

## A Statewide Interest In Acts Of Special Session

### Two Referendums to be Voted on at November Elections as Result of Measures Submitted to People by the General Assembly This Month

Raleigh, Aug. 25. The general election in November will be one in which referendums, as well as candidates, will be voted upon, as the results of the legislation enacted by the General Assembly, which was called into extraordinary session by Governor Morrison for the purpose of acting upon the report of the State Ship and Water Transportation Commission authorized by the 1923 general assembly, and to correct an error in the original amendment to the Constitution, providing for the insolvency of the Sinking Fund, which was passed at the 1923 session.

The General Assembly, after passing favorably upon the matters it was called to consider, adjourned, since die, at noon Saturday, after being in session exactly 100 days and one hour. Though it was the shortest extra session that the North Carolina General Assembly has held in many years, much important state-wide legislation was enacted and a mass of local bills were handled.

Even national legislation was affected at this session, when the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution, giving Congress power to regulate the employment of miners under 18 years of age, was almost unanimously rejected.

Governor Morrison sent the proposed amendment to the Senate by special messenger on Thursday afternoon and at the same time Senator Harris, of Wake County, introduced a resolution providing for the postponement of its consideration until the 1925 session. Both were referred to the judiciary committee and made a special order for business for that night. The committee reported unfavorably on both and offered a substitute, providing for the rejection of the proposed amendment. The substitute was passed by the Senate by a vote of 24 to 10 and the next day met the same fate in the House by a vote of 57 to 7.

The chief objection to the proposed Federal amendment, as expressed by the members of both houses was that it interfered with states' rights and had no regard for the needs of the respective states, especially those of the agricultural section.

**Issues in Referendum**  
Questions that will be submitted to the people by referendum at the November election are:

The ratification of the act, known as the Port Commission Bill, that provides for the establishment of ship and water transportation along the coast of North Carolina; creates a port commission to direct the affairs; and authorizes the State Treasurer to issue \$8,500,000 in bonds to procure funds for this purpose. Only \$7,000,000 of the appropriation will be used for the construction of ports and terminals while the remaining \$1,500,000 will be held in reserve for the construction of a merchant ship line, should it be deemed necessary for the success of the project.

The proposed amendment to the State Constitution, relative to the insolvency of the sinking fund, allowing the use of revenue, collected from the tax on an automobile and the sale of gasoline, for the retirement of highway bonds.

The Patterson bill, which provides for an increase of the salary of the members of the General Assembly from \$4 per day to \$10 per day. This, too, is a constitutional amendment.

The proposed amendment to the State Constitution, which would allow the owners of a mortgaged homestead, valued at more than \$8,000 to list only half the value of the value of the mortgage for taxation and the mortgage holder listing the other half and changing the present rate of interest of five and one-half percent on the mortgage to the full local rate of 4 percent.

The Soldier Homestead act, introduced by Representative Frank Grist of Caldwell and passed by the 1923 regular session, which provides for the issuance by the Treasurer of \$2,000,000 in bonds to secure funds to be lent for the purchase of homes, in sums not to exceed \$2,500, to soldiers of the World War, who are residents of North Carolina.

When Governor Morrison addressed the General Assembly in joint session on the first day that it was in extraordinary session, August 7 last, he asked that the Port Commission bill be submitted to the people. An attempt was made to have the referendum clause, as written in the bill by Attorney General Manning, stricken out. After several days of debate the amendment was voted upon and was defeated. Numerous other amendments were offered, but all failed and the bill will go

## ITALIAN FLIER RESCUED SUNDAY

(By The Associated Press.)  
On Board Cruiser Richmond, East of Cape Fearwell, Greenland, Aug. 25.—The Richmond rescued Lieutenant Locatelli, missing Italian aviator, at 11:30 o'clock last night. He was picked up 125 miles east of Cape Fearwell. The Italian flier and his companions were not injured although worn out with fatigue.

Motor trouble had forced Locatelli to come down on the water during his flight Thursday from Reykjavik, Iceland, and his plane, after drifting 100 miles, was destroyed and his wish was complied with.

