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LEGISLATURE FOLLOWED HOEY'S ORDERS

Makers Stick To Wishes Of Hoey's Policies

Legislature Can View Legislative Accomplishments With Much Satisfaction

On January 5 Governor R. Hoey addressed a joint session of the North Carolina General Assembly, covering a wide field of recommendations and suggestions made to the 170 men from all parts of the state assembled to discuss and lay out the state's program for the next two years.

That the same Assembly is following the Governor can take out a printed copy of his address, and what the legislature did in those things he committed to it; it is undoubtedly justified in looking back with a smile of satisfaction at the manner in which his suggestions were followed.

That his record of success is something short of 100 percent, anyway you look at it; but that his policies have prevailed, and his policies have prevailed, has unquestionably imposed upon the legislature to a greater extent than any Governor in memory has been able to do during his second term.

That his outstanding accomplishment was his utter and complete defeat of the Anti-Diversion of Highways bill. Perhaps his outstanding failure was the complete ignoring of his "definite" recommendation of establishment of a twelfth grade in the public schools.

That he by and large it was following assembly. That he presented a bill of particular interest in the form of a dialogue, and that quotations from the Governor's address of January 4 as one of his contributions and the assembly's as the other.

That "Candor compels me to tell you that you cannot reduce present taxes and this includes sales tax, if you are going to continue the present educational services, without any other except normal and natural economies of the public schools and other institutions and agencies serving the public. I am heartily in favor of such economies in every way possible, but frankly I cannot see where any great saving can be made in the administration of State government.

That he followed almost exactly the course outlined. It effected noticeable or notable economies in every direction, despite widely publicized activities of a so-called "Economic Block" which sniped at the appropriations bill from start to finish. On the other hand the legislature did not do practically nothing except to "normal and natural" growth of the State by the Governor. It made no provisions for new and untried activities. At the same time there was no radical revision of existing policies. Increases in total taxes are expected to come not from new and untried taxes, but from increases in existing tax

Waynesville Girls Make Good Showing At Music Contest



Waynesville's girl choral chorus of the Waynesville High School, made a good showing, and brought back a grade of "excellent" from Greensboro Sunday, after taking part in the state-wide music contest, sponsored by the State Federation of Music Clubs. Some 400 students from every part of the state took part. Doris Grahl, developed sore throat just before entering the solo contest, and did not sing. She won a superior rating in the recent district contest. Jane Wyche, won honors in the piano solo group. There were 24 from here, and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Weatherly, Miss Nan Killian and Miss Grace Crocker. The students were: Corinne Alley, Margaret Teague, Pauline Wilson, Mattie Kay Crawford, Gladys Hoyle, Nancy Winchester, Evelyn Moody, Beulah Caldwell, Lenora Mae Walker, Patsy Bargain, Doris Grahl, Jane Wyche, Gladys Phillips, Nancy Hyatt, Merrill Green, Grace Wilburn, Frances Burress, Betty K. Howell, Doris Colkitt, Virginia Kellett, Gladys Walker.

that additional General Funds appropriations were made to take care of receipts the Budget Commission had estimated the colleges would get from tuition increases on North Carolina students.

Negro Education
Governor: "We have no provision for the education of Negroes in special courses of law, pharmacy or medicine. Because it is our duty as a state to make such provision and in harmony with the Supreme Court decision in the Missouri case, I recommend that such courses be established at the college in Durham."
Assembly: Enacted the Murphy bill carrying out exactly the recommendations of the Governor.

Benevolent Institutions
Governor: "Time will not suffice to mention the various schools . . . the correctional institutions for boys of both races and for girls of the white race—and the need for such an institution for girls of the Negro race."
Assembly: Made an appropriation for establishment and operation of a correctional institution for Negro girls.

Reapportionment
Governor: "I do not recommend a reapportionment of Representatives by General Assembly for the reason that the new census of 1940 would require a new reapportionment by the next assembly."
Assembly: Defeated a resolution offered by Rupert Pickens of Guilford pledging the 1941 General Assembly to reapportionment.

Labor Legislation
Governor: "I commit to you a study of this question without specific recommendation at this time except to say that this law ought to be amended more nearly to harmonize with present standards."
Assembly: After prolonged committee hearings, the whole matter was dropped and absolutely nothing done. Later a sop was thrown out in authorization of a commission to study a "Fair Labor Standards Act" and report to the 1941 assembly.

