

## ELECTION LAWS ON CALENDAR OF ASSEMBLY NOW

Date Changes in Primaries, Australian Ballot, Judicial Reform Measures Coming Up This Week

### ON LAST THIRD

Legislature Starts on Business Part of Session Expecting to Finish the Second Week in March

Raleigh, Feb. 14. — (AP)—Proposed changes in court procedure and in the election laws will be before both Houses of the General Assembly on entering the last third of its 60 days biennial session tonight.

Both Houses had recessed from Saturday noon over the week-end in conclusion of the sixth week of business. Favorable committee report on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park project and the bridge project over the Cape Fear River bridge at Wilmington project and hearing on the North Carolina Bible League Anti-Evolution bill brought Major legislation closer to the two House halls proper.

The Smokies two million dollar appropriation question was set for consideration in the House Thursday night.

In the Senate tomorrow the compromise committee bill giving the Highway Commission authority to locate roads, comes in with favorable report.

Senator Walter Woodson, Senate finance committee chairman, said the revenue bill would be reported out probably Friday.

Report to the education committee of both Houses from subcommittee on supplying revenue for school terms was due early this week.

Meanwhile, with little or no Statewide Legislation finally enacted, the beginning of the seventh week saw 30 public bills on the House calendar, and on the Senate 18. Tomorrow the joint election committee had the Australian, or secret, ballot bill, amended, before it for disposal.

Tonight's calendar had the Cannady bill to change date of primary elections from June to August for consideration in the Senate, and the House had the judicial reform measure to shake up the present jury selection system for vote. Other judicial conference measures, suggested by jurists of the State recently, were to be considered in special House meeting this Thursday night.

On tonight's House calendar also was the Creekmore bill, sponsored by the State Parent-Teachers' Association to increase the age limit from 14 to 16 years for compulsory school attendance of all children who have not completed the eighth grade.

Southern Power Company counsel maintained passage of the Winston bill by the General Assembly would curtail hydro-electric development. The measure, introduced at the latest House session, aimed through taxation to raise a million dollars State revenue annually, would cost the company from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 annually. It was maintained.

Both Houses have been in session for 40 legislative days, which, Lieutenant Governor Long said, includes Sundays since convening January 5, with adjournment in the second week of March in sight.

The Winston bill passed by the General Assembly Saturday is based on a suggestion made in pre-legislative days on taxing electric energy for a new source of revenue. The idea was first broached by George Ross, head of the bureau of marketing.

## HOUSE SENTIMENTAL IF NOT SO MUSICAL

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Members of the House of Representatives care more for their sentiment than for expert musical opinion. They showed this in their vote on adopting the "Old North State" as the official State song.

The gallery was full of young school girls when the bill was called on special order, and Judge F. D. Winston, the introducer, made a flowing speech.

Harrison, Yelverton, Wayne, raised the only word against the song, which was written by Judge William Gaston and sponsored for State honors by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. He presented opinions of musical experts at three colleges. All agreed that the words and music composed little more than a "ditty" and were unworthy of exaltation. He expressed himself as strenuously against the thing.

The gallery assumed a horrified stare. Judge Winston quailed. But in the voting the Wayne lawmaker's "No" was alone in a chamber of "Ayes."

## Praying Prevents Divorce Declares New York Bishop

Charlotte, Feb. 14. — (AP)—Prayer is the greatest preventative of divorce the Right Reverend David L. Ferris, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York said here last night in an address marking the opening here of the Bishop's Crusade in North Carolina.

"The Crusade, designed to bring about 'rededication and reconsecration of the lives of members of the Protestant Episcopal church to their duties as Christians.' The Right Reverend E. A. Penick of Charlotte, bishop of the Western North Carolina Diocese, and Reverend Charles A. McAllister, executive secretary of the Newark, N. J. Diocese participated in a series of services.

