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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS IN RALEIGH

### First House Bill Proposes Repeal State Primary; Officer's Salaries

At noon Wednesday the 1921 session of the North Carolina General Assembly began its deliberations. According to the usual custom, prayers offered for divine guidance before the routine of business was entered upon.

After the oaths of office to members were administered, Senator Lunsford Long was named president pro-tempore of the Senate, and Harry P. Grier, speaker of the House. The newly elected presiding officers were formally inducted into office.

The House went immediately to work, the first bill to be introduced being designed to wipe the state wide primary law off the books in favor of the old convention days. The bill provides for a repeal of the whole section of the consolidated statutes that brought the primary into existence.

Another bill was introduced by Mr. Wright, of Guilford, which concerns the salaries of state officers.

"The measure would increase the pay of all State constitutional officers from the present scale of \$3,500 per annum to a flat \$6000. The officers specifically mentioned in the document are The Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney-General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Commissioner of Agriculture. The measure went to the committee on salaries and fees."

Considerable discussion was called forth when a document was sent up by Minority Leader H. S. Williams and read, which declared for a rearrangement of the seating plans in the House, giving the minority a block of seats at one side, where they could all be together. The resolution further declared that minority members had been assigned back-row seats.

Debate waxed warm, the final decision was that it could not be settled then, the first day of the session, but that the matter must be sent to a committee on Rules. The vote was well divided being 59 to 53.

Dispensing with oratorical fireworks the Senate confined itself strictly to routine business at its opening session yesterday and adjourned after less than an hour without a single bill being introduced.

Aside from organization, the only business transacted was the appointment of the standing committees on Rules and Salaries and Fees and the special committee on the inauguration of State Officers and the passage of three resolutions.

### Changes in Business

The customers of E. A. Johnson and Fleming and Dupree will be interested in the fact that these two firms have combined. Mr. Fleming, who was a partner with Mr. Dupree has found it necessary to return to his home near Enfield for the coming year, and as a consequence E. A. Johnson and Mr. Dupree have formed a partnership. The new firm will be known as E. A. Johnson & Co. They will occupy the store of Fleming & Dupree.

Another change which will be noted with interest is the removal of the White Grocery Co. to new quarters across the street from their old stand. They will occupy the store recently vacated by E. A. Johnson. The members of this enterprising firm are: Messrs L. T. Royall and George C. White, and they will be glad to welcome their customers at their new place of business.

### Friedt-Hyman

Friends here and elsewhere have received the following invitation:

Mrs. Flora Fuller Hyman requests your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Lucy Lawrence to Mr. Glenn Harner Friedt, on Tuesday, January the eighteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, at eight o'clock, Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Rev. R. M. Von Miller will preach at Thanksgiving the second Sunday in January at 2:30 p. m. and on Saturday 11 a. m., and at Antioch Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m. At both churches the Lord's Supper will be observed.

## ATLANTIC FLEET IS ON LONG JOURNEY

### Forty-eight Vessels To Join Pacific Fleet; Will Drill In Panama Bay

Washington, Jan. 5.—Screened by destroyers, the Atlantic fleet was steaming southward from the Virginia Capes tonight to meet its sister armada from the Pacific in the way to the waters of Panama Bay. Over the battleship Pennsylvania flew the four starred flag of Admiral H. B. Wilson, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, who will command the combined forces during the maneuvers and battle practice to come.

There were 48 crafts under Admiral Wilson's command at the mobilization point off the capes when the flagship broke out the signal that set the fleet off on its long cruise. Ahead of them, sent in advance to meet the Pacific fleet airmen, the air force of the Atlantic had winged southward to join in the great war game.

With the Pennsylvania, eight dreadnaughts made up Admiral Wilson's main column, while the tender Black Hawk shepherded eighteen destroyers thrown ahead and abeam to screen the movements of the ships of the line. Asten trailed the mine planter San Francisco flying the flag of the commander of the mine force. Two mine layers and two mine sweepers rolled along in her wake. Inshore the old cruiser Columbia lolled along at the head of the supply train.

Aboard the fleet were thousands of young jacksies destined to see the Panama canal for the first time when the ships go through to join Admiral Hugh Rodman's Pacific fleet on the Pacific side. It will be the first mobilization of the full commissioned fleet strength of the navy since the Pacific fleet was created after the Armistice ended hostilities with Germany and set the major fighting craft free from wartime missions. Elaborate plans for the maneuvers have been made involving it is understood some practical test of the use of the signals for purposes of naval strategy.

Maneuvers completed, the combined fleet will turn southward down the west coast of South America carrying to the people of that coast their first sight of a modern fighting fleet. One section will call at Callao, the other at Valparaiso before the squadrons rejoin and return to Panama Bay for winter drills.

