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Activities Of The Legislature

The 1949 General Assembly ended its second full week slightly ahead of its immediate predecessor in the number of bills introduced. It is now entering the stage when bill introductions should reach their peak; the sessions will be relatively short and most of the work of the legislators will be in the committees. It has been a very quiet legislature to date. There has not been the usual amount of speculation, either public or private, on the date of final adjournment, and such predictions as have been offered differed greatly. Only one pattern seems definitely to have been set, and that is that all legislation relating to alcoholic beverages will go to the Propositions and Grievances committees; from there all prohibition measures will have to go to the Finance committees because of their revenue features. The wide variety in the types of legislation introduced thus far will be observed from the comments appearing later in this article.

On Monday night Governor Scott delivered his special message on roads to a joint session of the Senate and House calling for a \$200 million bond issue to finance the hard-surfacing of 12,000 miles of the state's rural roads. He proposed that the debt service on these bonds be met by money to be raised by an increase of 1c per gallon in the gasoline tax and from amounts now budgeted to pay the debt service on the old highway bonds which will have been substantially retired by the time the new bond requirements become large. He also proposed that an anti-diversion clause be written into the law which would prevent highway funds from being used for any purposes except those for which they are now used, during the life of these bonds.

Shortly before the Governor spoke, advocates of increasing the funds allocated to cities for maintaining state highways within city limits put in HB 54, which would give municipalities 1c of the present gasoline tax, one half of this fund to be distributed on the basis of population and the other half on the basis of state highway mileage within the cities and towns. SB 52 and HB 59, identical bills, were introduced on Wednesday embodying the proposed \$200 million of 20-year bonds to be voted on by the people of the state on a date set by the Governor prior to July 1, 1949, with the anti-diversion clause included in the bills. So far, these bills remain in the Roads committee.

Reflecting sentiments aired in district meetings of county commissioners last summer, SB 43 introduced on Monday night seeks to discourage old persons from going on the relief rolls if they have children able to provide for their needs, or at least to give the contributing governments a chance to recover what they have spent in Old Age Assistance if the recipient owns real property. The bill would create a lien against any real property a recipient may own for all Old Age Assistance payments received after October 1, 1949. To safeguard against possible hardship, it is provided that this lien cannot be enforced so long as the property concerned is occupied as a homestead by the surviving spouse or dependent minor child of the recipient.

SB 22 and HB 22, companion bills designed to have the state government provide assistance to those needy persons who do not come within the statutes granting aid to dependent children and the aged, a field presently left to the local governments, are still under committee consideration. Under the present law the domestic relations court judge must investigate concerning children whose parents are involved in a divorce action; HB 79 would transfer this duty to the county superintendent of public welfare and require him to report his findings to the judge, who must determine the custody question. The same bill would reduce the waiting period required for divorce from an insane husband or wife from ten to five years. Further protection of the family motivates HB 81, which would make the abandonment of an adopted child equally criminal with abandonment of a natural child, and make criminal the abandonment of a wife physically or mentally unable to support herself, as well as the abandonment of a defective child even after it reaches the age of 18.

Building on the foundation provided in existing law for segregating youthful first offenders from hardened criminals in state prisons, HB 76 would convert the Prisoner of War area at state-owned Camp Butler into a prison for 100 persons below the age of 25 serving their first sentences.

The motor vehicle inspection law, deemed to complete repeal if HB 5 is approved, would receive a kinder fate from SB 59, which would cut the number of annual inspections required from two to one. Relief from it

... For a Nickel, Too!



Bonnie O'Grady, 5, of Arlington, Mass., drinking from nature's own thermos bottle, enjoys the biggest five-cent drink in Puerto Rico at Isla Verde. P. R. The vendor shows how he slices off top of coconut with razor-sharp machete before serving the cool drink with a sanitary straw.

At The Kiwanis Club

Jake Fields had charge of the Kiwanis program Monday night and had as his guests Brantley Speight of Winterville, Dr. Emerson Collins of the State Extension Service, and Mr. Johnson of the State Extension Service. Dr. Collins, introduced by Mr. Speight, spoke on the advantages of using proper seeds and fertilizers in order to produce greater yields per acre of farm crops. Corn and soy beans were especially stressed as the coming crops in North Carolina.

