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ROAD WEEK IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Less Than 100 Bills Presented in Legislature During First Eleven Days

Saturday the doings of the Senate was characterized by investigation resolutions, the office of state architect being mentioned specifically. It has been rumored that the wholesale investigations which the legislature will be called on to make will probably include the sanatorium for tuberculosis. Dr. McBrayer, superintendent of that institution announces that he courts an investigation and hopes it will react in favor of the institution.

As to the proceedings of the General Assembly for this week and of the past week yesterday's News and Observer gives the following summary:

It appears about to be Road Week in the General Assembly. The Clarkson Highway bill will likely get a new name before the middle of the week arrives, and very likely it will be styled the Varner-Doughton Bill. Wednesday has been tentatively set for its presentation to the Legislature, and with sentiment practically unanimous in favor of some sort of road legislation, it would appear that its early ratification may be expected.

The outstanding feature of the General Assembly thus far is the fact that eleven legislative days have already passed and less than 100 bills have been presented. This situation is entirely without precedent in the history of the legislature. Four years ago the first half hour of the first day's session saw 156 bills started in the House alone, and nearly half that many in the Senate. In the special session, called mainly for the consideration of taxation, over 500 measures were presented and passed upon in 17 days.

On no day has the number of new bills exceeded a dozen and Friday and Saturday when there is usually a flood of minor local legislation, there was barely a trickle. Most members have nothing locally to offer, and the number of State-wide bills is going to be relatively small. The passage of so many measures at the special session, and the general apathy toward local bond issues which is the breeding place of local legislation, seems generally responsible for the dearth of grist for the grinding.

But without these things, the session has lost no whit of interest. There is the State-wide stock law coming, moving picture censorship, the primary repeal, which is not yet dead, marriage laws bill, and the bill to abolish the Welfare Commission, all to be attended to, and the possible redistricting of the State Senate. All of these measures have interesting possibilities, and the General Assembly has still 49 days to run. It is a mere infant, thus far.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas the Supreme Architect of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has called our beloved brother Jesse Watson from labor to that home prepared for him eternal in the skies, and whereas Perfection Lodge No. 628 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, The Scottish Rite Club of Kenly, N. C., The Wilmington Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons and Sudan Temple of New Bern are deeply grieved in the loss of our beloved Brother who was a consistent and loyal member of these bodies and who will be greatly missed in the future regular communications here below and wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in this hour of their sorrow:

Therefore be it resolved:—That Perfection Lodge No. 628 A. F. & A. M., in regular communication extend to the bereaved family of our departed Brother our heartfelt sympathy and commend his soul to the God who gave it and who doeth all things well.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and a copy mailed to the Orphans Friend for publication and a copy spread on the minutes of this Lodge.

J. C. GRADY,
W. T. BAILEY,
RUDOLPH KIRBY,
Committee.

Idleness and pride tax with a heavier hand than kings and parliaments. If we can get rid of the former we may easily bear the latter.—Franklin.

HAS AN ENROLLMENT NOW OF 564 PUPILS

Double Schedule in Number Of Grades Not Conducive To Best Work

The following is the enrollment in the Turlington Graded School up to the end of the third month, which was December 3rd, 1920. With the opening of school after the Christmas holidays there have been about thirty new students added to the following enrollment:

First grade.....	123
Second grade.....	73
Third grade.....	67
Fourth grade.....	60
Fifth grade.....	41
Sixth grade.....	39
Junior High School.....	103
Senior High School.....	48
Total.....	564

At present the school is operated upon a double schedule up to the fifth grade. This means that 333 pupils, or 59 per cent of the total enrollment are being inadequately instructed for the lack of time in school. These 333 pupils which operate on double schedule begin work some in the morning at 9:00 o'clock and others at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. In either case they have barely three hours of actual work after deducting the necessary time for recesses and change of classes. A few of the brightest children who have the advantages of getting help at home can keep up with their grade. The large majority, however, do not get anything like all the instruction they need. It is safe to estimate that the efficiency of the school is cut down at least from 25 to 30 per cent by this lack of space which prevents teachers from being able to have the pupils who are not doing standard work remain after regular hours for individual help and instruction. For lack of space in the school now one-half of the teachers cannot complete their day's work in a manner that enables them to keep their grade working as a unit. The children who cannot absorb their work in the three hours of high pressure work which they are forced to do now simply lag behind and in many cases fail to be promoted. If the school had sufficient room failure of promotion in these lower grades would be reduced to almost nothing in comparison with what it is now, because a teacher would be expected to give each pupil sufficient individual instruction to enable him to make his grade.

With sufficient room in school the number of teachers might be reduced slightly and yet better results obtained because a teacher with 6 hours at her disposal can teach a few more pupils in a great deal more satisfactory manner than she can a smaller number in three hours. Thus it is true that we are paying teachers who cannot give us a full day's work, thereby rendering our school services less efficient and at the same time more expensive.

