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Legislature Lags Behind Last Year; Committees Act

Wet Bill Is Exciting Wide Comment

Introductions And Approvals Are Tardy, But Two Main Bills Are Well Along Now.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Feb. 3.—Again last week the committees, and especially the finance and appropriation committees, held the center of the stage in Raleigh, while the daily sessions were largely for marking time until the revenue and appropriations measures reach the floor.

Other committees have had to give way to these two groups, because most of the leading members were on one or the other of them, and hardly a quorum could be mustered while they were in session. However, other committees have begun to function and bills are getting to the calendar, but introductions and committee approvals are far behind this time last session. Belief is that with the two main bills well along, the others can be handled more readily.

Heard On Sales Tax

Merchants were heard on the sales tax, while other groups have been before the finance committee on various phases of the revenue measure, while department institutions and agencies of the state have almost completed their appearances to ask for appropriations for their respective activities.

Senator John Sprunt Hill, Dur-

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In Speed Try



Three hundred miles an hour—five miles a minute—that's the record Sir Malcolm Campbell, above, hopes to set in February on the 11-mile sand course at Daytona Beach, Fla. The intrepid Briton, holder of the present record of 272 miles an hour, has arrived in the United States with the 1935 edition of his famed "Bluebeard" racer.

Oldest Resident Of County Dies At Kings Mtn.

James W. Ware, 94 Year Old Civil War Veteran, Is Buried Sunday.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, Feb. 4.—James W. Ware, aged 94, died at the home of his son, Charles P. Ware here at 1:25 Saturday morning. Mr. Ware was a veteran of the Civil war and at the time of his death was the oldest resident in the county. He had long been a respected citizen of this community and was held in high esteem by all his acquaintances.

He is survived by the following children:

Willie P. Ware, Charles P. Ware and Mrs. C. T. Ormand, all of Kings Mountain and Mrs. E. L. Campbell, who at the time of her father's death was at her winter home in Palm Harbor, Florida. He is also survived by 43 grandchildren and a large number of great grandchildren.

Mr. Ware had been a member of the A. R. P. church for a great number of years and was always a faithful attendant. The funeral services were held at the El Bethel Methodist church near here at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Dr. J. M. Garrison, a former pastor of the deceased, conducted the services and was assisted by the Rev. W. M. Boyce and other local pastors. Interment was in the cemetery at the El Bethel church beside the grave of his wife who died several years ago.

Mr. Ware was the grandfather of Mrs. O. O. Baber and Mrs. Frank Boyd, of Gastonia.

Sterchi Takes On The Firestone Products

Sterchi Bros. furniture store has taken on the Firestone line of tires and accessories, opening a new department in the store. The Tillman Service station will also continue to handle the Firestone line.

Judge Mull Will Speak At Patterson

John John P. Mull will be at the Patterson Springs Baptist church Wednesday night and will discuss the international Sunday School lesson there before gathering of teachers and officers of the church. Other residents of the community are invited.

Dr. Kennedy's Thesis Explains Why Groundhog Fears His Shadow

The groundhog saw his shadow Saturday morning, as he emerged from his hibernation, which means, according to legend, too hoary to re-trace, that just six more weeks of bad weather.

And the groundhog's uncanny Scotch ability to foretell the inclemencies of hidden winter are based on more than superstitious theory, according to Tom Kennedy, PWA building supervisor for Shelby, who holds a doctor's degree from State college for his notable thesis, "The Marmota Monax and Its Influence on Climate."

Mr. Kennedy, now resident at

FHA Field Agent Praises Farmers As Drive Begins

Conspicuous Example Of American Faith

Surveys Reveal Hundreds Of Homes In Cleveland Need Plumbing.

By CORA ANETTE HARRIS

A total of more than one-half billion dollars was needed at the close of the year 1934 for repairing, modernizing and replacing farm houses alone throughout the U. S. This aggregate, \$576,687,000, includes only the amount needed for farm dwellings. No consideration was taken as to the requirements of barns, outbuildings, water supplies, wells, windmills, fences or other permanent farm equipment in arriving at this total.

It is estimated that approximately the same amount is necessary for the recondition and construction of these items, thus bringing the grand total of farm building and repair requirements to more than one billion dollars. These figures are the result of a survey conducted by the bureau of home economics, department of agriculture, during which three hundred and fifty counties in forty-six states were canvassed.

South's Need Greatest

The southeastern rural area shows the greatest need. North Carolina, South Carolina and seven other southern states are included, and the sum necessary for restoration and building in this section amounts to \$188,300,000.

The small white and negro tenant farms, with meagre and sometimes totally inadequate houses prevailing in the above section, have combined with the long period of low prices for the staple crops of cotton and tobacco to cause the large total needed. In ability to lay aside any surplus with which to take care of farm repairs and make desired additions has also contributed.