## DAWES AT PLYMOUTH

Plymouth, Vt. Aug. 25.—Charles W. Dawes, Republican Vice Presidential candidate, will confer with President Coolidge here today at the President's request.

## BURIAL HERE MONDAY

The body of Fred Thompson, of Norfolk, formerly of this city, arrived on the 11 o'clock train from Norfolk Monday morning and interment was made in Hollywood cemetery. Mr. Thompson had been ill for some time with a leaking heart and is survived by his wife, one son, Paul Thompson, three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Boone, Mrs. Allen March and Miss Mary Frances Thompson, all of Norfolk, and three sisters, Mrs. Della Chandler of this city, Mrs. W. N. Child and Miss Minnie Thompson of Atlanta, New York. Mr. Thompson was buried by the Masons and Odd Fellows.

## FLIERS AT VIQTUT

Washington, Aug. 25.—Dispatches received here today told of the arrival by the world fliers at Iqviut, Greenland.

W. H. Stinson, the "Book of Knowledge Man," is in the city for a few days. He is stopping at Duke Inn.

## STOP LAW AMENDED

The highways of the State received considerable attention during the session. The North Carolina Stop Law was amended so as to require automobiles to stop at crossings where there are four or more trains daily and to allow arresting officers to take \$10 cash bail for the appearance of the alleged violator. The prior law had provided for vehicles to stop at all railroad crossings.

The Highway Commission was empowered to increase the salary of the chairman to any amount up to \$15,000 annually. It was enacted that it shall be a misdemeanor to be intoxicated on the State highways. It was also classed as a misdemeanor to break off limbs or damage trees and shrubbery along the highways and provisions were made for the closing of county highways while under construction. A penalty was fixed for "Road Hogs," for those who plow over the top of the property of others including automobiles without the consent of the owners.

The Blue Sky law was amended abolishing the fee paid to the Insurance Commissioner on the sale of certain insurance and security licenses. The bill to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary to \$5,500 was defeated.

The board of education, which holds a lien on Mattamuskeet Lake in Hyde County, was authorized to purchase the lands included in the lien. The Woodson West bill providing for the inspection of meats in packing houses which handle more than 1,000 beef cattle or 10,000 hogs yearly was ratified. A bill prohibiting the distribution of obscene literature was passed.

The two houses passed favorably upon the bill authorizing the erection of a new \$500,000 State office building opposite the Capitol for the housing of the auto license department; providing treatment for indigent tubercular patients; increasing the pensions of blind Confederate veterans to \$300 annually; to allow boards of county commissioners to issue bonds without votes of the people for highway construction, bridge building and school erection; appropriating \$25,000 for the State School for the Blind; and empowering corners to issue warrants and requiring that protracted inquests be taken by stenographers.

Bills also were passed requiring the Insurance Commissioner to appoint deputies to investigate forest fires; appropriating \$1,500 for a pedestal for the Sycock monument on Capitol Square; and fixing the fee for serving summonses from one county to another at one dollar.

## PRINCE OF WALES IS BOXING ON THE WAY

Aboard the Berengaria, Aug. 25.—The Prince of Wales en route for a holiday in America is not going to get out of condition crossing the Atlantic. Today he boxed, took a Turkish bath and indulged in a good swim.

## LESS MONEY MIGHT HAVE SAVED BOYS

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Character analysis based on heredity and environment was the theme of Clarence B. Darrow today as he pleaded anew before Judge Cavery for the lives of Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, Jr. Their parents might have done better if they had not had money, he said.

## PACKING HOUSE IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

Trenton, N. J. Aug. 25.—Wilson and Company, one of the large packing establishments, has been placed in the hands of a receiver on complaint of Maurice L. Klein of Newark Vice Chancellor Backus has temporarily appointed State Banking Commissioner Edward Maxson, receiver.

Klein charges that the concern is indebted to various banking institutions for nearly \$30,000,000 and has a funded debt outstanding of \$4,000,000.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Wilson & Company, Incorporated, Chicago packers, will contest the receivership proceedings begun at Trenton today. Thomas M. Wilson, president, said today.

