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School Statute Called Greatest
of Accomplishments; Many
Bills Killed.

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(Asheville Times)

The legislative wheels of the 1927 session have ground to a stop, ending one of the momentous sessions of the general assembly.

For the most part, the legislation enacted during the session has been constructive, and no damage has been done to existing administration machinery. The long-heralded and much talked of attack on the administration failed to materialize, and the executive budget system, together with the various new departments, such as the salary and wage commission, the commissioner of pardons, and others, went through unscathed.

Presidential Primary Killed.
One of the most important last-minute bills passed, was the bill of Representative Connor of Wilson, abolishing the presidential primary in the state, which means that from now on the North Carolina delegation will not be pledged by law.

Much disappointment was expressed in many quarters that the bill providing more judicial districts in the state failed to pass. But the senate and house could not reach an agreement on the amount of pay the solicitors were to receive, with the result that the bill was hung up so late that there was nothing else to do but table it, with the bill that would have restricted the state.

Thus the state will have to get along two years more with a revised system of emergency judges. Under the terms of the bill finally adopted, full time emergency judges are to be appointed by the governor for a term of two years, with the provision that he may appoint two more if conditions make it necessary.

School Bill Called Greatest
The passage of the Woltz educational bill, providing for an educational equalization fund of \$3,250,000 is generally heralded as the greatest single achievement of the present session, with the enactment of the three county government reform bills coming next.

Although many measures that should have passed, perhaps, were slaughtered mercilessly in the last few days, the majority of the more important measures survived, the defeat of the Australian ballot measure being the most outstanding of those that were killed.

Here are some of the major bills enacted during the present session:
Equalization fund for education increased from \$1,500,000 to \$3,250,000.

Bond issue of \$30,000,000 for further highway construction. This also prohibits further lending by counties to the highway commission.

Three county government reform bills, regulating bond issues and putting counties on budget system enacted.

\$30,000,000 For Maintenance
Maintenance appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$15,000,000 yearly for the maintenance of state departments and institutions.

Revenue bill provide sufficient income to meet maintenance.
Bond issue of \$2,000,000 for the Smoky Mountains National Park.

Bond issue of \$1,250,000 for bridge across Cape Fear river at Wilmington.

Appropriation for pensions of Confederate soldiers increased from \$1,200,000 to \$2,500,000 for the biennium, so that veterans may receive approximately \$1 a day for remainder of their lives.

Statewide game law.
Law giving state highway commis-

sion greater authority in locating and abandoning roads.

Numerous new provisions for better regulation of highways included in Hargett highway control act, increasing speed limit to 45 miles an hour, modifying stop law at railroad crossings, and providing for tail-lights on all vehicles on highways after July 1.

Salaries of supreme and superior court judges, as well as of several other state officers, increased.

Administration of bankrupt state banks put into hands of banking department of state corporation commission, instead of in hands of private receivers.

Consolidation of fisheries commission with department of conservation.
Colony for Women Offenders.
Bill providing for the establishment of a farm colony for women offenders who have passed age limit for San-arcand.

Bill appropriating \$400,000 for the purchase of additional farm land for the state prison.

Amendments to state forest fire laws, authorizing calling of fire fighters from beyond township lines.

Provision for the construction of a highway to Rendezvous Park, Wilkes county.

Creation of a school building loan fund of \$2,500,000.

Submission of a constitutional amendment providing for an increase in the pay of members of the assembly from \$240 a session to \$600.

Authorization for appointment of state taxation commission by governor to study tax problems of North Carolina and systems of other states and report to the next general assembly.

Bill fixing minimum capital banks at \$25,000 instead of \$15,000.

Bill changing time of issuance of automobile license from July 1 to Jan. 1.

Important Bills Killed.
The assembly killed several measures of statewide importance. Among these are:

Statewide Australian ballot bill and several companion measures sponsored by women's organizations.

Bill submitting constitutional amendment providing for minimum public school term of eight months throughout the state.

Most of the judicial reform bills advocated by the judicial conference.

Measure providing for calling of constitutional convention.

Measure requiring unmasking of secret orders.

Bill reducing working hours of women and children in factories from 60 to 55 working hours a week.

Anti-evolution bill.
Bill requiring publishing of marriage banns.

Bill taxing stock in foreign corporations owned in North Carolina.

Bill which would have, in effect, abolished capital punishment.

Gov. McLean's proposal for a \$200,000 state radio station.

ASSEMBLY BUSY AS SESSION ENDS
Raleigh, March 9.—The 1927 session of the general assembly was history Wednesday.

Deserted assembly halls in this venerable old building, which has seen many a session come and go testified mutely. Adjournment sine die came shortly after Tuesday midnight.

