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# At the CAPITAL

By M. R. Dunnagan, The Pilot's Raleigh Correspondent

**Assembly Goes to Work**  
Committees of the 1935 General Assembly are organized and are now beginning to transact business. The serious work of the session is therefore underway, and hearings before the two main committees, appropriations and finance, started this week and are expected to be completed within two weeks, or at most, three weeks.

Apparently work of the session is progressing with more dispatch than in former sessions, and if no serious deadlocks develop, and there is little evidence of them now, the session may be brought to a close within 75 to 90 days. Few observers think the work can be completed in 60 days, as was the case a decade or two ago when business to be handled was only a small part of that to be done in recent sessions.

So far little else than organization, preliminaries and introduction of bills and resolutions has been done, and the bills, especially local ones, are not getting into the House and Senate hoppers as readily as in former sessions. Presiding officers asked that all local bills be introduced as early as possible, so they can be handled before the bigger bills are reached.

**Liquor Control**

Of interest is the new liquor control bill introduced by Rep. N. E. Day, giving a three-way referendum to be voted on July 2. It provides for votes on keeping the present dry law; sale of a quart every 15 days, and the wide open sale plan with the usual restrictions. Election machinery is set up by the bill, if the General Assembly submits it to a vote of the people. Another bill would increase the alcoholic content of beer and wine from 3.2 to 4.5 per cent.

**Urge Bonus Payment**

The bonus hopped into the middle of things last week, when Con. C. Johnson, Iredell, former legion commander, introduced a joint resolution urging Congress to pay the adjusted compensation certificates now. The House passed it with one opposing vote. The Senate amended it to provide payment when it can be done, conveniently. The House is not supposed to concur in this, probably being for immediate payment, and the bill may have to go to conference.

**Salary Increases**

Several salary increase bills are in, one calling for 20 per cent increase of salaries of all State employees getting less than \$1800 a year, retroactive to January 1. Another would increase salaries of teachers 25 per cent.

**Study Teacher Pensions**

Public school teachers, under a joint resolution by Senator Griffin, of Franklin, would have a commission named to study pensions for and retirement of them and report its findings to the 1937 session. Another bill would give teachers six days of sick leave, and another would make them eligible under the Workmen's Compensation Act in case of accidents.

**Absentee Balloting**

Election law changes provided in bills would abolish the absentee ballot and official markers, increase slightly pay of county election board members and precinct officials, make the voting hours from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., and amend the law on regis-

tration of voters changing their party affiliation on primary day.

**Return of Gallows Asked**

Neither the electric chair nor lethal gas would be used in taking lives of criminals sentenced to death, but the old gallows, hanging, would be the means of taking lives under another bill. The hanging would be in the county jailyard by the sheriff, not publicly, but viewed by 16 to 32 citizens. The gallows went out in 1910, when the electric chair was installed. It has taken 149 lives.

**Safety on Highways**

Highway safety is getting plenty of attention, and a good law is expected from the several so far introduced. One would establish a Highway Safety Department, licensing and controlling drivers and inspecting motor vehicles. Other bills seek to reduce license fees to \$5 and change the fees for semi-trailers.

Recent school bus accidents near Pilot Mountain and Wilkesboro, caused Senator Fred Folger, Surry, to introduce a bill seeking to protect lives of the school children riding in busses. It would require all steel bodies after November 1, 1936, close inspection, licensed drivers, not under 25 years of age, and school busses would be so they could not travel more than 30 miles an hour.

**Other Pending Measures**

Other bills presented for consideration last week follow:

Legal: Allow judges to change death sentence to life imprisonment on the recommendation of all trial jurors; change legal rate of interest from 6 to 5 per cent; abolish estates by intestacy; change law on investments by guardians for incompetent veterans or children of disabled or deceased veterans; provide for time for docketing appeals from justices of the peace; repeal 1933 act one fees for witnesses; amend law on validating sales of real estate made in good faith by administrators of a deceased person; allow married men under 21 years of age to renounce rights of curtesy; provide for restoring burned, destroyed, lost or stolen court records; amend procedure for sale of property in which there are remainders of uncertain persons; amend law relating to admissibility of evidence in criminal actions for abandonment and non-support; amend law on defective probates of instruments of writing; amendment providing for filing an amendment extending the corporate existence that has expired by reason of failure to renew charter.