Frank Allen was winner of the attendance prize. All members are urged to be present next Monday night when the Greenville club will meet with the Farmville group for the first in a series of inter-club meetings.

Mr. Beckwith of the John Deere company was the guest of Frank Allen. Rev. E. W. Holmes, who was elected to the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in the fall, attended his first meeting of the board in Raleigh last Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Holmes spent the week in Marion where she helped the East Marion Baptist church with an enlargement campaign.

ATTENDS BOARD MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Proctor and Sylvester Proctor of Raleigh were Sunday guests of their cousins, Misses Christian, Helen and Hulda Smith. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Schmus of Portsmouth, Va., spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage.

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Grifton Trips Farmville In Upset; Bethel Series Divided

(By Charles W. Joyner) The Farmville Lady Devils deadlocked with a sharpshooting Grifton sextet at Grifton Tuesday night, 29-29. Farmville's Rae Hathaway led the way with 13 points. Braxton of Grifton was second with 11.

Grifton built up an early advantage of 8-3 in the first quarter. The visiting Farmville girls battled up-hill to tie the count early in the third period and then managed to push out in front on two long shots in succession by J. Morgan. The two teams fought nip and tuck all the way to the final minute when Dot Hathaway followed up an attempt by Rae Hathaway to give Farmville the lead. The lead was short-lived, however, as Braxton tallied in the final 30 seconds and knotted the count, 29-29.

The scoring: Farmville—Rae Hathaway, 13; Dot Hathaway, 9; J. Morgan, 7; Grifton—Braxton, 11; Phillips, 10; Mumford, 7; McLahorn, 1. The Grifton high school cagers upset the Farmville Red Devils in Grifton Tuesday night, 51-47. Mumford of Grifton led the scoring parade with 21 points; Carl King was high for the losers with 18.

The Farmville high school Red Devils were defeated Friday night by the strong Bethel Indians, 49-32. The locals were never able to head the visitors, holders of the State Class B championship. A strong lead of ten points captured by Bethel in the opening minutes of the contest proved to be the factor involved in Farmville's defeat. Carl King with 12 points was the individual high scorer and Worsley of Bethel with 10 was second. Although both teams are in the Pitt County Conference, the game was not official. The Red Devils still have dropped only two contests in regular conference play this season.

The scoring: Farmville—King, 12; Morris, 6; Russell, 3; Dupree, 3; Morgan, 1; Albright, 5; Allen, 2; Windham and Cannon. Bethel—Worsley, 10; C. Keel, 6; Hemingway, 4; House, 8; Smith, 6; Wm. Keel; Tetterton, 2; F. Keel, 2; Whitehurst, 6; Barnhill, 2; Bullock, 3; Manning, Anderson and Nelson.

The Farmville Lady Devils defeated Bethel's girl cagers Friday night 21-12. On the rebound from a one-point loss to Ayden last week, the girls were led by Rae Hathaway with 15 points. The high scoring Farmville center has a season average of 10 points per game. Moore and Crisp led the scoring parade for Bethel with five points each. The locals were exceedingly accurate from the free throw line and this was the leading factor in Bethel's defeat. The Bethel girls, who hold a good record this season, were held to 12 points by the Farmville guards who held anything down in reason. The local sextet, never headed, had a 13-7 lead at halftime.

The scoring: Farmville—R. Hathaway, 15; J. Morgan, 4; G. Flanagan, 2. Total—21. Bethel—Moore, 5; Crisp, 5; Whitehurst, 6. Total—12.

Crop Insurance Program Raised To \$265 Per Acre

Pitt county tobacco producers who are eligible may insure for \$265 per acre this year as compared with only \$225 in 1948, according to the Pitt County Crop Insurance Committee, composed of E. M. Lewis, chairman, W. A. House and W. I. Bissette. Mr. Lewis pointed out that the increased coverage reduces each insured grower's liability in the production of an all-important crop in this county. An increase in coverage has been the more frequently requested change from approximately 2,000 tobacco growers who participated in the 1948 program. It is true that all farmers expect to get more than \$265 an acre for their tobacco, so it is easy to see that this coverage does not guarantee the profit the farmers hope to make; but it is sufficient protection to assure them that "come what may" in the way of too much rain, drought, hail, disease, insects and other hazards, the growers will not lose the cost of producing the crop, or \$265 per acre.