High lights of the session's last moments showed:
Enacted
Temporary judicial relief in solving the court congestion question by authorizing appointment of four emergency judges.

Constitutional amendment proposal for ratification or rejection in general election giving the legislature right to additional judges without solicitors.

Constitutional amendment proposal raising legislator's pay from four dollars a day to ten.
Allowing state to purchase nitrate of soda and sell to farmers.

Providing limited police powers for highway commission.
Putting administration of statewide game law in hands of the department of conservation and development.

Reimbursement by the state highway commission to counties for road construction out of county funds prior to the loan arrangement.
Constitutional amendment proposal classifying intangible property and fixing the tax rate thereon.

Grant bill prohibiting employment of children under 16 years of age more than eight hours a day.
Royal act amending law to provide three quarters pay for retired judges under new scale of pay.

Killed
Measure of Senator Long, of Halifax, seeking to strike excess corporation tax from the revenue machinery act.

Measures to boost pay of the governor, attorney general, state insurance commissioner, commissioner of revenue.

Measure to change the primary date to the first Saturday in August from the first Saturday in June.
Constitutional amendment proposal limiting bonded indebtedness of towns and counties and other such divisions.

FROM LEICESTER
Friends of the 1927 Senior Class are receiving next folders containing the following invitation and announcement.

The Senior Class of Leicester High School requests the honor of your presence at the graduating exercises on Wednesday evening, March 30, 1927 at 8 o'clock, High School Auditorium.

Class Roll—Mildred Ella Brown, Ruth Latta Brown, Ida Kathleen Cole, Jesse Belle Cole, Leonard Hezekiah Miller, James Murray Reeves, Bonnie Elizabeth Rogers, Ruby Etha Reynolds, Martha Mae Rogers, Alberta Miriam Roberts, Evelyn Estelle Reeves, Savannah Roberson, Addie Evalde Snelson, Merlie Lee Sluder, Lois Dennis Stevens, John Barnard Weaver, Reeves Herman Wells, Mattie Ella Wells.

Class Colors—Blue and Gold.
Class Flower—Red Rose.
Class Motto—"The night brings out the stars."

Mr. Albert Henderson of Marshall was a Leicester visitor last Sunday.
Miss Doris Martin spent last week end in Asheville.

Mr. James Reeves spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reeves of Sandy Mush.

Miss Hazel Sluder and Miss Dovie Martin motored to Asheville Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Gillespie and Miss Lucy Parris called at the home of Miss Ethel Cassada Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ernest Sams was the guest of Miss Dovie Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucious Hawkins and daughters, Christine, Marjorie and Aida Ruth were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Patton Sunday.

Miss Cassie Roberts of Sandy Mush was a Leicester visitor Monday.
Mr. Glen Alexander and Mr. Forest Ball were out riding Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Roberts and son Dan of Sandy Mush were the guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Gillespie motored to Asheville Sunday.
Miss Katie Miller of Sandy Mush spent this week end on Church St.

Haw Creek High School's Basketball team defeated Leicester, victor in the recent Mars Hill invitation Tournament, for the County title, 25 to 12 before a capacity crowd on the Grace Court last Monday night.

Misses Viola and Lela Mae Teague returned home Monday after spending the winter in Asheville.

Misses Mae Meadows, Maude Gillespie, Jeane Rogers motored to W. Buncombe Friday to attend the "Recitation Contest."

Miss Ruth Gillespie and Miss Lucy Parris visited Miss Lillian Clark at the French Broad Hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver McGehee of Asheville were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McGehee Monday.

Mr. A. A. Penland is very sick at her home.
Mr. Bronnie Rogers called to see Miss Jeane Rogers Friday night.

When the holes in the gas burner became clogged, one of dad's pipe cleaners is an excellent implement to employ. Even if dad doesn't favor the idea.

SPORT COLUMN
By "COLY"

MARS HILL HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS HOT SPRINGS HIGH 20-8
Mars Hill High School baseball team defeated the baseball team of Hot Springs High at Hot Springs by the score of 20-8. It was a clean and peppy game and more interesting than the score indicates. The visitors used three pitchers all of whom showed up well for early season baseball.

For Hot Springs, Huff featured both at bat and in the field. For Mars Hill there were no outstanding players. The hard hitting of the entire team featured. During the last four innings Coach Allen ran in his second team. These reserves also made a creditable showing.

REPORTS
Now that the baseball season is here, the reporters from the different High Schools in the county should give us the reports from their different games. Let's hear from all of the Hi Schools.

BILLS PASSED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDEVITT

Copies of Bills passed in the last General Assembly by Representative McDevitt. Others will appear weekly until they are all printed in full in this newspaper.