Toward spring the Atlantic fleet will slip back through the Canal into its own ocean bound for its old time base at Guantanamo, Cuba, for more drills and polishing up of gun crews before it comes North again to Atlantic ports.

The Pacific fleet will cruise to its Spring maneuvers and fleet target practice off the California coast.

### Mrs. W. S. Stevens Entertains

Mrs. W. S. Stevens entertained most delightfully class No. 2, of the Sanders Chapel Sunday School at their annual review meeting, and the Baraca's as their guests on Tuesday evening. After the musical program the guests repaired to the dining room where the review of the lessons for the past year was held, a prize being awarded Miss Sarah Hill. The class birthday jar was opened and it was found to contain \$8 which will be sent to the fund for starving children of Europe. After the program, dainty refreshments were served by Misses Margaret Lee Austin, Jennie Hill and Addie Talton. The guests of honor of the evening were Mesdames Z. R. Martin, of Smithfield and Mrs. Walter Lumpkin, of Norfolk, Va.

### Kirby-Phillips

Kenly, Jan. 6.—On Tuesday night, December 21st, 1920, at 8:30 o'clock Mr. Luther Kirby and Miss Mattie Phillips were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The short but impressive ceremony was performed by Mr. P. A. Boyette in the presence of a few intimate friends.

Mr. Kirby is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kirby and the bride is the accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. T. Phillips. A host of friends join in congratulations and wish for them a long and happy life.

If our hearts expanded as easily as our heads swell, the world would be the gainer.—Matthewman.

## FINANCE CORPORAT'N BILL PASSES—IS LAW

### Senate and House Pass Bill Over President's Veto Act in Two Months

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson will have to fill at least one of the two vacancies on the board of directors on the revived War Finance Corporation before it can make any considerable number of loans for financing exports with a view to affording relief to the farming and other industries. This statement was made by treasury officials today after the resolution directing revival of the corporation became a law through its passage by the House over the President's veto.

The vote in the House to pass the resolution over the President's veto as nearly as ample as that cast yesterday in the Senate. The House stood 250 for the measure against 66 for upholding the veto, or 37 more than the required two-thirds majority. Seventeen Democrats voted to sustain the veto while for its passage there were 135 Republicans, 114 Democrats and one Prohibitionist.

Treasury officials in further discussing adoption of the resolution said that while the corporation would prepare to function immediately as a result of the action of Congress, President Wilson would be required to appoint one or two new directors before anything could be done. The board of directors is composed of five members and officials explained that a majority is required by law to approve the application for a loan. While the present board membership constitutes a quorum, officials asserted, Secretary Houston, who is ex-officio chairman, would not be able to devote his time exclusively to corporation matters, as the investigation of the adequacy of securities would require. The other two directors, Angus W. McLean, who is now managing director, and George R. Cooksey, officials said, would thus be unable to act upon applications for loans.

Presidential nominations to the board require confirmation of the Senate and the question also arose as to whether the Republican majority of the Senate would depart in such cases from the policy of confirming no nominations at this session. Finance corporation officials stated that in any event it probably would be two months before the first advance could be approved.

Funds for making the loans must be raised, officials explained, and the methods of providing this money determined upon. The corporation has a balance of about \$375,000,000 with the treasury, but Secretary Houston has taken the stand that this money should not be used for making advances to private concerns.—News and Observer.

### Two Meetings of Interest

Two meetings, of special interest to farmers and business men of this section will be held in Raleigh next week. The State Tobacco Grower's Association will meet in Raleigh on Wednesday, January 12, and the Cotton Grower's Association meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13.

Johnston county is urged to send a big delegation to each of these two meetings. The Tobacco Grower's meetings will have before it business of vital importance, the completion of a permanent State Organization and the election of officers, the reduction of tobacco acreage and effective plans for its enforcement, the formulation and adoption of plans for co-operative marketing.

Mr. Aaron Sapiro, a man who has had a big part in the development of the co-operative marketing associations of the West will be at the meeting to discuss and explain the plans for co-operative marketing adopted by the Interstate Tobacco Growers Association.

Much business of vital interest will be taken up in the Cotton Association on Thursday. The association plans for relieving the depression of the present business condition obtaining throughout the cotton belt will be discussed in this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,  
S. J. KIRBY.

Receipt for an income tax entitles a man to talk about "our part in the war." The cost in dollars is yet to be met.

## NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL OF BANNER

### Educational Banquet at Hotel—Community League Considers Teacherage

Benson, Jan. 5.—Mr. John Turlington and sister, Miss Sarah, spent Sunday in Coats.

Miss Laura Matthews has returned from a visit to Durham.

Miss Mary Turlington has left for Coats after spending Christmas here with her mother.

Miss Mattie Wilson of Dunn, has been visiting Miss Ethel Hall this week.