"There is no greater need in America than the family altar," asserted Bishop Ferris in his address. "You don't have divorces in homes where a man and his wife are accustomed to kneel down together in prayer. Boys and girls who come from a home where there is a family altar will be the saviors of the nation. God help the nation if the leaders of the future do not come from Christian homes."

## Dry Law Offender Again In Trouble

Charged with a second violation of the Turlington Act while out on bail awaiting trial in Superior Court for an alleged first offense, Freeman Hassell, colored, living on Factor street, was sentenced to four months in jail in recorder's court Monday morning as the aftermath of a police foray on his home early Sunday night.

Officers testified they found about a gallon of liquor in the house, adding that Hassell's wife, Martha, was caught in the act of trying to hide one fruit jar of liquor under the bed clothes. She was fined \$5 and costs, being let off somewhat lightly because of the court's belief that Hassell himself was the principal offender, and because, too, she was in delicate health.

Hassell noted an appeal and was sent to jail in default of \$250 bond. He drew a four months' sentence after having been found guilty after a similar police raid several weeks ago, in which a considerable quantity of liquor was declared to have been found hidden beneath a stairway in his home. The latest raid was staged by Chief of Police Holmes and Officers Harris and Houghton.

When they made their latest visit, the police stated they found a number of colored men in the house, glasses on the table, and other indications that Hassell was running a "speakeasy" for thirty fellow members of his race. There is much visiting at the Hassell home by both men and women, they declared.

Clarence Small, colored, was fined \$5 and costs upon submission on a charge of being drunk. Johnnie Bell and Johnnie Coppersmith, both living in lower Pasquotank County, were fined \$5 and costs each upon submission on an affray charge. Officers testified they engaged in a little combat in the downtown section Sunday afternoon, but were separated before damage was done. Both expressed regret over the incident, and gave assurance they had made up and harbored no ill feelings.

## Million Dollar Fire Brought Under Control

Bangor, Me., Feb. 14.—(AP)—A \$1,000,000 fire that threatened the entire business district of this city and destroyed four large buildings was brought under control early today after a four hour battle in which calls for assistance were sent to many surrounding cities and towns.

## MRS. COPELAND ILL

Mrs. Sarah Copeland, the mother of A. C. Copeland, 607 Broad street, is very ill at a Portsmouth hospital. Little hope is held out for her recovery.

## GRAHAM AND KIRBY ZIG-ZAG THROUGH TWENTY MILES MUD

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 14.—(AP)—The steady chop and cлик of Joe Graham's driver and the call of his voluntary caddy, Happy Kirby, today succeeded the cheery calls of 100 admirers who sped him from Mobile yesterday on his project to drive a golf ball to California.

Graham has thus far zig-zagged a 20 mile course through a sea of mud, passing motorists reported, and went steadily forward yesterday until darkness halted his progress. No count has been reported as to how many of his estimated 1,500,000 strokes the Alabama sportsman had consumed in his day's advance toward Los Angeles.

## Cal's New Landlady



Consider yourself presented to Mrs. Elmer Schlesinger, owner of the Washington residence which President and Mrs. Coolidge are to occupy while the White House is undergoing repairs this spring. A daughter of the late Robert W. Patterson, Mrs. Schlesinger was formerly the Countess Glivcka. The sea Rocky Mountain trophies of her experience with the rifle adorn the walls of the temporary White House.

## OTTO WOOD \$500 TO BE DIVIDED

And Effort Made to Extradite One-Armed Outlaw from Terre Haute

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—First step for return of Otto Wood, North Carolina's one-armed outlaw, was taken today when George Pou, State prison superintendent, presented papers to Governor McLean for his signing, extraditing the notorious criminal from Indiana.

Mr. Pou was assured of the Governor's signature to the papers before he presented them. The superintendent did not plan to go to Terre Haute, Indiana, personally, to present the papers to the Indiana governor.

If the Hoosier governor honors the papers, Wood will be returned to prison here after his third escape. His last jailbreak here occurred last November.