Eliminate exemptions and reduce sales tax from 3 to 2 per cent. Exempt from taxes personal property to value of \$300 and growing crops.

Allow county commissioners to appoint tax collectors, fix salaries of all county officers and consolidate and abolish county offices.

Prohibit sale and use of slot machines and other gambling devices.

Allow Historical Commission to receive gifts, bequests, etc.

Require vaccination of dogs against rabies.

Require insurance companies to pay full amount of insurance policies in case of complete loss by fire.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS LOSE FOUR GAMES**

During the past week Southern Pines basketball teams engaged in two fast played games, the first in Pinehurst and the other on the home court.

The girls lost both games but although defeated showed marked improvement in their playing. One of the outstanding points of both games was the close guarding by Virginia Stevick which held her opponents' score down considerably. Another improvement was the team-work which is getting better every game. High scoring honors of both games went to Mary Elizabeth Cameron, being closely followed by Eleanor Harloe. The game with West End played here last Friday night was one of the best played yet witnessed on the home court, with only a few fouls being committed. Those participating in the games were Eleanor Eddy, Virginia Stevick, Eleanor Harloe, Bertha Fowler, Mary Elizabeth Cameron and Susan Clarke. The final scores were:

Pinehurst 24, Southern Pines 20.  
West End 45, Southern Pines 31.

The boys team also lost twice during the week but not before they had thrown a scare into their opponents. In the Pinehurst game which was lost 23 to 15, Bob Beck, Ed Newton

**Vass Bank Cases Held Over in Superior Court**

**Absence in Raleigh of Attorney Clegg Forces Many Postponements by Judge Alley**

Moore county Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened in Carthage on Monday morning with Judge Felix E. Alley presiding and Solicitor Rowland S. Pruette representing the State as prosecuting officer.

An unusually large number of cases have been continued, due in part to the absence from the county of Attorney W. R. Clegg, counsel in several cases, who is busy with his legislative duties in Raleigh. Among the important cases continued are those against several officers of the closed Bank of Vass who are charged with violating the banking law, and murder cases in which Edgar Garner and Ervie Sheffield, Oba Godwin, John Cole, Fred Clay and Louise Hinson are defendants.

Ed Worthy, colored of Carthage, for an assault on his step-father, Ed McKeithen in which McKeithen lost his eye-sight, was given a State Prison sentence of not less than two nor more than three years to be assigned to do labor under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, and he is to wear felon stripes.

Fred McLaren is to go to State prison for from 18 months to two years on a breaking and entering charge and wear felon stripes, and his serving of a two to three-year sentence for larceny following his completion of the former sentence may be required at any time within five years if he fails to remain law-abiding.

**PINEBLUFF**

The community picnic sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club held at the Firemen's Hall Friday night was a decided success. Several long tables were loaded with food which demonstrated what the housekeepers can do in the kitchen. During the evening sides were chosen for a spelling match and the Rev. E. L. Barber of Aberdeen won honors for being the championspeller.

Miss Ella Backus and Clyde Simpson, Jr., of Mt. Gilead are spending a few days with Miss Backus' sister, Mrs. J. R. Simpson in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Alfred Higson of Danbury, Conn., and Miss Hester Movill of Etna, N. Y., have rented Mr. Swan's furnished apartment and will take possession the last of the week.

Morrison Howie spent the mid-year vacation at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Van Bosberck of Hamlet spent the week-end with their parents.

Miss Nancy Wallace spent the latter part of last week in Sanford as a guest of Mrs. L. L. Foushee.

Miss Mary Faretton of Danbury, Conn., is expected the last of the week to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Myron Knapp.

W. H. Johnson and family have moved to Sanford where Mr. Johnson has a position.

Miss Edith Howie and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Difitta spent the week-end with friends in Biscoe.