Death Penalty
Governor: "It seems to me that it would be helpful . . . if the power to impose a penalty of life imprisonment, (for murder, rape, burglary and arson, only capital offenses in the state) instead of the death penalty was residuary in either court of jury, or both. . . . Those who witness the executions are practically unanimous in the view that electric chair produces death almost instantaneously and is more humane. I share that view."
Assembly: Provided alternative of life imprisonment upon recommendation to mercy by the jury in cases of arson and burglary. Refused to change mandatory death penalty for murder and rape. Refused to change method of execution by lethal gas.

Advertising The State
Governor: "It is not contended that the program is responsible for all these developments (growth of tourist traffic, etc.), but it cannot be denied that good results have been achieved . . . I recommend a continuation of the appropriation \$250,000 per biennium."
Assembly: Cut the appropriation to \$100,000 annually, or \$50,000 for the biennium.

Highway Safety
Governor: "I believe that an appropriation should be made to continue safety work . . . I am moved earnestly to recommend that the State Highway Patrol be increased by the addition of 50 more members."
Assembly: Made an appropriation for safety education. Voted funds enough to provide for the increase of 50 members to the patrol.

Election Reform
Governor: "I believe election laws should be uniform all over the state and a good beginning would be a new registration in every county . . . Better provision for markers would aid in preventing fraud . . . The law can be so framed as to prevent racketeering in absentee ballots and the possibility of wholesale fraud in procuring them, and at the same time preserve the right of the citizens to their legitimate use. I am in favor of that kind of law and I urge its adoption."
Assembly: Set up machinery for revising and bringing up to date all registration books, with Republicans and Democrats listed on separate books for the primaries. . . . On the absentee question it went further than the Governor's recommendation, abolishing absentees completely in primary elections and throwing around general elections the safeguards "suggested" by the State Board of Elections. Provisions for markers in general elections were left untouched, and the matter of restricting them in primaries is one of the few im-

portant matters not yet determined by the soon-to-expire legislature. House and Senate are still all tied up in a deadlock over the matter.

Road Bond Issue
Governor: "Current funds are insufficient to retire road bonds, pay the interest and do the work imperatively required at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you authorize an issue of \$5,000,000 to be used for this purpose during the next biennium."
Assembly: Never worked up even the slightest enthusiasm for this proposal and it was quietly and completely dropped without even the introduction of a bill providing for the issue, after the Governor had been advised by leaders that it could only be put through by high pressure methods.

Diversion Of Road Funds
Governor: "In my inaugural address I announced in clear and un-

mistakable language that I was apposed to diversion but that I believed it should continue to be possible to apply the 3 per cent sales tax to gasoline for the benefit of the general fund to the extent it should become necessary to meet appropriations . . . I am in favor of continuing this policy and I do not regard that as diversion."
Assembly: Followed the Governor's advice down to the dotting of each "i" and the crossing of every "4" in the Revenue Bill's diversion sections. This despite repeated and almost continuous assaults by anti-diversionist forces throughout the three months of the session. The Governor's personal appearance before the assembly for an address brought him complete unalloyed victory. It was without doubt his most brilliant and significant triumph of the session as there is little doubt that he prevailed against an assembly a majority of whose members came to Raleigh dead set on banning any and all diversion.

Crabtree Graduating Class
These seniors recently received their diplomas from the Crabtree High School—Back row, Leska McElroy, Maye Ashe, S. E. Connatser, principal, Eva Jane Rogers (Valedictorian), Virginia Crawford. Second row, Lucile Noland, Maggie McCracken, Eva Lilly Best, Venice Gilles, Hilda Davis, Lillian Clark, Mary Edith Davis, Ila Bryson. First row, Kendrick Caldwell, Bobby Ferguson, Louis McCracken (Mascot), Jack Hogan, Lois McCracken (Mascot), Thad Caldwell, Larry Williams (Salutatorian).