The \$500 offered by North Carolina for Wood's return will be left to Indiana authorities to award, Mr. Pou said. It appeared from here likely that the amount would be split between the drug-lair in Terre Haute who shot Wood down last month when he attempted single-handed robbery of a drug store and the officers who made his arrest a little later.

Wood's record, photograph, fingerprints, description, charges against him and alias, were received from the Indiana jail by authorities here.

Charges against the notorious criminal, since his confinement here December, 1923, for murder of A. W. Kaplan, Greensboro pawnbroker, include: Three escapes from State prison here, added to his record of two escapes from Ohio and Tennessee jails previously; violation of the national auto theft act and the Virginia theft law; attempt to rob and assault with a deadly weapon under Indiana law.

It is understood here Wood will waive extradition and return rather than face 30 years sentence on the two Indiana charges.

Mr. Pou said he felt certain the other charges against him would not be pressed, that he had been advised the Federal Government would stand aside and that North Carolina would have prior right although Wood had escaped from Ohio and Tennessee jails before his conviction here.

Whether Wood, however, actually would fight extradition at the last moment remained to be determined in Indiana.

## STUDENT FLOGGED BY 5 MASKED MEN

Denver, Colo., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Ralph Batschelet, a leader in student affair at Denver University, was flogged today by five masked men following a severe fogging last night by five masked men.

Batschelet, also president of the sophomore class, said the men told him they beat him because the association had arranged a debate on marriage between Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the Denver juvenile court and Rev. Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, pastor of the Linwood Boulevard Christian Church of Kansas City.

Police also were informed that two other members of the association had been threatened. Morris M. Grupp, an attorney, and Miss Margaret Farlow, secretary of the association, had been threatened.

## MORE APPROVAL COOLIDGE PLAN OF DISARMAMENT

Reservations Expected From Italy and Japan When Official Word from These Countries

### ALREADY REDUCED

Japan Claims to Have Already Cut Down All Possible; and Italy Tells of New Naval Construction

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—President Coolidge's proposal for a disarmament conference on lighter Naval craft is receiving added impetus of approval.

While both semi-official pronouncement from Italy, hitherto silent on the plan, and a statement by the Japanese naval minister signify good will towards the initiative, there is, however, an indication that reservations on the President's plan will be forthcoming in the official replies of the two governments, as both nations claim their naval forces are on a minimum basis at present.

Wholehearted support of the President's proposal is voiced in a statement by the Federal council of churches in America, as represented by the members of churches, in Great Britain and France in favor of new disarmament scheme.

Published by the press a semi-official communique, which does not intend to anticipate the official answer, reveals that Italy will insist upon reservations for the protection of her interests.

"Italy, in view of her modest naval program," the communique said, "could never consent to measures endangering even indirectly her vital interests." The communique asserts there have been changes of facts about disarmament since the 1922 conference and charges several of the small and large powers which face the Mediterranean have "an accelerated program of naval construction."

"The Japanese naval authorities never will hesitate to participate in the American proposal," is the view of Navy Minister Teraoka, in a newspaper statement adding that it was premature for the official reply of his government. But, he claimed, Japan has reduced her naval forces to a "minimum for defensive purposes."

The Federal council of churches in its statement endorsed the President's proposal and calls upon the churches of Great Britain and France to stand "as a unit resolutely behind" Mr. Coolidge in his plan.

## ASK TO SUBSTITUTE FARM RELIEF BILL APPROVED BY SENATE

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Substitution of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill as passed by the Senate for its companion measure now before the House was recommended today by the House rules committee.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Friends of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill appeared today before the House rules committee to ask authority to substitute the bill as approved by the Senate for the companion measure now under consideration by the House.

After hearing Chairman Haugen of the agriculture committee, the rules group requested him to call a meeting of his committee and have it formally authorize a request that substitution be permitted.

Substitution of the Senate bill and its passage without amendment by the House would make unnecessary a conference report to the Senate and the constant danger of a filibuster against the measure there in the closing days of the session.