## HAD NINE ACRE CROP OF SWEET POTATOES

Powell's Point, Aug. 25.—D. E. Montague of this place has shipped 400 barrels of potatoes from here this season. He has received from \$4 to \$7 per barrel from them. Mr. Montague had nine acres of sweets under cultivation this year.

## FUNERAL OF INVENTOR IS HELD AT RICHMOND

Richmond, Aug. 25.—Funeral services of George P. Finnigan, inventor and sportsman, who died at Binghamton, New York, were held here today.

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## Klan Issue Eliminated But Not Yet Squelched

### Speech of John W. Davis at Seagirt Marks Turning Point in Campaign, but Ku Klux Fight Will Still be Waged Locally in Many of the States

By DAVID LAWRENCE  
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Washington, Aug. 25.—The Ku Klux Klan issue which rocked the Democratic National Convention and has kept the party quivering ever since has been deposited by John W. Davis on the doorstep of President Coolidge and the Republican party.

The speech of Mr. Davis at Seagirt, New Jersey, in which he denounced the Klan by name is said to mark even at this early date a turning point in the campaign. There are few observers here who doubt that President Coolidge will meet it squarely. In fact, the expectation has been all along that the President would at the proper time come out in denunciation of the Klan.

Senator La Follette has already condemned the Klan and Mr. Davis in his invitation to the President to join him in removing the troublesome Klan issue from this campaign has taken a step which many Republicans and Democrats now feel will serve to eliminate the whole controversy so far as the Presidential candidates are concerned.

But it will not squelch the issue locally. There are many states in which the Klan is conducting an active campaign and there is no doubt that the national ticket will be to some extent affected by the local quarrels. Until Mr. Davis denounced the Klan by name he was regarded by some of his own Democratic friends as inclined to avoid being specific. His speech at Seagirt applying a religious test in making appointments if elected was satisfactory to many of the Democratic leaders but the rank and file would not be satisfied with anything less than an explicit denunciation in unequivocal terms.

The state of New Jersey just now is seething with Klan discussion. The Democratic party in New Jersey is bitter anti-Klan and showed its feeling plainly at the Madison Square Garden convention. Mr. Davis selected New Jersey as the place for his anti-Klan speech because it would have greatest effect there and would be received favorably too in the neighboring state of New York.

Mr. Davis' decision to name the Klan specifically was not unexpected.

## CLARKE IS TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

E. E. Clark who came to Elizabeth City following the World War and opened a typewriter repair shop, representing himself as a former army V. M. C. A. secretary and Boy Scout executive, but who was given terms in the penitentiary aggregating 16 1/2 years last week when he offered a plea of guilty in two cases to a charge of a crime against nature and in three cases of an attempt to commit a criminal attack upon a girl under the age of 12 years, was taken to Raleigh to begin his term Sunday night by Deputy Sheriff Pritchard.

Where Clarke came from originally nobody in Elizabeth City knows. He represented himself as having a sister in Pennsylvania and having lost his mother in that state since his stay here. He claimed to have resided in the Middle West and various other sections of the country, coming to Elizabeth City from a short stay in Plymouth and Hertford.

Though Clarke's sentences totaled 16 1/2 years, he will be a free man if he lives to the age of 110 years; as the two 60 year sentences imposed upon him for crimes against nature and the three 15 year sentences imposed for attempted criminal attacks are all to run concurrently.

The prisoners sentenced to the roads at last week's term of Superior Court have not yet been called for by Hertford County authorities.

## TEXAS HAS ONLY WOMAN GOVERNOR

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Miriam Ferguson, wife of Jim Ferguson, governor of Texas who was impeached, was nominated in Saturday's primary by nearly 100,000 majority.

The Democratic nomination in Texas is usually equivalent to election and she will be America's first woman governor.

## SAW PEACH ORCHARD TWO THOUSAND ACRES

C. W. Melick has returned from a month trip during which he purchased lands in New York City for the P. W. Melick Company and also enjoyed a lot of vacation.