Thrift and economy are the watch words of all public and private enterprises now and for this reason it is absolutely necessary that the citizens of Smithfield provide adequate school buildings for their children. Failure to do this would be a sin of the citizens of today against the citizens of tomorrow—a sin of adults against helpless children.

H. B. MARROW.

Manicurist Heir to Fortune

Mrs. Ted Whitaker, of Asheville, manicurist in a barber shop there, was called to Concord Saturday to claim \$130,000 left her by a friend. She told friends in the shop that the man who left her the money, was a friend of her mother's, and the bequest came as a surprise to her.

Remember that time is money.—Benjamin Franklin.

Ex-sheriff W. F. Grimes called to see us last week and renewed his subscription. As long ago as he can remember The HERALD was going to his father. When his father died he was seventeen years old. He took up his father's subscription and has stood by The HERALD as a friend and patron. Whenever it has been convenient for him to do so he has spoken a good word for it. Such friends have done us much good.

CUT IN NATIONAL EXPENSE POSSIBLE

Arizona Democratic Senator Says Government Expense Can Be Reduced

Boston, Mass.—Business ability and methods applied to the conduct of the United States Government could reduce the daily expenditures by \$2,000,000, declared Henry F. Ashurst, democrat Senator from Arizona, in an address to the National Shoe Wholesalers Association. The reason that economy is not practiced, he asserted is because the United States has "a political government run by politicians" who feel that radically cutting down appropriations will deprive them of the support of their constituencies. The speaker pointed out that the politician does not do the business of government along business lines and said that under the existing system he did not see how the government could be operated on less than the \$4,000,000,000 designated by the Secretary of the Treasury. Senator Ashurst said that he had never received a telegram asking him to vote against an appropriation but that many had come to him urging his support of financial grants. It is to this kind of pressure, he said that politicians naturally yield in the conviction that it assures them votes.

"Until the business man is willing to concentrate his ability," Senator Ashurst declared, "as he did during the war when he went to Washington and goes into politics with a firm desire to place the government on a sound foundation we are going to have inefficiency. If we create no new bureaux and reduce the swarm of officials that are harassing the public and eating the national funds, we could reduce the expenses so as to operate the government on \$3,000,000,000 a year, and if the members of Congress and the Senate are called strictly to account this could be reduced to \$2,000,000,000.

The speaker asserted that, although a Democrat he was proud to hear of the attitude of Warren G. Harding, President-elect, in opposition to large expenditures for the inaugural ceremonies. He said that he looked forward to the day when a legislator could go home without basing his hope of reelection on the amount of money he had taken, or helped to take in appropriation from the public treasury. "The only thing that will save the country," he declared "is economy, hard work and patriotism."—Christian Science Monitor.

An Aged Woman to Her Reward

It is with a sad heart I attempt to write the death of my loving mother, Mrs. Susie Jones, which occurred on December 22, 1920, just as the beautiful sun was rising from behind the eastern clouds. Then it was that the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Clifton and bore away our darling mother to await the resurrection morning. She leaves 8 children, the oldest being Mrs. R. M. Barbour, and the others are Mrs. B. A. Coats, J. W. Coats, Mrs. James Langdon, four of her first and four of her last children, her last children being Mr. James W. Jones, Mrs. Edwin Clifton, Mr. Rom Jones, Mrs. Bill Roberts.

She was married to Mr. James William Coats and lived with him twelve years, and three years after his death she was married to Mr. John Jones and lived the rest of her days with him. Mother was very humble and bore her sickness with so much patience. She was always trying to prepare for old age. She was going in her ninety-fifth year and was always truthful and honest. She was a woman past common, according to her age. Her last husband died just three weeks and four days before her death. She seemed to have viewed her death by saying she saw both her husbands in Heaven and that they were together and that she was going to them.

Mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Rehoboth. They were both laid to rest in the cemetery at Rehoboth to await the Resurrection morning. Mother is gone but not forgotten; Never will her memory fade; Ever will my memory linger 'round Her grave where she was laid. A heart-broken daughter,
Mrs. R. M. BARBOUR, in Eastern News.

ASSASSIN KILLS AN ENTIRE FAMILY

A Prominent Family of S. C. Wiped Out By An Unknown Murderer

Pamplico, S. C., Jan. 16.—Discovery today of the bodies of two other members of the Bingham family revealed that the entire family living about four miles from Pamplico, was wiped out some time Saturday afternoon, a total of five being killed.