## EIGHT KILLED AND HOSPITAL STANDING ON SCENE OF WRECK

London, Feb. 14.—(AP)—At least eight passengers were killed and many injured when a train from Withersay struck an express train bound for Scarborough this morning. Six coaches of the Withersay train, in which were a number of school children and business men, were telescoped.

Beide the eight known dead about 30 persons were injured, 15 seriously. Among the injured were a number of school children, who displayed great pluck.

The trains collided head-on, with a force so great that houses in the neighborhood were shaken.

A hospital stands beside the spot where the wreck occurred.

ON HUNGER STRIKE  
Portland, Maine, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Benjamin H. Turner, convicted last Friday of the murder of James D. Hall, entered the fourth day of a hunger strike today as he awaited transfer to the state prison at Thomaston where he is to serve a life term.

## Four Large Stills Seized In Upper Camden County

First word has just been received here of a liquor raid in the Great Swamp section, some four miles above South Mills, Friday which resulted in the destruction of four large stills, and which is expected to reduce materially the flow of moonshine liquor from Northeastern North Carolina into Norfolk.

Three of the stills were of the 300-gallon variety, and the other was of 100 gallons capacity, according to the report received here. It is declared also that 7,000 to 10,000 gallons of mash were destroyed. No arrests were made. One of the plants is said to have been operated by two steam boilers.

These latest raids are taken as further evidence of greatly increased activity by Federal agents working in this section. They are declared to have been made by Dr. Agents J. J. London and J. F. Hatfield.

## Sunday Crap Game Ends In Encounter

Difficulties growing out of a crap game in "Pennsylvania" Sunday night resulted in the appearance of three negroes in recorder's court Monday morning, charged with participation in an affray, the defendants being Asbury Whitehurst, Ivey Tucker and Commodore McCleese. Whitehurst was fined \$20 and costs, McCleese \$10 and costs, and Tucker, who appeared to have been the worst sufferer from the battle, was let off upon payment of a fine of \$5 and costs.

According to the evidence, McCleese had the bones, and had a nine as his "point." Tucker bet Whitehurst and McCleese 25 cents each that McCleese wouldn't "pull" it. In other words, that he wouldn't roll a nine before he rolled a seven, and thereby lose both his bets and the dice.

Luck was with Commodore. He "pulled" his nine, and demanded payment of the bets. Trouble ensued immediately, with Whitehurst and McCleese joining forces against Tucker. When the warring ones had been separated, it was found that Tucker had sustained a cut in the left eyelid, which, however, did not injure the eye itself, and a rash on the right hand which required two stitches to close.

Whitehurst suffered a small cut on the left temple, and claimed also to have received a couple of minor stab wounds in the leg and stomach. McCleese was not hurt particularly.

## BILL YOUNG ESCAPES

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Bill Young, serving three to five years for larceny, escaped from the Four Oaks Prison road camp, State Prison Superintendent George Pou reported today.

Young, white, comes from Guilford County.

## Toys Keep Children Thinking Right Way

New York, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Toys, in the opinion of Mrs. Ida Cash, probation officer, are the best method of keeping children in the channels of clean, un-harmful thought.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS IN DANGER DROWNING IN THEIR LIBERTY

### DECLARES BEREKA PRESIDENT

Berea, Ky., Feb. 14.—(AP)—College students of today have so much liberty that they are in danger of drowning in it, President William J. Hutchins of Berea College said today, in expressing his opinion as to the character and extent of student self-government in American colleges.

"Our aim here at Berea is to give to the students, increasingly, as they advance in the course of study, constant participation in the government, asking them in their later years to frame and administer their own rules. But this is with the distinct understanding that every privilege involves responsibility. There is the further understanding that no course of action will be permitted which shall make it hard for the poor boy or girl from the Southern mountains—for whom Berea exists—to come here to study, and which shall make it unsafe for the father and mother of the mountains to send their sons and daughters here."

"Let some of our American students go to China and see juniors demanding graduating at the same time as seniors and see the total upset of curricula in the interest of a certain type of national government. That is radicalism which is at any rate interesting."