Mr. D. M. Raynor has moved his family to the country.

Prof. and Mrs. T. T. Lanier left Monday night where Prof. Lanier is principal of the school.

Miss Ethel Nesmith, of Milledgeville, Ga., is spending sometime here with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barbour have moved to their farm near town.

Mr. Carson Clifton, of Smithfield has moved to town and will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Vic Austin of Clayton is in town visiting his daughter, Mrs. Jesse McLamb.

Mr. J. B. R. Johnson has moved to Rocky Mount.

Miss Ethel Boyer of Richmond, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin.

Mr. Harry Durham of Enfield is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Ellen Barbour of Four Oaks has been visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Junius Hobbs, of Hopewell, Va., is visiting in town.

Miss Julia Canaday has returned to Concord after spending Christmas here.

Messrs W. R. Denning and Ezra Parker spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Miss Flora Canaday has returned to Buies Creek where she teaches.

Messrs J. R. Barbour, James Raynor and Wade Royal spent Monday in Smithfield.

Miss Clara McLeod spent Christmas with friends near Jonesboro.

Miss Mary Jackson leaves this week for Peace Institute.

Miss Annie Lee Webb has returned from a visit to Chapel Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin and Prof. and Mrs. Frank Wells spent Sunday in Smithfield with Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Hipps.

Messrs Carl and Jefferson Barefoot, Casper Jennings, Colen Williams are leaving for Chapel Hill this week.

Misses Ellie and Esther Morgan left Monday for Meredith college at Raleigh.

Miss Evelyn Boone leaves this week for Randolph Macon college.

Miss Janie Fisher of Carthage, spent several days last week here with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Benton.

Miss Ellen Elderidge of Smithfield has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

Mr. G. W. Cavenough, of Carrelton, here this week.

Mr. Everett, a ministerial student of Wake Forest college, spent some time in town this week visiting at the home of Mr. J. F. Woodall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Massengill left Monday for Florence Villa, Florida, to spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whittington, Misses Nelie Barbour, Sibyl Goodrich and Lela Whittington and Mr. A. B. Allen spent last Saturday in Raleigh.

Mrs. J. W. Goodrich returned Monday from several days' visit at New Bern.

Mr. John E. Croom, of New Bern, spent last week in town.

Mr. J. R. McLamb died at his home near here last week and was buried at Banner's chapel. He was survived by a wife and several children. He was a very prosperous farmer in this community and also operated a cotton gin and saw mill.

The Benson Community Association held an interesting meeting Tuesday evening, January 4, at the school auditorium.

More than \$32 worth of Red Cross seals were reported sold by members of the association. The question of finishing the basement of the school building and building a teacherage came up for discussion. Short speeches were made by Dr. W. T. Martin, Rev. C. C. Wheeler, Rev. A. T. Lassiter, Mr. J. B. Benton and Prof. F. L. Wells.

Mrs. W. T. Martin gave a reading on "Thought for the New Year."

## PRESIDENT ELECT HARDING A MASON

### Receives Degrees of Scottish Rite—12 Hour Initiation Ceremony

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 5.—President-elect Harding became a thirty-second degree Mason tonight at the end of a twelve hour initiation ceremony here participated in by ranking officials of the order from all parts of the United States.

Starting as a Master Mason, the President-elect was raised through the other nine degrees at a continuous sitting arranged particularly for his accommodation. He was the third chosen Chief Executive to travel through the higher degrees of Masonry before the Scioto Valley consistory, Jas. A. Garfield and William McKinley, having been given their thirty-second degrees here.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Harding was presented with a Masonic ring given by the thirty-second degree Masons of Marion, his home town, who had occupied posts of honor in the initiation. He may return here Friday to receive membership in the Mystic Shrine.

With Mrs. Harding, the President-elect motored here from Marion this morning, his only conference before leaving home being with Fred Upham of Chicago, treasurer of the Republican National Committee. He will go back by motor tomorrow morning.—News and Observer.

Mrs. E. M. Hall and Miss Nelie Barbour sang a duet accompanied by Mrs. W. R. Strickland on the piano.

On Thursday evening, December 30th, some of the college boys and ex-college men of the town, gave an interesting and enjoyable banquet at the Hotel Parrish.

On arriving each boy accompanied by a girl went directly to the reception hall, where an old time discussion was engaged in, some relating their college experiences while others entered into a contest of joke telling, this gave the occasion the appearance and atmosphere of a midnight session in a college dormitory.