H. B. 301.
S. B. 310.
An act to appoint special law enforcement officers for Madison County.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
Section 1. That the following law enforcement officers be and they are hereby appointed for Madison County for a term of four years: Number one Township, Troy Rector, Floyd Henderson, Glemet Ball, James Rice of Jobe, Joe McCalliard, Bob Freeman, Jeter Ramsey, W. M. Ramsey; Township two, L. F. Tweed, A. J. Frank, Stranger Gosnell, Jim Wallin, Bennie Guntar, Major Tweed, Number three Township, John Metcalf, Robert Tiller, John Metcalf, Bear Ammons, and Frank Keith. Number four township, Curtis Radford, Lee Brigmon, Levi Ballard, Cornelius Ponder. Number five Township, Joe Holcombe, Tom Murray, Number six Township, Floyd Cassada. Number seven Township Garland Farmer, Back Ledford, James Wilson, James Payne, Garrison Brown, Number eight Township, Eli Hips, Pink Pleasanton. Number nine Township, D. H. Gardner, Craig Ramsey, W. M. Lawson, Will Fleming. Number ten Township, Fred Rice, Tilman Gosnell, Joe Sims, Patterson Ray. Number eleven Township, Ed Bryan, E. W. Rice. Number twelve township, Zack Massey, W. H. Roberts, Jr. Number thirteen township, Charlie Ford. Number fourteen township, George Lewis, Homer Loggins, George Bruce, John Ammons. Number fifteen Township, J. R. Ponder, J. B. Coty, Charles Bruce, Jr., L. D. Thomas, J. L. Abercrombie. Number sixteen Township, T. M. Hoyle, C. W. Coty, J. D. Rice, Vernie Briggs, Dave Fender, V. E. Peek.

Section 2. That the said officers above named shall each take oath of office and give a sufficient bond for the faithful performance of their respective duties in the sum of five hundred dollars before entering upon the discharge of their said duties and they shall file bond with the Clerk of the Court and said clerk shall pass upon the bond and file same.

Section 3. That said prohibition officers shall have the same power and authority to enforce the prohibition laws in the County of Madison as the sheriff of said county has and they shall enforce the prohibition laws and receive for their services the same fees as the sheriff of said county receives and is allowed by law for his services and they shall also be entitled to receive one third of the proceeds of all property seized by them and sold under the laws of North Carolina and any whiskey captured by any law enforcement officer shall be immediately poured out and destroyed and said officers shall make monthly reports to the County Commissioners stating the amount of whiskey that he has destroyed and said report shall be filed and kept by the County Commissioner. Any property captured by any law enforcement officer shall be safely held by said officer until the Judge of the Superior Court orders said captured property sold and after the sale of said property the officers shall immediately turn over to the Clerk of the Court for the benefit of the schools in Madison County two thirds of the cash received from said sale and said officers shall retain one third of said money for his services.

Section 4. That said law enforcement officers shall have power to deputize persons to assist them in the duties of their office whenever they may think proper and deem it necessary and when such persons are deputized by the said law enforcement officers and do assist them in enforcing the prohibition laws the fees and proceeds of the property herebefore provided for shall be divided pro rata between said officer and such deputy or deputies.

Section 5. That said law enforcement officers herein provided for shall have the same power and authority in the County of Madison as the township constable for the county of Madison has for his township and said law enforcement officer may serve either criminal or civil papers within Madison County and collect the same fees as would be allowed a constable.

Section 6. That any person who shall while intoxicated or under the influence of intoxicating liquor operate any automobile or other motor vehicle upon the public highways of Madison County or upon any streets of any town or village in said county shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one hundred and fifty dollars and imprisoned not less than three months or both at the discretion of the Court. Any law enforcement officer, sheriff,

deputy sheriff, constable or policeman who shall arrest and secure the conviction of any person under this section the said officer shall receive fifty dollars of the fine and the clerk of the court shall immediately pay over to said officer fifty dollars as soon as same is paid in to the clerk of the court. Any prohibition officer can be removed for cause by the resident judge in chambers and said resident judge may appoint a successor.

Section 7. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 8. This act shall be in force from and after ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of March, 1927.

J. ELMER LONG,
President of the Senate.
R. T. FOUNTAIN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Examined and found correct:
BELL, for Committee.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Department of State.

I, W. N. Everett, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached three (3) sheets to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.
Done in the office at Raleigh, this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord 1927.

W. N. EVERETT,
Secretary of State.

H. B. 336.
S. B. 301.
An Act Relating to Work on the Public Roads of Madison County.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
Section 1. That chapter thirty-seven, Public Local Laws, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, be and the same is hereby amended.

