

OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20 Members of the General Assembly turned their races homeward after fourteen days of arduous labor in the service of the state. Their going was delayed by another irregularity in the passage of the Municipal Finance Act which had to be started anew after an "unofficial" decision by the Supreme Court that an amendment exempting Madison county from the provisions of the bill had rendered the status of the measure questionable.

That it might be "on the safe side" the House on Friday recalled both the Municipal Finance Act and the Validating Act for school taxes from the Senate, stripped them of all amendments and gave them a new start. They passed third reading in the House and first reading in the Senate on Saturday. Completed the trip to the point of ratification after twelve o'clock tonight and made possible the exit of legislators from the capital a few hours later.

A mass of local legislation and a few measures of state-wide significance is the result of a very busy session. The usual rush during the closing days renders impossible a complete synopsis, at this time, of actual accomplishments. The attempt to repeal the state-wide primary law failed and Senator Long, of Halifax, "slipped up" in the effort to put through an iniquitous bill designed to make ejection of tenants easier. That any legislation of a dangerous character "got by" is not new apparent and present indications appear to justify the conclusion that the special session has made few, if any, serious blunders.

Representative Ralph Fisher, of Transylvania, arrived the first of the second week and remained until the business of the House was completed. He presented six or seven bills, but was a bit unsuccessful in engineering them through. One relating to arrangement of court calendars recommended by the Supreme Court was reported unfavorably by a House committee and the effort to regulate the fees of the Clerk of the court of his county met a similar fate. Another regulating the fees allowed the register of deeds reached the Senate, but failed to pass unless it "escaped" during the closing hours. A joint resolution was introduced by Mr. Fisher requesting action by the Interstate Commerce Commission in regulating freight and passenger rates passed the House and found lodgement in the Senate Committee on railroads. The Transylvania representative wanted to require non-resident hunters to pay license for the privilege in his county, but Senator Kinsland objected and the bill went to the table. Two other bills of Mr. Fisher did not get out of the committees to which they were referred.

Ex-sheriff Cos Paxton has been here several days on business.

The act separating the office of tax collector and treasurer of Henderson county, which contained a provision appointing Wiltshire Griffith treasurer for a term of three years, at a salary of \$1800 per year, has been stripped of that feature and the county commissioners are authorized to appoint one or more solvent banks or trust companies in the county to act as financial agent, or treasurer. The bank or trust company thus designated is to receive no compensation for its services, other than such advantages and benefits as may accrue from the deposit of the county funds. Senator Oates introduced the bill amending the act previously passed, in compliance with the request of leading democrats of his county, after ascertaining that the Citizens National Bank had offered to handle the matter on the basis suggested, thus saving to the county \$1800 per year.

APPRECIATED

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people in and around Brevard who have so liberally and thoughtfully come to our relief since our house and its contents were destroyed by fire recently. We appreciate the sympathy which has been extended, and the willing and unthought donations which our neighbors and friends have made for our comfort and relief. We are expressing our thanks publicly because we fear we could not return our gratitude to each personally.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gillespie

THE CHILD TODAY

Today as never before the State, which is briefly the men and women who comprise the citizenship of the State, realize the supreme importance of the children who will before long be in control of affairs pertaining to the State. There can be no doubt that the most important asset of any State or nation is its young men and women. Whoever will may see the attention now manifested everywhere in the percentage of children. For years farsighted men have realized that if we are to have farm animals of uniform stability as to development along certain lines care must be exercised along ancestral tendencies also in the care during early life that full development may be attained. This care includes quality of foods, modes of feeding and healthful surroundings. We have in the United States today a man who is called a wizard in his particular field, I refer to Luther Burbank; who has demonstrated the fact that by care in selection of the parent plants remarkable changes are achieved and in the direction of improvement. These things are all proper in their respective places for they are in the direction of rendering this a better world in which to live.