Miss Elizabeth Hampton of the University at Chapel Hill was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parmelee of Patterson, N. J., were guests of Miss Popham several days last week enroute to Tryon.

W. J. Hunnings and family have moved from Charles Austin's house to Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Foushee and daughter Joan of Sanford spent the week-end at the home of J. R. Lampley.

Mrs. Leon T. Wylie formerly of Pinebluff but now of Washington, D. C., was guest at a tea giving by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House on January 2nd. The tea was for the women executives in government departments. Mrs. Wylie has an important position with the Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

Miss Ella Backus left Tuesday morning for a short visit in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Irving G. Wylie entertained at tea and bridge at her home on Friday afternoon.

Andy Medlin has joined the C. C. C. and is stationed at Wilkesboro.

and Bill Winters played fine ball. In the West End game the boys lost 48 to 19 but showed some improvement in their team work. One thing that cost them many points was the inability to shoot fouls. Bob Beck, George Pottle and Ed Newton shared the scoring honors in this game. Players for Southern Pines were Beck, Pottle, Charles Boney, Stan-cil Stroud, Newton, Harold Fowler, Winters and Richard Lowell.

**The Week in Vass**

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Byrd and baby of Ramour visited Mrs. Byrd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Byrd, during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith, Curtis and Margaret Bettina, and Mrs. Arch McGill were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Norton of near Raeford.

Miss Katharine McMillan, C. M. Goodwin and A. M. Calhoun went to Raleigh last week to hear Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians.

Miss Mabel Cameron returned on Thursday of last week from Greensboro, where she had been the guest of her sister, Miss Lena Cameron, for several days.

Misses Mamie Baldwin and Lucy Cain of Apex and Miss Madge Nichols of Raleigh were week-end guests of Miss Mary Beasley at the Beasley Apartments.

Miss Eunice Setzer, Miss Exie Beasley and Mrs. D. A. Smith were visitors to Fayetteville on Saturday.

Joseph Matthews and Reimond McCraney of State College visited home-folks during the week-end.

Mrs. G. W. Brooks, Mrs. W. H. Keith, Mrs. G. W. Griffin and Linwood Keith went to Sanford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tyson and Marie Tyson visited Mrs. J. M. Tyson at the Moore County Hospital Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Tyson is steadily improving, but is not yet able to sit up.

Mrs. H. C. Livingston and little daughter Joan visited relatives in Sanford during last week-end.

Twenty-seven people from the Vass Methodist church went to the Page Memorial church in Aberdeen Sunday evening to hear the new presiding elder of the Fayetteville district, the Rev. D. E. Earnhart, preach, and they remained for the first quarterly conference of the Aberdeen-Vass

charge for this conference year. W. H. Keith was elected a steward of the local church to fill the place made vacant by the death of J. A. Thomas.

Albert Crissman has been ill with pneumonia for several days, but is thought to be making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

Mrs. Florence Thomas of Greensboro, Mrs. Kate Shaw of Southern Pines and Mrs. W. J. Cameron and Mrs. S. R. Smith were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cameron of Manley on Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Keith of E. C. T. C. at Greenville stopped for a brief visit with home-folks Sunday as she was returning to Greenville from Wingate College where her team played basketball Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Griffin and children of Hamlet spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffin.

Mrs. W. C. Leslie and Miss Louise Leslie were Raleigh visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lambert and Miss Margaret Lambert spent Saturday with relatives in Carthage.

A. M. Calhoun visited in Laurinburg during the week-end.

Lawrence Furr and Wilbur Edwards spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Miss Lois Buchanan visited relatives at Broadway during the week-end.


L. H. Furr and Linwood Furr of Raleigh were in town for the week-end.

**TEACHERS MEET TODAY**

Miss Nancy O. Devers, State Supervisor of Elementary Education, will be the principal speaker at a county-wide teachers' meeting to be held in the Carthage High School auditorium at 3 o'clock this Friday, afternoon. Her subject will be "Curriculum Construction."

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