

Summary

A goodly number of legislative events of general interest, and some of major importance, took place the past week. Among bills introduced was SB 254, which will submit a Constitutional amendment at the next general election on the question of raising the county general fund tax limit from a rate of 15c to 25c on the \$100 property valuation; HB 109, which generally boosts the marriage age upwards 2 years so that, among other provisions, males and females must be at least 18, instead of 16, before they can marry without parental consent; and HB 229, banning the "closed shop" and other labor contract features dear to the hearts of labor unions - enacted in its original form, without so much as a

change of this bill over relatively weak opposition in the legislature and manifestations of strong opposition outside of it, coupled with the decisive defeat on second reading in the Senate of SB 118 which would have provided a State wage and hour law, had led some to term this an anti-labor legislature. It is doubtful whether this term could properly be applied to a majority of the members, even if it were interpreted to mean "anti-labor union." Some members were doubtless influenced, however, by an understandable resentment toward some of the national labor leaders.

HB 611 would "provide a 5-day 40-hour work week for state employees;" SB 255 would add to the list of public nuisances any place where urticantness or fighting frequently occurs; HB 271 would establish daylight saving time in the State from the last Sunday in March until the last Sunday in Oct.; and SB 251 would increase the salaries of Superior Court solicitors, exclusive of expense allowance, from \$9,000 to \$9,100 per year.

SB 334 - introduced by Senator A. P. Johnson, March 20. - "To repeal sections 3 and 4 of chapter 22 of the Session Laws of 1920 and to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 204 of the Session Laws of 1924 relating to the salary of the judge and solicitor of the general county court of Duplin." (As the bill indicates, would provide that salary of judge and prosecuting attorney be fixed by Board of County Commissioners of Duplin county at not less than \$1800 per year and \$1500 per year respectively.) To Judiciary 1.

HB 839 - Introduced by Outlaw, March 20. - "To fix certain fees of sheriffs, mayors, justices of the peace, jurors, and other officers in Duplin County, and to amend Chapter 85 of the Public Laws of 1937 and Chapter 85 of the Public Laws, extra Session, 1924 relating to jury trials in the general county court of said county." (Would set fees as indicated in title, according to schedule set out in bill in detail. Would provide that fees in criminal actions before mayors of incorporated cities and towns in county would be same as those herein fixed for justices of the peace. Would provide that in addition to fees enumerated in bill, or to any other fees allowed by law, sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or any other law enforcement officer of county would be entitled to \$10 fee for seizing and destroying whiskey still, and that when such still is seized

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and destroyed and arrest is made and conviction had in connection therewith, such officer would receive \$25 fee.) To Salaries and Fees.

Poultrymen Eligible To Enter Contest

Duplin County poultrymen will

compete with poultry breeders in 12 southeastern states in the 1947 phase of the nationwide Chicken-of-Tomorrow program with more than 4700 poultry raisers from this county eligible to enter the competition, according to D. D. Slade, chairman of the national Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest committee.

"All that is required to become a part of this important breeding campaign is a flock of 50 baby chicks hatched between March 24, and 28," Slade said. "Poultry-

men entering the contest are urged to contact C. J. Slaght, Extension Poultryman, N. C. State College, Raleigh, chairman of the contest committee in this state."

The contest carries a \$5,000 grand prize in 1948 provided by A & P Food Stores and \$5,000 in regional prizes. The top award will go to the breeder who develops the most improved meat-type chicken.

Southern Farm Market Summary

Southern hog marketings decreased this week in the Ga., Fla., Ala., direct marketing area. With the seasonal drop in marketings, 8 major plants this week received a total of 13,300 hogs, compared with 15,300 for the previous week. Closing tops for hogs were \$26.75 at Louisville; and 24.25 to 24.50 in the North Carolina area.

Cattle and calf arrivals changed

very little except for a slight increase where annual 1st stock shows contributed to the supply.

Live fryers continued liberal, and offerings of heavy breed fowl picked up some. Prices showed very little change.

Gradually increasing egg supplies were generally fully adequate for demand and little change in price listings.

Cotton prices were slightly lower, although average price for Middling 15/16 inch was still around 35 cents a pound.

POTATO ACREAGE DECREASED

Indications point to 10% decline in the acreage of all Irish potatoes

1947. Individual farm acreage plans for commercial growers accounted for the majority of the decrease.

However, farmers who grow potatoes primarily for home consumption also indicate a reduction in their acreage for 1947.

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