1948 marked the beginning of the Federal Insurance on tobacco in Pitt county. 1975 tobacco growers protected their crop investments through an all-risk policy the first time it was available to them. Those participating in the program paid premiums amounting to a total of \$47,162.82 of which approximately one-sixth or \$7,165.63 has been paid back to the insured for losses caused by drought, disease, hail, and drowning.

At various times through the 1948 crop season, weather conditions seemed most unfavorable; however, production records indicate that it was a pretty good crop year. Even so, as stated previously, approximately one sixth of the total premium income was paid back to those who suffered losses below \$225 per acre. "This to me," said Bissette, "is an indication of what program results would have been had the unfavorable weather conditions lasted a little longer." Had we had in 1948 the coverage of \$265 per acre, which the Corporation has extended to us for 1949, the losses paid to those unfortunate growers would have been much greater."

Since the expense of operating the program is appropriated by Congress as a service to farmers, premiums not paid out in losses will be carried over as an accumulated reserve. Reserve accumulations resulting from favorable loss experience in the county would eventually make it possible to reduce the cost of this protection. Since each county stands on its own feet in this program, it is easy to see that some reserve has been accumulated for Pitt. "If Pitt farmers are fortunate in producing good crops, the reserve will continue to mount. Reduction in premium rate will be determined by Pitt county's loss experience and participation in the program."

Federal Crop Insurance is a business proposition. "It isn't for the farmer who wants something for nothing," House stated. Neither is it for the farmer who only wants to protect his investment the year that he feels the chances are that he may have a loss. It affords a program of protection against unavoidable crop risks at a very reasonable cost. The committee agreed that, after all, it is sound business to add a little to operating costs to make sure that the money and labor spent in producing a tobacco crop is protected against a loss from causes that the grower cannot control.

FORMER FARMVILLE RESIDENT DIES IN NEW YORK

Funeral services for Mrs. Peggie (Pet) Pradow Cobb, 67, who died in New York City from a heart attack Monday, will be held here. The body will arrive this morning (Friday) by train in Wilson, according to word received by relatives here, and burial will take place in Forest Hills cemetery. Services were held yesterday morning in New York and a brief service will be conducted at 2 o'clock today at the Farmville Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cobb, a native of Puerto Rico, met her husband, the late Heber Cobb, while he was stationed in Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War. She made her home in Farmville until about 10 years ago, when she went to her native home for a visit and was unable to return to America on account of the war. The Cobbs had one son, Earl, who died during World War I. She had no immediate survivors, except the cousin with whom she made her home, in this country. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. S. H. Bundy and Bruce Cobb of Farmville and Glenn Cobb of Robklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joyner and son visited Pete Seales, a patient at the Goldsboro hospital, Sunday.

Solon's Heartthrob



Green-eyed beauty June Milards, formerly known as actress Toni Seven, created a front-page stir when it appeared that her romance with Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D) of Washington had made the senator late for his work with the 81st Congress. Pictured at her home in Los Angeles, Miss Milards blamed "a Republican plot" for the publicity she received, and worried about what harm it might do to the senator's career. She told of a recent trip to Seattle to meet Magnuson's relatives, but could see no reason for all the fuss.

At The Rotary Club

J. Y. Monk, Jr. had the program at the Rotary club Tuesday night. If a member failed to answer the question the program leader asked, he paid a dime to the March of Dimes fund and for each correct answer, Mr. Monk contributed a dime. Collected for the March of Dimes was \$3.90 with \$1.90 coming from the members. The attendance prize, donated by K. A. Joyner, was won by G. A. Rouse, who contributed it to the March of Dimes.

SEWING SHOP OPENS

The Ethel Kittrell Shoppe, featuring hand-made curtains, draperies, bridal trousseaus, evening gowns and clothes for all ages, opened Monday morning at 105 N. Main street. Managed by Mrs. Ethel Kittrell, who recently completed a week's course in interior decoration and who has had many years of sewing and upholstering experience, the shop will fill a real need in the community.