Important as all this progress is it is however still more important that the human race itself should occupy the center of the stage as to well being from every standpoint; that, when possible, taints of blood and contagious diseases should be eliminated. Some of these can be controlled now if people generally would cooperate with health authorities. The laborative man is still at work or others whose causation and prevention are still matters of doubt. It is quite recently that it has been decided that the whole child goes to school, and not its mind only, but its body also. We see now, as we did not some years ago, properly heated and ventilated school rooms, care in seating so that the bodily comfort is attained; better water, better playgrounds, teachers better qualified in every way to supervise the bodily and mental welfare of those entrusted to their care; supervision of the children's health as to recognizing contagious diseases and other physical defects and errors. Feeling confident that the good work for the children has only begun and will continue, I am,

Very sincerely,
W. J. WALLIS

FARM DEMONSTRATOR PAYS HIS WAY.

EDITOR BREVARD NEWS:
The other day I heard a remark disparaging the office of our County Farm Demonstrator. I wonder if the speaker really knew as much as he ought about that work and its importance.

I truly believe that Mr. Lindley saved this county the amount of his salary in the number of sick animals he has restored to health, when without his able care they would have died. Many a night he is sitting up with a sick cow when other men are comfortably asleep in bed.

It is not a great thing for our county that a poor widow can call for and get the services of our agent free of charge when she has no one to care for her animal and no money to pay for that care. She gives what she can, and that is gratitude. I have heard of Mr. Lindley's service in this respect. He answers calls at any hour of the day or night to rich and poor alike.

He knows his work and his advice is good. We have availed ourselves of it and proved it by the result.

The largest taxpayers as well as the poorest renters can have the opinion of this expert free of charge; and they do not hesitate to take it to improve their farms, thereby increasing the value of our taxable property.

People criticised Mr. Lawrence's fine work, and I suppose they have to do the same for our present agent, but let us remember that the only way to avoid criticism is to do nothing and be so insignificant that it does not matter.

HILDA M. NORWOOD..

Air transportation service makes it possible for a citizen of this country to fly to Cuba at an average expense of \$150; or he can remain at home and get it from the bootlegger. —Lexington (Ky.) Herald.

We Knew You'd Come



BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The Brevard Baptist church will have only one service on Sunday, Christmas day, and this will be held at 10:30 o'clock on that day. The service that has been arranged for is called "The White Christmas Service," and in keeping with the order of observing Christmas, and with the real spirit of Christmas, the members of the congregation and of the Sunday School will give gifts instead of receive them. The Saviour taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and on the first Christmas day He gave himself to the world, so His followers should emulate His example and take advantage of this season and make gifts to those who are in need.

The members of the church and Sunday School are asked to bring an offering of money, and this money is to be used for two purposes, and divided into three parts; namely, first for the poor of this community, and second, for two old Baptist ministers in this county who have worn themselves out in the work of the Lord in the Baptist denomination. These two ministers are Rev. F. M. Jordan and Rev. Elijah Allison, and they never saved up any of the goods of this world; but on the contrary gave away all that ever came to them beyond a frugal living. Local Baptists feel they are glad of the opportunity to show their appreciation of these two old soldiers of the Cross. So all are urged to come and share in this offering, making it as liberal as they can.

"White Christmas" had its origin in the following legend, called, "The Legend of Cathay." "This strange country is called Cathay, and the ruler thereof is on Kublah Kahn, a mighty warrior, who, by will of his strong will and trusty sword has made himself lord of the whole land. His government is both wise and just and is administered for rich and poor alike, without fear or favor. On the king's birthday the people observe what is called the White Feast. Then are the king and his court assembled in a great room of the palace, which is all white, and the walls hung with curtains of white silk. All are in white apparel and they offer unto the white king gifts to show that their love and loyalty are without stain. The rich bring to their lord pearls, carvings of ivory, white charrers, and costly embroidered garments. The poor present white pigeons and handfuls of rice. Nor doth the king regard one gift above another so long as all are white. And so do they keep the king's birthday."

The story has been made to apply to Jesus, and on His birthday, which is Christmas, all are asked to bring white gifts to the great King, Jesus. These gifts may be three-fold:—gifts of substance, which are to be used for the poor; gifts of service, when His subjects offer to give Him the best of their service in the coming days; and gifts of self, when those that accept Him as Saviour for the first time give themselves to Him

BREVARD INSTITUTE NOTES.

