offices on Tuesday, December 15, and may be used from the date of sale until time to purchase the new tags next year.

The license plates must be displayed on every motor vehicle which is operated over the highways of North Carolina by the first day of January. Failure to acquire and display these tags subjects the car and truck owner to arrest when his vehicle is on the roads.

Parks Alexander, state highway patrolman who is stationed in this territory, stated yesterday that the patrolmen had been authorized to make arrests in the cases where old plates are used on and after January 1.

The new license plates may be purchased from the Motor Vehicle Bureau in Raleigh or from one of the many branch offices in this state. Henderson is the closest branch office to Warrenton.

Office hours at the Henderson branch office, which is located in the Vance theatre building on William street, are from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m., and the public is urged to observe the hours in calling for the plates.

A. E. Bozar, state supervisor Farm Credit Administration, Raleigh, was a visitor here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Burwell of Henderson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones on Sunday.

Mr. T. L. Brodie of Dunn was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. Arrington Again President Of State Art Society

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Katherine Pendleton Arrington was reelected president of the North Carolina State Art Society by the executive board at its annual meeting at the office of the Attorney General here yesterday.

Governor Ehringhaus was reelected honorary president, a position which will pass to Governor Hoey upon his inauguration. All officers were re-elected, including: Mrs. J. Walter Williamson of Wilmington, Mrs. Harold C. Dwelle of Charlotte, Mrs. John D. McRae of Asheville, vice presidents; Mrs. Waldo F. McNair of Chapel Hill, secretary; Mrs. James H. Cordun of Raleigh, treasurer; Dr. Clarence Poe of Raleigh, chairman of the executive committee, and the following executive committee members: Jonathan Daniels, Miss Elizabeth Dortch, Mrs. Isabel Bowen Henderson, Mrs. H. M. London, all of Raleigh.

In addition, the following were elected to the board of directors: the Governor, Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction, all ex-officio members, and William T. Polk, Warrenton; James McLean, Raleigh; Mrs. Louis C. Burwell, Charlotte; Mrs. Charles Cannon, Concord; Mrs. Louis V. Sutton, Raleigh; Mrs. S. Westray Battle, Asheville and George Watts Hill, Durham.

The board adopted resolutions rejoicing "in the rapid growth of interest in art in North Carolina and especially in the two most notable manifestations of interest during the past year, namely, the two new museums at Chapel Hill and Charlotte in the creation of which our State president has been especially active" were adopted.

The resolutions also expressed "delight at the excellent work which has been done by the federal government through the WPA art centers in Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro and Winston-Salem"; congratulated the Woman's Club Federation on "the fruitful work done" by its art department under the direction of Mrs. Louis V. Sutton; rejoiced in the contributions of art from the family of Miss Gertrude Busch and Mrs. Arrington, and "last but not least we record again our special gratitude and thanks to Mrs. Katherine Pendleton Arrington, whose gifts of time and money have been chiefly responsible for the growth of the society up to this time and the hope that she will continue to give us the same inspiring leadership in the coming year."

Fireworks Unlawful Warns Lee Wilson

The town's ordinance forbids fireworks being shot within the limits of Warrenton and those caught violating the law must suffer the consequences, Chief of Police Lee Wilson stated yesterday.

The officer asked that this paper remind the people of this section of the ordinance and to request parents to impress upon their small children that they will be punished if caught shooting fireworks in town.

"I don't want to keep any child from having all the fun possible at this season of the year but there has been so much complaint in the past about firecrackers going off at all hours of the day and night we must take steps to minimize this disturbance and danger," the officer stated. "Tell the children to get out of town and shoot all they please," he added.

Lions Offer Prize In Decoration Contest

Desiring to cooperate with the Warrenton Garden Club which is sponsoring a contest for the best home decorations for the Christmas season, the Warrenton Lions Club is offering as a second prize in the contest \$5.00 in cash. The first prize, an indirect floor lamp, is to be given by the Carolina Power & Light Co.

The purpose of the contest is to make the town more beautiful during the yuletide season and the citizens living here more civic minded. The Garden Club is urging each family in Warrenton to participate in the contest. It is not necessary to be a member of the club to enter and work for the prizes.

All decorations must be completed and ready for the judges' decision by Wednesday, December 23, at 6 p. m. Garden club members from another town will serve as judges.

STORES TO CLOSE ON DECEMBER 26

Merchants To Have Holiday From Christmas Eve To Following Monday

LIST OF CLOSING STORES

Stores and other business houses of Warrenton will close their doors on the night of December 24th and will not re-open until Monday morning, December 28th.

The agreement to shut-down business here on Saturday as well as Christmas day in order that employees and employees may have three days of uninterrupted holidays was unanimously approved when a petition was circulated over town by Boyd Davis of the Warrenton Department Store after several merchants and clerks had expressed themselves as favoring the idea.

The rare, if not unprecedented, custom of closing on the day following Christmas will mean that business activities will cease here for three days. Housewives, as well as others who have purchases to make, are asked to remember that the stores will not be open from Thursday night until Monday morning and to purchase sufficient groceries and other supplies to last them during this period.

Christmas holidays for tobacconist started on Wednesday of this week when the three warehouses here, as well as warehouses in other towns, shut-down for practically a month. They are expected to re-open on January 18.

Holidays for school children and teachers of the county, both white and colored, will commence on Wednesday afternoon and last until Monday morning, January 4. Those attending college and schools in distant places are expected to begin arriving here this afternoon for the yuletide season.

Following is the list of business houses at Warrenton which have agreed to close on Saturday following Christmas day: Warrenton Department Store, Williams Motor Co., Rodwell Bros., The Citizens Bank, The Spot Store, Kline's Shoe Repair Store, W. A. Miles Hardware Co., Warrenton Dollar Store, The Salvage Store, Home Furniture & Supply Co., W. H. Riggan Store, Loughlin-Goodwyn Co., Farmers Mutual Exchange, Jones Bros., Carolina Power & Light Co., Warrenton Furniture Exchange, Harris & Gardner, Boyd-Boyce Motor Co., Scoggin Motor Co., J. A. Pipkin, Rose's 5 & 10, W. R. Lancaster, Penders Store, Gilliam Auto Co., A. & P. Tea Co., R. R. Rodwell, Allen, Son & Co., The Cash Co., Powell-Drake Grocery, Burroughs Grocery Co., The Style Shop, D. R. Mustian's Store, Hight Grocery Co., Warrenton Water Co., Margaret's Beauty Shop, Johnnie's Beauty Shop and The Press Pub. Co.

Short Session Of Recorder's Court

Judge T. O. Rodwell presided over a short session of Recorder's court on Monday morning when only one new case was presented from the docket by Solicitor Jos. P. Pippen of Littleton.

E. T. Thompson was convicted of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of whiskey and was sentenced to jail, assigned to work the roads under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, for a period of four months. The road sentence was suspended on the condition that he pay a \$50.00 fine and court costs. His driving permit was also revoked.

The case against Louis Taylor, who was convicted several weeks ago before Judge Taylor and given a four months road sentence which was suspended on the condition that he make the checks good and pay the court costs, was called and Taylor was ordered to begin his sentence unless he came forward with the cash on Monday. He failed and went to the roads.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Episcopal services to be held Sunday and on Christmas day in the Episcopal parish are announced as follows by the rector, Rev. E. N. de Foe Wagner:

Sunday — Emmanuel Church, Warrenton: 8 a. m., Holy Communion; 7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer. Saint Alban's, Littleton: 11 a. m., Holy Communion.

Christmas Day—Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, 9 a. m., Holy Communion. Emmanuel, Warrenton, 11 a. m., Holy Communion.