Mrs. L. S. Bingham, 60 years of age, was shot through the head and her body was found in the yard of the Bingham home, near a well; her daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Black, 35, was found lying in a pool of blood in her room on the second floor of the home with a bullet hole in her head. Mrs. Black's adopted son, nine years of age, was found near the back of the house, his forehead having been pierced by a bullet at close range; Mrs. Black's other adopted son, five years of age, evidently tried to escape from his assailant for he was found near a fence in the back yard with a bullet wound in his head. He died about five o'clock in the morning. The body of the other member of the family L. S. Bingham, 40 years of age, son of Mrs. L. S. Bingham, was found today about 11 o'clock in the woods about one-half mile from the house lying in an obscure spot surrounded by bushes with a wound in his right temple. His hand was holding a revolver in which there were two bullets.

An inquest is being held but the report of the jury has not been received.

The family had long been prominent in this section of the state, the father having been a member of both branches of the South Carolina general assembly and at one time was a candidate for Congress.

E. D. Bingham, brother of the dead man, and his family, consisting of his wife and two children, had recently moved to South Carolina from Georgia or Alabama and were occupying rooms in the home. They were out driving and no one seems to have witnessed the shooting. E. D. Bingham, returning about 3 o'clock in the afternoon was the first one on the scene and with the assistance of a rural mail carrier carried the body of Mrs. Bingham into the house.—Associated Press in Greensboro News.

The Ups and Downs of Balloon-Racing

Balloon racing is regarded by its devotees as the most sublime sport in the world. In no other way, they say, do human guessing and pure science blend so delightfully to produce thrills. Contrary to the ideas of the uninitiated, a floating balloon is not the helpless object it seems, driven hither and yon by irresponsible breezes. In all but the foulest weather it is subject to the will of the operator as to both speed and direction. The control is managed by changing air-levels. While a gentle northerly breeze may blow at a thousand feet, there may be a brisk westerly one at a higher altitude, and the wise balloonist throws out a little ballast and rises to take advantage of it if he wants to go faster and change his course. It is in his skill in raising and lowering his craft that the air yachtsman demonstrates both his science and his ability as a guesser. What lends excitement to the game, however, is the large and delightful element of chance that enters into it. No amount of science or skill at guessing it seems, will overcome the obstacle of perverse luck.—Literary Digest.

M. E. Baraca Drive

The Smithfield M. E. Baraca Class has on a drive now. It is a drive for an increase of membership. The class is divided and is under the leadership of two captains—Messrs R. F. Smith and Lloyd Ranson. The appeal for membership is extended to every young man in the Smithfield who is not a member of the class or some other Sunday School. The class believes that its a good way to start the new year right by enlisting under the banner of the Sunday School.

The Missing Blush

He told the shy maid of his love,
The color left her cheeks;
But on the shoulder of his coat
It showed for several weeks.

SMITHFIELD HIGHS PLAY BASKET BALL

Win 2 Games out of Three; Play Benson, Clayton And Orphanage

Benson High school took a 24-19 victory by defeating Smithfield High in Benson Tuesday. The Benson boys had things their way for the first part of the game. One Benson boy did practically all their shooting and they lead at the end of the period 16 to 7. The second half showed Smithfield in better shape and gaining steadily and making four points more than their opponents. The game ended all too soon for the visitors whose chances were growing every minute.

The following is the line-up of the two teams and scores made by each player:

Smithfield	Benson.
Ellington, 1, rf	Parker, lg
Caudill, 4, lf and rg	Crech rg
Stephenson, 6, c	Stone 6, c
Godwin, rg and lf	Hudson 16 lf
Wharton, 8, lg	Johnson, 2 rf
Foul goals Stone for Benson made 2; and Ellington for Smithfield 1.	

Referee: C. C. Wheeler. Smithfield and Benson have defeated each other once each, and another game will be arranged to play off the tie.

The local High school basket ball team won from Clayton here Wednesday night by the score of 30-6. Only one Clayton player was able to score a point while every player used by Smithfield made scores from the field. The game was a run-away from the start, the locals winning the halves 10 to 2 and 20 to 4. The two teams are now tied, each team having won one game from the other.

The following is a line-up of the two teams and scores made by each.

Smithfield	Clayton.
Ellington 4, rf	Bagley lg
Godwin 4, lf	Hinnant lg
Caudill 2, lf	Baucum, rg
Stephenson 8, c	Stuart c
Davis 4, rg	Massey 6, lf
Wharton 8, lg	Gulley rf.
Foul goals: Ellington (Smithfield) 2.	

Referees: John White Ives and Kenneth Parrish.

Smithfield High school basket ball team defeated the team from the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh here last Friday night by the score of 26-20. This was the first time the two teams had met and the game was a lively struggle, especially during the last half. The local boys carried things along at first making the score 16-7 when the half closed. The Orphanage team made several shifts in their line up in the last half and came close to taking the game. Their rush soon gave them a one point lead but Smithfield regained their feet and later ran the score up with four field and two foul goals winning by a 6 point margin.