The annual mid-winter recital of the music and expression departments occurred on Saturday at 8 P. M. Despite the inclement weather, a very good audience attended, and the program was very satisfactory.

Sunday, at five P. M., the annual Christmas service of anthems, hymns and appropriate readings was rendered. Mrs. C. H. Trowbridge read selections from Ralph Conner's "The Angel and the Star." Her rendition of this most beautiful story was very dramatic and deeply appreciated. The full chorus, under the direction of Miss Pike, sang remarkably well.

On Monday night the various Sunday school classes were entertained by their teachers, some in one place, and others in another. They all reported a good time and will carry home pleasant recollections.

Miss Pike leaves for her home in Maine on Wednesday afternoon. Other members of the faculty who will remain and be the dean through here are: Mr. and Mrs. Gray, who go to Ohio; Mrs. Boylan; Misses Davis, Smith, Poindexter, Atkins, Reece, Whisnant and Baber. Miss Floyd will remain and be the dean through the holidays. Miss Smith goes to Washington, D. C.

Manna From Heaven

If the party who dropped the silver dollar through the grating in front of Jack's Place on Thanksgiving Day will please call at the Democrat office and leave his name and \$1.50 more, we will give him one year's subscription to the Democrat, dating to Dec. 1, 1922.—Forsyth (Mont.) Democrat.

An open confession of Him.

This "White Christmas Service" has never been held in Brevard, and being held at an hour when it is convenient for most people to attend doubtless a large number will be present. In fact the Baptists extend a most cordial invitation to the public generally to attend. This service will take place of both the Sunday School and the morning preaching service for Sunday.

The following program has been arranged, and with perhaps a few minor changes, will be carried out:

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Scripture Lesson.
- Song.
- A Pageant.
- Talk by the Pastor.
- Gifts of Self.
- Gifts of Substance.
- Ordinance of Baptism.
- Administered.
- Benediction.

The church management assures the public that the building will be comfortably heated even though the hour may be early.

INTEMPERANCE

Rosman, N. C.

Dear Editor:

Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to express my views on the subject of intemperance; since I see many people enlisting in the cause of temperance under the leadership of Brother J. C. Seagle to put down the liquor traffic. I have had considerable experience in manufacturing and selling and drinking, and know the evils that attend the use of the liquid fire of damnation. It originated through the devices of Satan to demoralize the sons of God. It blocks the pathway to fame, wealth and influence. It makes a man an alien to truth, faith, hope and love; turns love into jealousy and jealousy into madness. It often turns the good natured man into an idiot, cholerick into an assassin, nor does this vice only betray the hidden faults of man and show them in the most hideous colors but often occasions faults to which he is not naturally subject. For strong drink infuses qualities into the mind to which she is a stranger in her sober moments. Like the skulls of the savage warrior which he carries on his girdle or sets upon poles in his yard, and tells the traveler what a mighty warrior this or that one was till his ox or arrow laid him low. So of all sins, intemperance is the one that boasts of the most crowded row of ghastly trophies, reaped from all genius, to say nothing of the many souls sorely wounded. Among those actually slain in numbers are the musician, artist, poet, philosopher, physician, lawyer, statesman, and the judge, like the grim messenger of death there is none immune to its disaster. It after visits the painful homes and their tables become as described by the prophet Isaiah the same as the home. I have read considerably and watched closely and I don't think any man ever bettered himself mentally, morally, physically, religiously and very few financially, by engaging in liquor in anyway, and what few that does get a few paltry dollars out of the evil, they sooner or later will lose for ill forgotten gain will not remain with a man. So lest I should tire Mickey with this my first article, and believing that King Alcohol stands connected already before a fair indeed public, I will close. Should Mickey get this I will give my idea how to rid the county of this evil later on, so with best wishes to the Editor, I close,

Yours truly,
L. W. DUNCAN

RANDOM REMARKS BY DR. C. W. HUNT:

Nothing in the way of criticism, no kick coming. If a kick is coming kick this article, or better, the Brevard News.

