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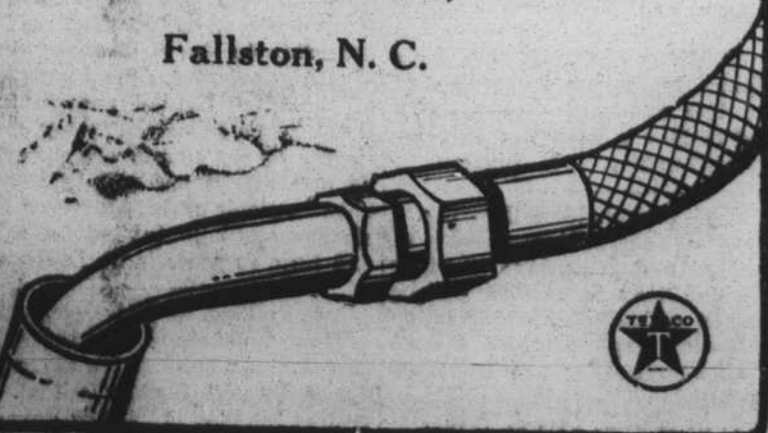
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GENERAL LEGISLATION PASSED BY SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Four Proposed Amendments To Constitution. Children Under 14 Can't Work In Mill. Stop Law Modified. \$10 Bond For Speeders. Half Million Auto License Building, Etc.

The general election in November will be one in which referendums, as well as candidates, will be voted upon, as the results of the legislation enacted by the general assembly, which was called into extraordinary session by Governor Morrison for the purpose of acting upon the report of the state ship and water transportation commission, which was authorized by the 1923 general assembly, and to correct an error in the proposed amendment to the Constitution, providing for the inviolability of the sinking fund, which was passed by the same session.

The general assembly, after passing favorably upon the matters it was called to consider, adjourned, sine die, at noon Saturday, after being in session exactly 16 days and one hour. Though it was the shortest extra session that the North Carolina general assembly has held in many years, much important state-wide legislation was enacted and a mass of local bills were handled.

Child Labor Law.
 Even national legislation was affected at this session, when the proposed amendment to the Federal constitution, giving congress power to regulate the employment of minors under 18 years of age, was almost unanimously rejected.
 Governor Morrison sent the proposed amendment to the senate by special messenger on Thursday afternoon and at the same time Senator Harris, of Wake county, introduced a resolution providing for the postponement of its consideration until the 1925 session. Both were referred to the judiciary committee and made a special order for business for that night. The committee reported unfavorably on both and offered a substitute, providing for the rejection of the proposed amendment. The substitute passed the senate by a vote of 34 to 4 and the next day met the same fate in the house by a vote of 97 to 7.

The chief objection to the proposed Federal amendment, as expressed by the members of both houses, was that it interfered with states' rights and had no regard for the needs of the respective states, especially those of the agricultural section.

Soldiers Homestead Exemption.
 The soldiers homestead act, introduced by Representative Frank Grist of Caldwell and passed by the 1923 regular session, which provides for the issuance, by the treasurer of \$2,000,000 in bonds to secure funds to be lent for the purchase of homes, in sums not to exceed \$2,500 to soldiers of the World war, who are residents of North Carolina.
 When Governor Morrison addressed the general assembly in joint session on the first day that it was in extraordinary session, August 7, last, he asked that the port commission bill be submitted to the people. An attempt was made to have the referen-

dum clause as written in the bill by Attorney General Manning, stricken out. After several days of debate the amendment was voted upon and was defeated. Numerous other amendments were offered, but all failed and the bill will go to the people in its original form.

The Port Bill.
 The port commission, the bill provides, shall consist of seven men appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, whose salary shall be \$10 per day and the treasurer and secretary of such shall be bonded. The commission is invested with the authority to purchase or receive as gifts such lands and waterfronts as it may deem fit.

The members have been confirmed and are: Two year term, J. A. Brown, Chadbourne and Arthur J. Draper of Charlotte. Four year term, Wallace B. Davis, Asheville; Emmett Bellamy, Wilmington and George Butler, Clinton. Six year term: A. M. Seales of Greensboro and Charles Wallace of Morehead City.

As a companion to the port commission bill, a joint resolution was passed authorizing the appointment of a commission to investigate the status of the Atlantic and Yadkin railroad, successor to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad, with a view to re-establish the continuous east and west line, from Wilmington to Mount Airy, and to report to the 1925 general assembly.

The resolution stated that the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, which was sold by the state in 1899, had been illegally dismembered. It instructed the commission to appeal to the interstate commerce commission should the proceedings now before the Supreme court fail to unite the different lines. It further provided that if the law could not unite the dismembered railroad into one continuous line that the commission should ascertain at what price the roads could be bought by the state.

Those appointed and confirmed on the commission are: Tam Bowie, of Jefferson; J. G. McCormick of Wilmington; E. B. Jeffers, of Greensboro; Frank Armfield of Concord, and E. W. Timberlake of Wake Forest.

To Investigate Motor Buses.
 By the passage of a joint resolution a committee was appointed to investigate the commercial motor transportation situation in the state highways and to report back to the 1925 general assembly. The committee is composed of secretary of state W. N. Everett, Highway Commissioner Frank Page, Attorney General James E. Manning, Corporation Commissioner W. T. Lee and Commissioner of Revenue Rufus Doughton.

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Under the provisions of the bill introduced by Senator Bellamy of New Hanover, the governor was authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of the establishment of a state consulatory. The members are John Hall Manning of Raleigh, John D. Langson of Goldsboro, Gordon Smith of Raleigh, J. E. L. Wade of Wilmington and Gallatin Roberts of Asheville.
 Joint resolutions which were passed during the session provided for the appointment by the President of the senate and the speaker of the house certain committees. These committees are as follows:

To seek the placement of a national park in North Carolina: Mark Squires of Caldwell, Plato Ebbs of Buncome; Dr. E. C. Brooks of Raleigh, Dr. H. W. Chase of Chapel Hill, John Dawson of Kinston, E. S. Parker Jr., of Alamance, D. M. Beck of Bald Mountain, J. H. Dillard of Murphy, H. L. Nettles of Biltmore and G. M. Kettles of Burke.

To investigate penal institutions: W. W. Neal of Marion, J. C. Moser of Asheville, D. P. McKimmon of Rowland, and Senators Heath of Union and Giles of McDowell.

To investigate the financial system of the educational system of the state: Senator Woodson of Rowan Wilson of Caswell and Bellamy of New Hanover and Representative N. T. Townsend of Harnett, Tam Bowie of Ashe, Clayton Moore of Williams- ton and C. P. Rodgers of East Flint Rock.

A number of joint resolutions were passed by the body during its session. Among these were the following: Authorizing the refund of Taxes illegally collected from the International Shoe company. Authorizing the secretary of state to have printed immediately by other than state printers the index to the Consolidated Statutes. To provide for suitable seats in the galleries of the general assembly chambers for the governor of the state and his family.

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