"I was reading in The Advance about a 300 acre peach orchard yesterday," said Mr. Melick Saturday morning, "but I saw one of 2,000 acres near Ocean City, Maryland. They shipped eight carloads the day I visited the orchard and sold 20. It was a beautiful sight, and one of the most interesting things about the big orchard was that the owner had started out with practically nothing but the idea that he could raise peaches. Today he doesn't have to try to find a market for his peaches. Buyers are waiting to secure such a fine product and he can get his own price."

## OWEN YOUNG TO HEAD DAWES PLAN

Paris, Aug. 25.—Owen B. Young of New York is to serve temporarily as agent general under the Dawes reparation plan, probably three months, during which time he will get the staff organized and break in a permanent successor.

## HARRINGER SCHOOL BEGINS FALL TERM SEPTEMBER 1

Harringer, Aug. 25.—The Harringer school opens here on September 1. Miss Mary Tyson of Wadesboro is principal and she will teach the fifth and sixth grades. Miss Myra Bridgman of Swan Quarter will teach the third and fourth grades while Miss Annie Hollowell of Aurora will teach the first and second grades.

## REPORT SHOWS THE FARMERS UP BAD

Washington, Aug. 25.—The Department of Agriculture yesterday issued a statement showing that the farmers of the nation have been making no profit for the last six years and scarcely making as much as the ordinary hired man.

## HARRIS-VIVLES

Miss Lavinia Seville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vivles, and Mr. Dennis Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quanton Harris, both of this city were quietly married Saturday night at 8 o'clock by Rev. E. F. Sawyer at his home, 208 Pearl street. Those who witnessed the marriage were Mrs. L. L. Richardson of Norfolk and Miss Eula Mae Sawyer.

## CITES CAROLINA ON PORT IMPROVEMENT

Danville, Va., Aug. 25.—Declaring that Virginia has done "absolutely nothing" to develop and exploit the possibilities of Hampton Roads, State Senator Alfred C. Smith of Norfolk County in an address prepared for delivery today before the annual State Convention of the American Legion, called upon this body to educate seaport development.

In his address he referred to the steps taken by North Carolina to improve port facilities.

## NINE KILLED AND CHURCH WRECKED

New Orleans, Aug. 25.—Nine persons were killed yesterday when a tornado demolished a church at Patrick, Louisiana.

## PROMISE FINE ROAD TO COASTAL HIGHWAY FERRY

Edenton, Aug. 25.—Crews started laying asphalt on the Bolton Bridge Road Saturday morning at five o'clock. In addition to this two other contractors have men at work in the extension of this road, who promise a fine road to the Coastal Highway Ferry in two weeks of good weather. A short detour by the way of the Wild Cat Road is necessary while this work is going on, but the detour is good and the signs everywhere point the way.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 25.—Spot cotton closed quiet today with 115 points advance; middling 26.45. Futures, closing bid: October 24.42, December 24.02, January 24.00, March 24.35, May 24.53, trading.

New York, Aug. 25.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 24.50; Dec. 24.10, Jan. 24.22, March 24.50, May 24.50.

## American Tourist Horde Is Now On The Way Home

### Having Laid More Than Billion Dollars in the Lap of Europe, Greatest Force America Has Sent Over Since Pershing Led Them Is Returning

By HARVEY ANDERSON  
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## DISTRICT W. O. W. HERE THURSDAY

New York, Aug. 25.—Having laid something more than a billion dollars in the lap of Europe, the great American tourist horde is headed back for the United States.

Seventeen liners have sailed within the past 24 hours from Cherbourg, Southampton and other European ports, bearing the returning vanguard of the greatest force that America has sent to foreign soil since Pershing took his expeditionary soldiers across.

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## Arrangements for Program Completed Monday on Visit Here of District Manager Kiff

Twenty counties and 100 camps represented with 300 delegates in attendance is the expectation of district officers of the Woodmen of the World for the district meeting to be held in Elizabeth City on Thursday, August 28.

A. O. Kiff of Ahoskie, district manager, was in the city Monday conferring with members of the local committee and completing arrangements for the program.