Section 2. That all able-bodied male persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years residing in Madison County except students while in actual attendance at school and regularly ordained ministers of the gospel and public school teachers while actually engaged in teaching, shall be required to work five days each year on the public roads of Madison County or pay in lieu thereof the sum of two dollars per day. Said payment shall be made to the road overseer of the territory in which such person or persons reside on or before the day set for such work to be done, and the money paid to overseers in lieu of work shall be used on the roads on which the work would have been done by said hands. All road overseers shall give a bond approved by the County Highway Commission or the County Commissioners.

Section 3. That no person shall be appointed overseer of roads in Madison County or draw pay for serving as such overseer who is under eighteen years of age or over forty-five years of age. No such road overseer after making or paying for his time shall receive over two dollars and fifty cents per day except overseers shall receive pay for actual time spent in warning out hands at the rate of two dollars and a half per day. Said overseers shall warn out all of their hands or enough to have ten men at work each day; provided, however, that they shall receive pay if they warn out all the hands and do not have as many as ten men. In emergency cases if the overseers do not have as many as ten men the road boards may be judges of paying the overseers.

Section 4. That the road board or County Commissioners of Madison County shall divide and apportion to each and every road in the various townships a part of the road taxes paid in by said township and the division shall be made to all roads according to the taxes paid in by the tax payers owning property or living or residing on said roads.

Section 5. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 16th day of February, 1927.

J. ELMER LONG,
President of the Senate.
R. T. FOUNTAIN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Examined and found correct:
KLUTZ, For Committee.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Department of State.

I, W. N. Everett, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached Two (2) sheets to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.
Done in office at Raleigh, this 8th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1927.

W. N. EVERETT,
Secretary of State

Mr. J. Will Roberts left Wednesday, March 16, to attend a meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee called by Mr. Brownlow Jackson, State Chairman to meet in Greensboro, N. C., at the New King Cotton Hotel, March 17. Mr. Roberts has the honor of being a member of the State Republican Executive Committee from this 9th district. The meeting is called for the purpose of making recommendations for appointments to the President of the United States for the various positions in the newly created central Judicial District of North Carolina. There are between thirty-five and forty nice positions to fill including a Federal Judge at a salary of \$10,000 per year for life, a District Attorney and Marshall is to be recommended by the committees. A lively time is expected for these positions. Miss Mayne Morrow and Mrs. Annie May White, associate members of the committee, are expected to attend.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION
The next Fiddlers' Convention will be held at Beech Glen High School on March 26 at 7:30 P. M. Prizes will be given for the best performers on the following instruments: Violin, Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin, for both solos and trios. It is hoped that the counties of Yancey, Buncombe and Madison will take part in the contest and help to make this an enjoyable occasion. All who desire to enter the contest will send their names in to principal of school at Ivy, N. C. The public is cordially invited to attend this convention.

CURRENT TOPICS
REVIEW
Short Items From The Daily Press and Congress

VETERANS' LOANS
In accordance with House Bill No. 16886, which passed both Houses of Congress and was subsequently approved by the President on March 1st, the Veterans' Bureau will begin on April 1st to make loans to veterans on the security of their adjusted service certificates, it has recently been announced. It is said that about \$3,000,000 a month will be available for this purpose. Loans will be made by the Bureau under the same general conditions as govern the banks of the country in these transactions.

NO FUNDS FOR PENSIONS
All war pensions, including those of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and the Philippine Insurrection, may go unpaid during the months of May and June because Congress failed to pass the Second Deficiency Bill, unless some plan is devised to handle the situation, the commissioner's office declared. The Civil Service pensioners will, however, receive their usual checks, the statement said, for there is no shortage in the funds for these pensions.

COTTON FUTURES
Prevention of trading in cotton at what is known as "cotton exchanges" in the United States, was proposed in a bill introduced in the House by Representative Hud-peth of Texas. This bill provided that it should be unlawful for any person, corporation, or association to sell cotton within the United States for future delivery, unless the seller is the actual owner of the cotton at the time of sale.

FIDDLERS CONVENTION
A T
HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
Saturday night, March 26, 1927, 7 o'clock

Auspices Parent-Teacher Association
ADMISSION:—20c and 35c
Every fiddler urged to enter the contest.
\$15 REWARD FOR BEST FIDDLER
Other Prizes ranging down.

SEE "ROSE TIME"
A Modern Gem of
ROMANCE
HUMOR
MUSIC
Cast Selected From Citizens of the Town.
School Auditorium, Friday March 25
8:00 P. M.
Auspices High School Parent Teacher Association