Formerly occupied by a beauty shop, the building has been completely remodeled and redecorated, with pale blue being used for the walls and a dark red for the floor and ceiling. On the left, as one enters, is the show window in which a blue and brown plaid taffeta evening gown is on display. Draperies hang on the left wall, and a table holding fashion magazines is placed opposite a display counter. The right wall is used as display space for full-length and short drapery samples. The cutting counter placed to the left of the doorway between the display and sewing rooms, electric sewing machines, open shelves, a full-length mirror, storage space and a small mirror over the fitting stand complete the equipment in the sewing room.

A fitting room, upholstery room and space for slipcovering chairs are part of the layout. Approximately 100 samples of full drapery lengths and slipcover material are carried in stock. About 300 upholstery swatches and taffeta samples for dresses are on hand. Corcases are used around the front display counter and over the drapery sample display. Scallops are repeated in the trimming at the top of the walls.

Farmville Lags Far Behind Quota In March Of Dimes Drive

LISTLESS LISTING

Monday is the deadline for listing property for county taxes, and Mr. Luther Thomas, lister for this township, isn't at all happy about the nonchalant manner with which Farmville citizens are shirking this important duty.

Mr. Thomas has the tax books in the Town Hall and reminds non-listers they are running the risk of being penalized if they fail to list before the deadline.

Farmville School Again On Accredited List

Sam D. Bundy, principal of Farmville high school, announced today that his school has been again placed on the accredited list of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools for the eighth consecutive year. There are about 75 high schools in the state on the accredited list of the Southern Association and Farmville is one of the few schools in a county system that has been able to consistently meet the requirements and maintain the high rating. Most of the schools on the list are special charter city schools.

The certificate of accreditation was accompanied by a letter from Frank Jenkins, executive secretary, commending the school upon its progress in the past year. Among the items for which commendation was given were the addition of a librarian, the addition of public school music and glee club, the addition of band instruction, the introduction of a physical education program, and a generally enriched school program.

Plans Made For DAR Dedication

The theme of the dedication program for the D. A. R. chapter house, "This Land of Ours," was decided at a meeting of the Board of Governors, Executive Committee and committee chairmen at the home of Mrs. M. V. Jones Saturday afternoon. According to present plans, the date for the dedication is to be Friday, April 29. The brochure to be published will be dedicated to the late A. C. Monk, a fine friend and benefactor of the chapter.

Mrs. W. C. Holston announced the gift of a beautiful mahogany corner cupboard for the banquet hall from her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Keel, of Winston-Salem. Upon the suggestion of Mrs. Ellen Lewis Carroll this group went on record urging Gov. Scott and the legislators to provide a larger appropriation for East Carolina Teachers college that it may render better service as an educational center. Mrs. Jones, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Dewey Fuquay, and by Mrs. Vernessa Townsend, served orange chiffon cake and speed tea.

MALE CHORUS TO SING AT UNION SERVICE

Men of the choir will compose the chorus which will sing for the union services at the Baptist church Sunday night at 7:30. Raymond Shear will be organist. Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach. Fifth Sunday night union services are sponsored by the Farmville Ministerial association composed of the Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. All people in the community are invited to attend the service.

Congressman Bonner Given Important Committee Post

At the request of the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, in addition to his regular committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, has been assigned to the committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments of the Government and was given a high ranking spot on the committee. In the Senate, Senator Hoyt serves on a similar committee. Such assignment as above is only permitted to the Majority Party.

The Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments of the Government has broad duties pertaining to the day by day operations of the Government. The duties assigned and performed by the committee are many. It is charged by law with the study of all budget and accounting measures other than appropriations; the study of all organizations in the executive branch of the Government; the receiving and examining reports of the Comptroller General of the United States and submitting such recommendations as it deems necessary in connection with these reports; the study of the operations of Government activities at all levels with a view to determining economy and efficiency; the evaluation of the effects of laws enacted to reorganize the legislative and executive branches of the Government; and the study of intergovernmental relationships between the United States and the states and municipalities, and between the United States and international organizations of which the United States is a member. Also the Committee from time to time is authorized by the House of Representatives to make studies and reports on activities and programs of the Government in addition to those for which it is specifically responsible.