The following is the lineup of the two teams:

Ellington 8, rf	Herman lg.
Godwin lf	Bruce lg
Caudill 8, lf	McLean rg.
Stephenson 10, c	Chappell 4, c.
Davis rg	King 6 lf.
Wharton lg	McCreedy 2, rf.
Foul goals: Ellington (Smithfield) 4; Chappell (R. M. O.) 2.	

Substitution for R. M. O. McCreedy (8) to center; Chappell to rf.

Referee: Kenneth Parrish.

Orchestra for Smithfield Baptist Sunday School

An eleven piece orchestra was organized last week by members of the Baptist Sunday School, the following young men to take part: Messrs Burlin Jones, Maurice Biggs, Norman Humphrey, Erwin Pittman, Bill Dupree, Lawrence Stancil, James Davis, William Booker, Lyndon Jordan, J. W. Phillips, and Roy Gordan.

As soon as the instruments arrive and a director secured, the orchestra will begin practice, with the idea of making the music an attractive feature of the Sunday School.

Gin Report

Cotton reporter for this county, D J. Yelvington, of Clayton, announces that prior to January 1, 1921, there were 47,605 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county, as compared with 45,090 prior to January 1, 1920.

ORGAN RECITAL AT CLAYTON CHURCH

Dr. Hubert Poteat of Wake Forest Gives Program to Large Congregation

The people of Clayton had an unusual opportunity Sunday evening to listen to a musical program rendered by Dr. Hubert Poteat, of Wake Forest at the Baptist church. A new pipe organ has just been installed, and the initial service after installation was the occasion of the recital. The church was packed to its utmost capacity, people from the surrounding country and neighboring towns being present to hear Dr. Poteat, who is famed as a musician over this state and even beyond the borders of North Carolina.

His exquisite touch called forth strains which produced a wonderful effect upon his audience, that in itself being an evidence of his unusual skill. Possessing a voice of beautiful lyric quality, three selections on the program were vocal. The entire program rendered was as follows:

1. Marche Triumphale...Lemmens
2. (a) Cradle Song...Spinney
(b) The Answer...Wolstenholme
3. Vocal Solo—The Lord is My Light...Alltzen
4. Grand March, from "Aida"...Verdi
5. (a) In the Morning, from "Peer Gynt"...Grieg
(b) Improvisation.
6. Hallelujah Chorus, from "The Messiah"...Handel
7. Vocal Solo—Lead, Kindly Light...Poteat
8. (a) Largo, from "Xerxes"...Handel
(b) Introduction to "Faust"...Gounod
9. War March, from "Rienzi"...Wagner
10. Vocal Solo—Recessional...DeKoven
11. Overture to "William Tell," Parts 3 and 4...Rossini

FOUR OAKS NEWS

Four Oaks, Jan. 15.—Mrs. F. E. Oliver has moved to Benson where she will live with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Britt. We regret very much that Mrs. Oliver has left us and her many friends here hope her stay in Benson will be pleasant.

Mr. O. F. Blankenship attended the High School Teachers' Meeting in Smithfield last Saturday.

Mrs. Leslie Hudson and children spent the last weekend in Dunn with relatives and friends.

Mr. W. J. Woodard returned last week from a visit to Sanford and other points in Florida.

On last Monday evening from seven until ten Mrs. Carson Adams entertained the Methodist Philathea class. The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Adams, who ushered them into the hall where little Misses Oma Adams and Alene Williams served punch. From the hall the ladies were invited in the parlor. Here the business part of the meeting was held after which several games and contests were indulged in. One contest consisted of spelling as many new words from "January" in five minutes as possible. Misses Catherine Wilson and Annie Ford tied for the prize having made thirteen apiece. Miss Wilson drew the lucky straw and was awarded the prize. Boiled custard and cake were later served. The guests soon departed declaring Mrs. Adams a charming hostess. Those enjoying Mrs. Adams' hospitality were: Mesdames F. B. Craven, L. A. Adams, C. H. Wellons, G. K. Massengill, J. A. Keene, W. C. Oliver, R. B. Strickland, and G. W. Massengill, Misses Mattie Pierce, Catherine Wilson, Mildred Allen, Caroline Fitzgerald, Gladys Adams, Katie Allen, Maggie Tart, Floreid Woodard, and Annie Ford.

Mr. Hunter Creech, of New York City is in town visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Creech.

Mr. Nathan Keene returned Friday after visiting in Richmond for several days.

Dies From Loss of Arms.

Grady Williams, of High Falls, near Sanford, died Tuesday night, having had the misfortune to have both his arms sawed off in a saw mill. The shock and loss of blood caused his death. His arms were severed above the elbows.