Forest Fires Of March Reach The High Record Of 19
Two Hundred And Thirty-Nine Acres Of Timber Land Burned During Past Month
Warden J. Q. Allison Cites Law Against Starting Fires In Woodlands
The records on file for the month of March with the county forest warden J. Q. Allison revealed an alarming situation, with accounts of 19 forest fires, the majority taking place in the week of the 20th.
The larger number of the total of the 19 fires occurred on the lands adjoining the Canton watershed in Beavertown township, according to Mr. Allison.
While the cost of suppression of the fires amount to \$117.95 in wages of the fire fighters, to the state, the loss to the land owners of timber is estimated at hundreds of dollars which only time and nature can replace.
A total of 239 acres of timber land, most of which was of second growth, was burned during the month.
Forest Warden Allison also called attention to the public laws regarding burning of brush or any debris in the area of woodlands under the protection of state forest service, or within five hundred feet of any such protected area between the first day of April and the 15th day of June, inclusive or between the 15th day of October and the first day of December, inclusive in any year.
The law applies to any fires started or caused to be started within five hundred feet of a dwelling house. A person, firm or corporation, so the law states, who shall violate this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.
Mr. Allison stated that the laws governing these fires would be rigidly enforced and that he was asking the co-operation of the citizens of the county in this matter of both individual and public interest.

List Of Jurors Is Drawn Monday For May Term Of Court

The list of jurors of the May term of civil court, which will convene here on May the 8th, with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding, was drawn at the meeting of the county board of commissioners in session here on Monday.

Serving for the first week will be: Ralph W. West, of Beavertown; W. Creed Welch, of Iron Duff; Connie Henson, of Beavertown; Jennings Ball of Beavertown; William E. Sheffield, of Beavertown; C. E. Sutton, of Beavertown; Tom N. Crawford, of Clyde; J. L. Ledford, of Fines Creek; J. Frank Mehaffey, Ivy Hill; Viv Phillips, Waynesville.

Newton Gaddy, of Waynesville; Lawrence Hooper, of Waynesville; Ernest Smathers, of Waynesville; Luther F. Hall, of Waynesville; H. Grady Moody, of Iron Duff; D. Harrison Prensley, of Pigeon; Frank Leonard, of Waynesville; James B. Medford, Clyde; Edward Glavich, of Waynesville; Clayton Burnett, of East Fork; Robert McElroy, of White Oak; W. Shook Ferguson, of Jonathan Creek; Frank R. Medford, of Crabtree; and Luther J. Best, of Crabtree.

Drawn for the second week were: W. Cleveland Medford, of Clyde; Roy McCracken, of Clyde; E. Way Fisher, of Fines Creek; Clinton M. Crawford, of Iron Duff; L. C. Moody, of Cliff; John H. James, of Fines Creek; J. Carl Burnett, of Pigeon; Glenn Boyd, of Jonathan Creek; Ivester Gillespie, of Beavertown; Hugh L. Noland, of Crabtree; Jarvis T. Coman, of Waynesville; Will H. Chambers, of Pigeon; Charlie F. Medford, of Iron Duff; Claud Howell, of Waynesville; S. B. McCracken, of Beavertown; Will Ferguson Messer, of White Oak; Zaca Massey, of Waynesville; and Joe Howell, of Waynesville.

"The Blues Chasers" Will Give Program At Central Elementary Wednesday
The Parent Teacher Association of the Central Elementary school will sponsor "The Blues Chasers" in the school auditorium, on Wednesday evening, April the 12th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Lester Potente will serve as master of ceremonies during the evening. The group is composed of local talent, and their programs of popular music and tunes of other days has been received with high favor in several towns in this section of the state.

The Swan Islands
The Swan islands are about 97 miles off the coast of Honduras. They are under the jurisdiction of the United States and are administered by the department of justice. The larger, Great Swan, is about two miles long and about one-half mile wide. It is flat and thickly wooded. Little Swan is one and one-half miles long, with a limestone foundation and dense vegetation.

One match will start a fire that barrels of water may not quench.

The Weather Report

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Mar.	Max.	Min.	7:30 a. m.	Prec.
30	58	41	58	0.64
31	58	57	37	0.48
April				
1	57	37	57	
2	57	39	45	0.64
3	54	38	41	0.02
4	48	31	38	
5	54	24	28	
Mean maximum 55.1°				
Mean minimum 35.3°				
Mean for week 45.2°				
High for week 58.0°				
Low for week 24.0°				
Mean for 7:30 a. m. 43.3°				
Below April normal 8.3°				
Precipitation for week 1.78"				
Precipitation for March 4.83"				
Below March normal 0.22"				
Precipitation for April 0.66"				
Above April normal 0.05"				
Precipitation for year 18.44"				
Excess for year 4.99"				