"Our students in all colleges have today so much liberty that they are in danger of drowning in it. They have liberty to think, liberty to write, clean cut, and incisive English. They have liberty to debate and live in the clean bracing atmosphere of research and invention."

"So long as students in our colleges had no more significant

## Scant Ceremony Marks Dumping of Wet Cargo Into Depths of River

### FRATERNAL BODY COMING TUESDAY

Member of Odd Fellows' Delegation to Address Kiwanians Tuesday Night

Final preparations are in progress here for the entertainment of State officials of the Order of Odd Fellows expected to arrive Tuesday afternoon for participation in special exercises in the hall of Achoree Lodge Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The officials expected are Grand Master R. L. Spaulding, of Asheville; Deputy Grand Master W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth; Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Southern Pines, Grand Secretary; and probably Charles H. Warren, superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Home at Goldsboro.

Assurance was received today from Dr. McBrayer that the delegation had accepted an invitation from the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club to attend the weekly luncheon of the club Tuesday night at 6:30 o'clock, and that at least one member of the party would deliver an address. He did not specify which member.

Visiting the Tarboro Odd Fellows Monday night, the delegation will arrive in Elizabeth City sometime Tuesday, and will remain until Thursday morning, going from here to Washington, N. C., for a similar program that night, and to New Bern Friday night. Dr. McBrayer is expected to address the Herford Rotary Club Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

M. P. Jennings, superintendent of schools in Pasquotank, announced today that he had arranged to have Dr. McBrayer deliver a series of health talks in the three high schools in the County Wednesday. Dr. McBrayer formerly was superintendent of the State institution for the treatment of tuberculosis at Sanatorium.

While in Elizabeth City, Grand Master Spaulding and others in the visiting delegation will be guests of members of Achoree Lodge. Officers of all the subordinate lodges of Odd Fellows in this part of State have been invited cordially to attend the meeting here Tuesday night. These officers will hold a preliminary conference in Achoree Hall Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

## LIKE HECK, IT WILL

Davenport, Iowa, Feb. 14.—(AP)—"To die will be a glorious adventure," wrote George W. Cannon, Jr., 14-year-old high school student found dead in his gas filled room today.

## SNYDER REINSTATED

Chicago, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Jack Snyder, formerly catcher for the New York Giants, who refused to report to the St. Louis Cardinals when transferred last year, was reinstated today by Kenesaw M. Landis, commissioner of baseball.

Nearly an hour was consumed in the wrecking of the liquor. "I'm pretty sure I didn't get a drop inside me," Coast Guardsman Tillet remarked today, "but the odor of it was so strong, it made me right weak and sleepy."

Whether the eight hundred-odd gallons of liquor reduced any of the fish thereabout to a state of morbidity could not be determined. Tillet said he didn't see any suspiciously sagging rippling, or other direct evidence that the fish had imbibed not wisely, but too well, but he hinted at a strong suspicion that some of them had.

The little launch will be held at the Coast Guard docks here pending probable confiscation at the April term of Federal Court. Before leaving last night, Mr. Duffy stated that the yacht Silver Spray, seized near Coislock recently with 2,500 gallons of liquor aboard, also will be brought here soon, pending similar procedure. The Silver Spray at present is in Hampton Roads, where it was taken at the time of the seizure.

A further hearing of the charges against Roughton and Lewis will be held before Commissioner Daily this afternoon at 4 o'clock. In that connection, Mr. Daily explained that that was necessary because one of the two prohibition officers who staged the raid had to guard the liquor Saturday, and therefore could not be present at the hearing at which bond for the two accused was set.

## NEGOTIATIONS OFF BETWEEN CANTONESE AND THE BRITISH

Hankow, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Negotiations are believed to have been completely broken off between the Cantonese (Nationalist) and British governments for an agreement as to the administration of the British concessions at Hankow and Kichiang. The agreement remained unsigned today after what is believed to have been the final conference.