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Many Tasks Face General Assembly

THE General Assembly of North Carolina, which convened in Raleigh Wednesday, faces several problems which promise to hold the body for a long session.

Among many matters to come before the legislators will be the question as to what to do about the absentee ballot law. There is a very strong sentiment over the state, and has been for years, in favor of the repeal of this measure, but all efforts at repeal have so far been defeated. It remains to be seen whether or not the present assembly will have the courage to wipe it off the books.

There may be a determined effort made to stop the diversion of highway funds to other purposes, and there will be an equally determined effort to divert more highway funds to more purposes, which probably means that things will stay as they are.

A demand is sure to be made for more funds to increase old age pensions and for other changes in the social security law, and for increased appropriations for state institutions. Also our old friend, the sales tax, is still with us and will no doubt remain indefinitely, in view of the fact that there seems no other way to raise \$10,000,000 which the state must have.

Then there is the proposed homestead tax exemption and the question of where and how to get more taxes to cover increased expenditures. All of these matters will come up to plague the state's lawmakers and make them wish they had stayed out of politics.

The Seventy-Sixth Congress

THE seventy-sixth session of the Congress of the United States convened Tuesday, and for the first time in six years contains a strong representation from the Republican party. Also many Democratic congressmen and senators who are opposed to the New Deal policies were reelected, and there will be plenty of fireworks before the session is ended.

It is expected that an emergency appropriation will be put through with little opposition to carry on WPA activities until the end of the fiscal year, June 30. But after that date there will probably be radical changes in the government's spending policy.

A determined drive will be made to inaugurate an entirely new and less expensive set-up for WPA and several other government agencies, and to drastically curtail relief spending all down the line. Administration leaders will no doubt make every effort to secure authority for continuing present policies, and some compromise will probably be made whereby relief funds will be granted with Congress holding authority to say where and how each dollar is to be spent. There seems to be no doubt that Congress intends to stop the delegation of authority and intends to hold tight to the national purse-strings.

A vast armament program will probably go over by a safe majority, in spite of the strong fight to be waged by a number of pacifist congressmen and senators in both parties. The fact that all authorities in America and Europe seem to agree that a European war will start in the spring, and that there is unrest throughout the world, will enable the administration to carry through all measures considered necessary for national defense.

An effort will be made to amend the labor relations act and the wage and hour law, and the social security act is due to be changed in order to include practically all classes of workers and to raise the scale of payments for old age pensions.

There is no set program ready for legislative action at this session, but there are several major battles forecast which may carry the session well into the summer.

Stars Ask Severance of Nazi Relations



Hollywood's committee of 56 recently signed their own Declaration of Independence which will be signed by 20,000,000 American citizens and then presented to President Roosevelt and congress, seeking a severance of economic relations with Nazi Germany until such time as that country comes into the fold of nations in accordance with the humane principles of international law. Left to right, seated: Melvyn Douglas, James Cagney, Edward Robison. Standing: Gale Sondergaard, Helen Gahagan, Henry Fonda and Gloria Stuart.



STUDENTS RETURN AFTER HOLIDAYS

Long faced students trudged wearily back to their tiresome duties Monday morning. Some pupils looked as if the holidays had rested them, others looked even more tired than before. Whether he liked it or not each pupil was compelled to open his books and resume his studies.

Changes of particular importance have been called to their attention. All the toilets in the buildings have been painted white with a wainscoting of dark green. The students are anxious for others to know that the tax payers had nothing to do with furnishing the material. Money for the paint and brushes was raised in the school supply shop. WPA furnished the labor.

Also drainage ditches have been constructed and the road behind the gymnasium has been improved.

MR. WELLS URGES PROFITABLE RESOLUTIONS

The subject which Mr. Wells presented to the high school students last Monday concerned New Year's resolutions. He explained the cause of resolutions and suggested some good ones in connection with education. One that was of particular

interest was that of attendance. Mr. Wells stated that during the month of December the eighth grade had as many absences as all of the grammar grades combined. This, of course explains the fact that more high school freshmen failed courses than did the grammar grades.

SENIORS RECEIVE CLASS RINGS

The senior class rings, which have been looked forward to with great anticipation have at last reached their owners.