On the program Elizabeth City is well represented, Mayor W. Ben Goodwin being down for the address of welcome, Dr. T. S. McMullan, W. O. W. physician, for the response, and C. R. Pugh for the oration. These addresses will all be features of the opening session to be held at the "Arkams" Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. The afternoon session will be a business meeting and this will be held, beginning at 2:30 p. m. in the W. O. W. hall in the Kramer Building.

Between the opening session and the business session in the afternoon luncheon will be served at the W. O. W. banquet hall.

This meeting was brought to Elizabeth City by the Elizabeth City delegation headed by T. T. Turner at the last district meeting at Aulander after a sharp fight with Tarboro which was exceedingly anxious to capture this meeting.

Most of the delegates are expected to come to Elizabeth City by automobile and they are being routed here over the Coastal Highway.

District officers of the order are: T. T. Turner, Elizabeth City, president; Mrs. Bernard Allbrook, Scotland Neck, vice president; Bernard Allbrook, Scotland Neck, secretary and treasurer; A. O. Kiff, Ahoskie, district manager; Mrs. W. G. Woodard, Rocky Mount, district manager.

A big feature of the program for Thursday morning will be music by the Elizabeth City Boy's Band.

The program in full follows: Overture by orchestra; opening ode by delegates and orchestra; invocation by Rev. R. E. Hall, saxophone solo by L. R. Foreman, Jr.; address of welcome by W. Ben Goodwin, Mayor; Response by Dr. T. S. McMullan, W. O. W. physician; violin solo by Robert Keating, Jr.; oration by C. R. Pugh; selection by orchestra; closing ode by delegates and orchestra; benediction by Rev. E. F. Sawyer.

Following are counties which are expected to be represented at the meeting: Currituck, Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimans, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Pitt, Green, Wilson, Wake, Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, Dare, Johnston.

## NATIONAL PARTY DISAPPROVE PLAN

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Dr. Herzt, German national party leader, today informed the reichstag that his party disapproved of the reparations agreement reached at London and would oppose all bills designed to put it into effect.

The new accommodation for school teachers and students has made traveling so cheap for them that accommodations might be had for as low as \$180 a round trip. On the other hand, suites may be had up to \$10,000.

Mountain resorts of New England have felt the pinch of the "on to Europe" movement. A New Yorker who returned from the White Mountains recently brought the story that a hotel that can accommodate 500 guests had only 30 registered. The beach resorts have been similarly hit, depending chiefly upon the nearby trade.

No estimate of what the tourist season costs is available of course. It would run into ten figures, if one could count what the card sharps on the European lanes take away from the gullible American on vacation. They have had a feast this summer, although two or three of the more noted, including the "Nevada Kid" have come to grief at the hands of the shtp dealers.

The Germans have profited by the season more directly than they have since their ships were interned before the war. There seems to be no prejudice against travel on the palatial "Columbus" of the North German Lloyd line, which is a sister ship of the "Hromeric," now operated by a British line. The Columbus has been carrying full passenger lists both ways. This is the first season German passenger ships have operated to American ports since the war.

## PEGGY FILES SUIT

New York, Aug. 25.—Separation suit papers finally have been served upon Count Gosta Morner of Sweden and Chicago by his countess of a few months formerly Peggy Hopkins Joyce, it became known here today.

## VOICES TOLD HER TO KILL HERSELF

Richmond, Aug. 25.—Elizabeth Nelson, aged 39, formerly of Henderson, North Carolina, today attempted suicide here by cutting her throat. "Voices kept telling me to kill myself" she said. She is expected to recover.

## THIRD START ON SECURING JURY

Spottsylvania, Va., Aug. 25.—A third start toward securing a jury to try Charles B. Kendall, charged with slaying Dr. Robert L. Powell, was made here today, a venire of 40 having been called from Alexandria to supply the ten places remaining in the panel. The first evidence may be taken late today.

## TWO KILLED IN SUNDAY ACCIDENT

Henderson, Aug. 25.—C. L. Higgins and Lawrence Hilliard, both of Norfolk, were killed in an auto accident near here Sunday.