In my opinion Mr. Zachary's idea is a good one, and should be worked out.

The number "Forty" might remind one of his childhood lore, "The Forty Thieves", though there is nothing in names and numbers. If there was we will admit the charge and confess to be a lusty party of forty thieves to steal progress from the locked bosom of nature, to steal a living, from our undeveloped natural resources.

Recently the thought occurred to me that Brevard could be doubled in size if each house-holder would only build one house to rent. Mr. Zachary's plan is better; but while we are building a house for a new comer to live in, we must at the same time plan for his living. Prepare a place for him to live in, and a way for him to make a living.

All kinds of factories to turn out the finished product from our great natural resources are needed. That is our material should be manufactured here, chairs, furniture, all kinds of foundry work, etc.

To ship our raw material in bulk to be manufactured into the finished article elsewhere is a short sighted policy, only temporary benefit at the expense of permanent business.

Yes, plants to manufacture our materials should be encouraged by a hearty welcome, good will, and good business opportunities, but not by any bonus or gift, from the people.

This is an ignoble graft, pure and simple. If it is a good business proposition and self supporting it should pay its own way from start to finish. We would welcome more up to date farmers who would farm on a large scale, on scientific lines, improved

THE PRAYER CORNER.

"PEACE ON EARTH"

Never, in all the intervening centuries, has the significance of Christianity shon out so clearly, not as a mere creed but as a life, as it does to day. Never has its one deep meaning of love, great even to sacrifice, been so clear or so compelling; never before has the world understood, as it understands now the full import of the herald message

"Peace On Earth".

Many of us have thought of that as a sweet and melodious greeting, and interpreted for us by many an art, it comes to us in a thousand ways, on the wings of music, on the wings of poetry — and none are quite so beautiful as early Italian Art.

Perhaps none of us have ever realized that the herald angels were making, in the name of the future, in behalf of the powers of heaven, the one promise through which a higher life could become possible, pointing out the one way through which hates and grudges could die and love could come to mankind for its salvation and its healing, and it is for us to make that promise good: "Peace on Earth". —"Sherwood".

A PRAYER:

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men, the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom, those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Thy Kingdom may go forward till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Thy love.

O God, overrule, we pray Thee, the passions and designs of men. Let Thy strong hand control the nations, and bring forth out of the present discord a harmony more perfect than we can conceive a new humanity, a new understanding, a new purity and sincerity, a new sense of reality, a new hunger and thirst for Thy love to rule on the earth.

Our Heavenly Father, send peace upon the earth, a deeper and more lasting peace than the world has ever known. Give peace in our time. We ask it in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.
C. D. C.

A optimist is a man who has gone without eating so long that his garters are too large—and makes himself believe that the rubber in his garters are giving out.—Walsenburg (Colo.) Independent.

machinery, etc., but we never heard of a farmer putting up a first class farming plant, asking for other help than a good opportunity, welcome, goodwill and fair dealing, he never asks the public to help buy his machinery, blooded stock, or his land. I can site farmers in this county who have invested in their plant as much as a great many factories cost.

With all desired improvement Brevard could still remain "a garden of Eden". "The smoke and bustle" should be placed and kept at a proper distance from town and not placed so near as to destroy hotels, boarding houses, residential sections, and the home life of the residents of Brevard. If by our enterprise we are to have a greater Brevard, then these plants should not be placed too near, even now the proper extension of Brevard is ruined in some directions.

Make the call for the plan mentioned. I know that the people of Brevard and Transylvania County will always do their part in the way of progress and if we look for it we will certainly find co-operation, "selfishness, petty jealousy, personal enmity" will not be found. When we start the wheels of progress "politics" here have never barred their movements. I do know as a fact that the first railroad bonds were carried by the united efforts and votes of both Democrats and Republicans. In fact we can take the combined efforts of the Democrats and Republicans and make Brevard and our beautiful county blossom as the rose.

Come to think of it, there are some good Democrats and some good Republicans. As to politics, we can by the combined efforts of the Democrats and Republicans do anything in this County, except the control of women's voice and vote, and I am glad that this cannot be done, "So Mote It Be". — C. W. H.