While this discussion was in progress a call to the dining hall was sounded and which upon entering was found to be beautifully decorated with the color schemes of orange and white and penants of the various colleges represented were artistically arranged on the wall. The ladies were attractively dressed in evening gowns. After being seated a toast was given by Rev. C. C. Wheeler. After the toast the first course consisting of turkey, cranberry sauce and sandwiches were served; followed with a piano solo by Miss Wilhelmina Utley of the Conservatory of Music of Durham and a vocal solo by Mrs. E. M. Hall. A second course consisting of fruit salad followed with vocal solos by Miss Ethel Hall of Meredith college and Miss Mildred Parrish of Salem college. A third course of ice cream and cake was served, followed with vocal solo by Mrs. Lois Massey Bass, of Clayton.

The following men responded to the Toast Master's call: "What I thought of myself as a Freshman," by Dr. A. S. Oliver of U. N. C. "What I thought of myself as a Sophomore" by Roy Smith of A. & E. "What I thought of myself as a Junior" by Jefferson Barefoot of U. N. C. "What I thought of myself as a Senior" by Eli Morgan of A. & E. "Difference between high school and college life," by Hosea Jackson of Wake Forest college. "Some Sophomore experiences" by Alton C. Hall of Wake Forest. "Some Freshman experiences" by Rev. A. L. Goodrich of Wake Forest. "The advantage or disadvantage of Co-education" by Dr. H. H. Utley, of Elon College. "The most serious event of my college life," by Prof. F. L. Wells, of U. N. C. "College life and real life" by Mr. M. T. Britt of U. N. C. "Benefits of college life" by Rev. E. M. Hall of Wesleyan College, West Virginia.

The evening program was concluded by a rising vote of thanks to the "Entre Nous Club" under whose auspices the splendid dinner was served. Also a vote was taken to effect that a permanent association of college men and women with a banquet to be an annual affair. Officers for the following year were elected as follows: Rev. C. C. Wheeler, President; Jefferson Barefoot, Vice-President; Roy Smith, Secretary; and Miss Mildred Parrish Treasurer.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

### Happenings of Interest As Gathered and Condensed From Daily Papers

Lieut. Crinkley, a Raleigh citizen, is one of the aviators making the flight in seaplanes to the Canal Zone. Practically all the cotton mills in and around Gastonia resumed operations Monday after idleness of two weeks or longer.

Following a prolonged vacation, the Asheville Cotton mills owned by the Cone interests of Greensboro re-opened Monday morning with full force.

A dispatch from Madrid announced that about 150 persons on board the Spanish steamer Santa Isabel, were lost, when that ship was wrecked on the coast of Villagarica.

Spooning, one use to which Central Park in New York city is put, in all seasons, has been seriously hampered by the crime wave. The police do not allow loitering after dark.

An earthquake which obliterated the city of Elbasson, Albania, killed fourteen persons, injured 300, and rendered 10,000 homeless, according to a dispatch received in Paris January 2.

A shortage running into thousands of dollars has been discovered in the accounts of the Finance Department of New York city and comptroller Craig has sworn out a warrant for one of his employees.

According to news from Tokio, more German merchants are now active in Japan than at any time before the war, and there is much concern over the new competition offered by them.

Jewish history in the United States began with Christopher Columbus. The day before Columbus set sailed 300,000 Jews were expelled from Spain, and a group of Jews joined the expedition of Columbus.

As a result of the generosity of citizens of Philadelphia, 20,150 starving children of Europe will be provided for until next harvest time. Checks amounting to \$201,500 were contributed. An anonymous subscriber gave \$100,000.

The capitol building of West Virginia was destroyed by fire Monday morning. One laborer was killed and a fireman injured when a section of the roof caved in. The loss included records upon which there was no insurance.

Ex-president Deschanel of France, who was obliged by poor health to resign from his great office last fall, has so far recovered that he is again seeking to enter public life. This time he would be Senator from Eure et Loire.

The largest belt for machinery in the world was recently made by a Philadelphia manufacturer. It weighs 3,000 pounds, and the toughest parts of the hides of 670 steers were required for material.

The Durham Hosiery mills are in operation again working on a scale of four days to the week. It was announced, however, that the mills would close for the entire next week, after which a schedule of three days to the week will be observed.

A severe wind and rain storm in the early part of the week caused much damage in the Western North Carolina section. The lighting system at Andrews was put out of commission and two miles of the Southern Railway at that place were washed away.

Employees of the Ford Motor company in Detroit, Michigan, circulated a hand bill Sunday asking that the company permit the workers to use the plant for making cars for their own use while the plant was temporarily closed for inventory. Their request was refused.

Ten delegates, one from every Congressional district from North Carolina are expected to attend the second annual convention of the League of Women voters which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 11 to 16, according to Mrs. George Gellhorn, vice-chairman of the league.

### TURNERS ALMANACS AT THE HERALD OFFICE

We now have plenty of Turner's North Carolina Almanacs for 1921 at The HERALD office. Call and get one or we will mail you one if you will send us 20 cents in postage stamps. The price for the 1921 almanac is 20 cents each.