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At the CAPITAL

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

A Talk and a Prayer

Former Governor-Senator Cameron Morrison addressing a joint session of the General Assembly Wednesday night without mentioning one time "likker," or even local or State matters, and the Rev. W. L. Arnold, pastor of Johnson Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, in the opening prayer in the Senate Friday pleading with the Senators not to pass the liquor bill were two events in striking contrast in last week's session of the General Assembly.

The joint address was Morrisonesque, dealing with the achievements of the New Deal in the nation, and needed no answer. The minister's prayer called for an answer, made by Senator John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, author of the liquor control bill, with a rejoinder, breaking all precedent and rules, from the minister, that he rejoiced the inspiration late the preceding night and "I felt it was my duty as a minister of God to speak my heart."

The minister appealed to the Senators not to "sell our children's souls for revenue and force intoxicating liquor down their throats." He did not want this Legislature to go down in history as one which caused North Carolina to sin, and that the children not go without bread and clothes while mothers wall under the hand of intoxicated fathers." He read from manuscript.

Senator Hill, militant dry for many years, still politically and personally dry, who proposed the control bill to raise revenue for relief and charity work, and a deacon in the church, remained standing as the other members sat down after the prayer. He addressed the president. "I cannot sit here and listen to such a political speech without feeling an affront, and I resent it," he said. "It isn't fair for a man to come before this body to offer prayer and deliver a political speech," Senator Hill said. After answering this, the minister left the chamber. His name was stricken from the available list of ministers.

Investigate Insane Hospital

Another flare was caused by the statements of a nurse at the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton, who told a committee of long hours and hard conditions of work. Her picture was distressing and revolting. A resolution to have a legislative investigation was introduced and passed the Senate, after discussion. The House refused to pass it at once, sending it to a committee. Charges were made against Dr. John McCampbell, superintendent, by some, while others charged conditions to the niggardly appropriations to the institution. Dr. McCampbell was before the committee Friday and again this week.

The Revenue Bill

Meanwhile, the Finance committee continued to struggle with the Revenue bill in efforts to get it reported out this week. It is expected to appear without any or few of the features of the McDonald-Lumpkin plan, and with the sales tax without exemptions. The McDonald-Lump-

kin proposals were withdrawn, with the promise that they would be presented when the bill reaches the floor the latter part of this week or next week. Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell has said that most of these proposals are sufficiently near to violation of the Constitution that most of them, if adopted, would involve the State in many law suits, if they should be held constitutional in the end.

Appropriations

The Appropriations committee also is still struggling with its work. It voted to give \$20,800,000 the first year and \$21,000,000 the second year of the next biennium for public schools. These committees will have interchanges in order to come as near an estimated balance as possible. Appropriations voted by the committee are considerably larger than the original revenue bill would produce, and efforts will be made to get them closer together.

The cosmetologists, appearing in numbers, got what they wanted when the House made short order of passing their amendments, which take from the Governor appointment of members of their examining board and place it in the hands of their association. This action has been dubbed a slap at Governor Ehringhaus and spite work, as the beauty folks objected to members he named to the board. It is known, however, that he has evidenced no interest in the outcome, and had named the board because the legislature had so directed. In fact, it is known that Governor Ehringhaus doesn't think so highly of the many regulatory boards and

WEST END H. S. PLAYERS TO PRESENT COMEDY TONIGHT

Tonight, Friday at 8:00 o'clock the West End High School Players, under the direction of Miss Patricia Wilcox, will present a three-act play, "Chintz Cottage" by Beulah King.

This comic mystery tells the story of how Minty, a young woman of twenty with a mind of her own, and an aunt who is known as an efficient woman, becomes bored with the endless round of society and goes down to the village of Meadow Bank to rusticate in the atmosphere of quiet and peace which is supposed to permeate the vicinity. Minty does not rest but she gets a change and incidentally falls heir to a husband. The aunt, between saddling Minty with a husband, managing Fanny, Minty's maid, and trying to inveigle Mr. Kent, an absent minded gentleman who plays golf and sometimes remembers that he has two children, into proposal of marriage, stirs the plot into a hilarious mixture which requires Minty and Peter Kent to straighten it out.

The cast is made up of members of the junior and senior classes, and includes Margaret Davis, Eva Ritter, Josie May Russell, Reid Thomas, Beth Von Canon, Woodrow Kelly and Oneda Matheson.

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commissions the legislature has and has had before it, and would not object if all were wiped out.

Other Bills

The Senate Friday tabled the bill to require vaccination of children six to twelve months old against diphtheria, on motion of its introducer. Efforts were made to exempt relig-

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