The rings are made of unpolished gold with a stone of red or, in some cases, of blue. On either side of the stone is a seal; one is the familiar seal of the State of North Carolina, the other is of especial significance, the seal of Franklin high school. The seal of Franklin high school is an attractive view of a local mountain with the sun rising behind it. This seal was designed by George Patton.

SUITS ORDERED FOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Suits were ordered Wednesday for the girls' basketball team, and are expected to arrive within the next 10 days. The suits will consist of white jerseys with red letters and red shorts.

Holly Springs

The Rev. Jim Vinson filled his regular appointment at Holly Springs last Sunday, and preached a wonderful sermon on "The Birth and Life of Jesus."

Misses Emma and Pauline Elliott, of Asheville, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Elliott.

Miss Evelyn Kinsland entertained a number of her friends Saturday night with a watch party.

Miss Dewel Elliott spent two weeks in Asheville visiting her sister, Mrs. Leonard Corbin.

Misses Vonnie and Dorothy Deal, of Enka, spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. J. B. Deal.

Dewey Corbin, Marion Deal and Walter Elliott made a business trip to Asheville Tuesday.

Theodore Elliott will take a truck load of tobacco to the Asheville warehouse Thursday for farmers of the Holly Springs community.

Mrs. Bill Bolick is a patient in Angel hospital where she underwent an operation.

Gneiss

Miss Marie Berry has returned to her home on Walnut Creek since undergoing an appendix operation. Miss Virginia Keener had her

cousin, Jimmie Keener, of Franklin, as her guest Christmas week.

C. N. Jones went to visit his daughter, Mrs. Ledford and family, just after Christmas. Her home is in Canton.

Miss Anna Lee Mashburn, of Franklin high school, spent the holidays with her parents.

Miss Macy Wood, who underwent an operation at Angel hospital, is with her aunt, Mrs. Ed Gregory, on Franklin Route 4.

Ennis Mashburn expects to leave soon for work in a CCC camp in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tilson and children spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Tilson's parents at Highlands, Shookville Route.

Norman West made the Walnut Creek school children happy by giving them a Christmas tree.

Everett and Ennis Mashburn, who have been working in Franklin, spent the week-end with their parents.

Lambert Leopard is building a home on his land on Walnut Creek.

WINTER PLOWING

Lincoln county farmers who have done more fall and winter plowing than in many years say the work will result in conserving moisture, killing insects, pulverizing the soil by freezing and will give a better seed bed for planting spring crops.

Muse's Corner

A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT

Let us walk softly, friend;
For strange paths lie before us,
all untrod;
The New Year, spotless from the
hand of God,
Is thine and mine, O friend!
Let us walk straightly, friend;
Forget the crooked paths behind us
now,
Press on with steadier purpose on
our brow
To better deeds, O friend!
Perchance some greater good
than we have known
Is waiting for us, or some fair
hope flown
Shall yet return, O friend!

Macon Theatre

Matinee 3:30 P. M.
Night Show 7:00 and 9:00
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO
11 P. M. SATURDAYS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
THE CAMERA DAREDEVILS IN
"SHARPSHOOTERS"
With: BRIAN DONLEVY, LYNN
BARI, WALLY VERNON,
JOHN KING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
Buck's Hell-Bent for Glory ...
And a Gal!
His Best and Newest Yarn
BUCK JONES IN
"THE STRANGER
FROM ARIZONA"
Also: "HAWK OF THE
WILDERNESS"

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
A stirring drama of the sons of
today who carry an American tra-
dition of their hero fathers of 1917!

"SONS OF THE
LEGION"
DONALD O'CONNOR, BILLY
LEE, LYNN OVERMAN,
ELIZABETH PATTERSON,
WILLIAM FRAWLEY

TUES.-WED., JANUARY 10-11
Fanny Hurst's Great Story
thrillingly brought to live on the
screen!

"FOUR DAUGHTERS"
PRISCILLA LANE, ROSEMARY
LANE, LULA LANE, GALE
PAGE, CLAUD RAINS,
JEFFREY LYNN, DICK FORAN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
More Fun! More Thrills Than
"The Gladiator!"
JOE E. BROWN IN
"FLIRTING WITH
FATE"
With: LEO CARRILLO
BEVERLY ROBERTS
WAYNE GIBSON
STEFFI DUNA

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mailed to you, please leave name
at Box Office.