This Committee has long been one of the great committees of Congress and is one to which the taxpayers look to insure economy and efficiency in operations of the Government. Many of the present members of the Committee have had long experience in public office and are well equipped to handle the difficult and complex problems which must be considered.

The March of Dimes drive for funds is in full swing this week and many rooms at the high school are reporting over 100 per cent of their quotas, while others have not yet reached the amount set for their rooms.

Pitt county has a quota of \$12,000 in this campaign, which means that Farmville will be expected to raise between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Pledge cards have been sent to individuals, business concerns, and organizations in the town with the hope that they would pledge some amount and return the card to Dr. Leo Jenkins in Greenville, chairman of the drive for Pitt county. These cards will be returned to Sam D. Bundy here for collection and credit to the Farmville goal. About 200 cards were mailed, only a dozen have been returned. It is urged that receivers of these cards return them, stating the amount they will give. Their pledge will be called for, with due credit given to the community.

Unless donations increase considerably in size and number, Farmville will fall far short of the amount expected. Individuals or business firms can mail their checks to Mr. Bundy. All contributions are deductible from income tax reports.

DR. E. A. RASBERRY, JR., ON WILSON HOSPITAL STAFF

Officials of the Woodard-Herring hospital in Wilson have announced an addition to their staff of physicians and surgeons of the institution. Dr. Edwin A. Rasberry, Jr., a native of Snow Hill and a son of E. A. Rasberry, former state legislator, and Mrs. Rasberry, will practice his specialty, internal medicine, at the hospital. It was revealed.

He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rasberry of Farmville. Dr. Rasberry was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1937 and received his degree in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1941.

He served as an intern at the Woodard-Herring hospital during the summer of 1940 and interned at the University of Pennsylvania hospital in 1941, receiving his license to practice in North Carolina in July of 1941.

After receiving his degree, Dr. Rasberry remained on the medical staff of the University of Pennsylvania until he entered the Navy in 1943.

He was designated a Naval flight surgeon in 1944 at Pensacola, Fla., and served in the Pacific theater with the Marine Corps air units, being attached to the much decorated "Bat-Eye" night fighter squadron. He concluded his navy duty at the Philadelphia Naval hospital and the Norfolk Naval Air station.

Dr. Rasberry received the competitive American College of Physicians fellowship in clinical medicine 1946, serving as the associate and assistant of Dr. T. Grier Miller, a native North Carolinian and professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania hospital.

Dr. Rasberry is a member of the American Heart association; The American Trudeau society; The Philadelphia Physiological society; and a fellow of The American Medical association. He is a member of Alpha Omega honorary fraternity and the Phi Chi social medical fraternity.

Dr. Rasberry has contributed several papers to medical literature. They include a paper on peptic ulcer, one on liver diseases, one on tropical diseases, and one prepared on wartime aviation research.

Dr. Rasberry comes to Wilson from the University of Pennsylvania hospital where he has been on the staff since his release from the Navy.

HOOKERKTON UNION MET AT RED OAK

Plans for a laymen's league were discussed at a meeting of the Hookerkton union last night (Thursday) at Red Oak Christian church on the Farmville-Greenville highway.

Features of the afternoon program were an address by Mrs. W. Jesse Moyer of Farmville on the "Importance of Christian Women" and a talk by Sam D. Bundy on "The Importance of Youth in the Church." Music was furnished by Mrs. J. Knott Proctor of Greenville and a trio composed of Ruth Moore, Gayle Flanagan and Ann Rhyum.

At 6 o'clock supper was served in the new recreation hall. The evening service, which began at 7:15, emphasized men's work and was highlighted by an address by Dr. W. E. Marshall of E. C. T. C.

Special music was rendered by a male quartet from the Eighth Street Christian church, Greenville. Rev. Z. E. T. Cox is president of the union composed of about 15 churches in Pitt, Lenoir and Greene counties.