Money Is Available

However, improving conditions due to restricted plantings, diversification, restored markets and benefit payments have enabled the farmers of the Southeast to begin replacement and renovation. For the first time in a number of years there is, due to the Federal Housing Administration plan, money available for building and repairs in farm communities, as well as in urban centers. In the Southeast plan was needed by 70 per cent of the houses in five of the states.

An analysis of a survey showed that farmers were usually in accord with the canvasser as to the need of replacement. The farmers have shown their desire to borrow; financial institutions are in a position to lend and the Federal Housing Administration is willing to insure such progressive investments. These

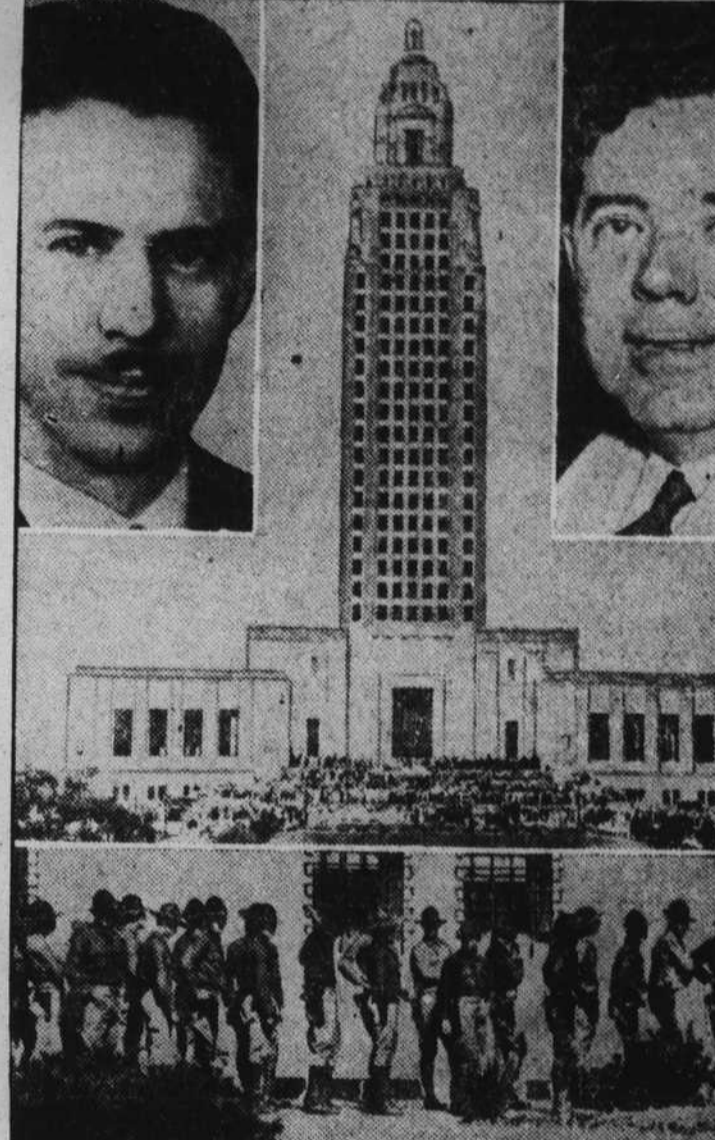
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Smith To Preside Over Conference At Chapel Hill

Captain B. L. Smith has just accepted the invitation of Dr. Edgar W. Knight, director of consolidated summer schools of the University of North Carolina, to preside during the week of June 17 at a Conference on Public Educational Administration to be held at Chapel Hill.

Among those who will speak are such outstanding educators as President Shelton Phelps of Winthrop college, Professor N. L. Engelhardt and Professor Carter Alexander of Teachers college, Columbia university, Dr. David Wigle, superintendent of the Baltimore city schools, Superintendent Frank Cody of the Detroit schools, Dr. Sidney B. Hall, superintendent of the Schools of Virginia, and Dr. Albert S. Cook, superintendent of the schools of Maryland.

Huey's Troops Guard Capitol



Louisiana national guardsmen remained in Baton Rouge to guard the \$5,000,000 state capitol, center, after their tear-gas bombs had routed a citizens' army calling itself the Square Deal Association, which had mutinied against the iron-handed dictatorship of Senator Huey Long, above right. While the anti-Long rebellion was being put down, Ernest Bourgeois, left, 29, leader of the Square Dealers, disappeared.

Commissioners Act to Get Special Court Term Here

Petition Governor For Two-Weeks Session Beginning February 25; Criminal Docket Still Overcrowded

The board of county commissioners, in regular first-Monday meeting this morning, acted upon the recommendation of the grand jury to obtain a special session of superior court in an effort to dispose of the heavily overcrowded docket, both criminal and civil.

County Attorney Peyton McSwain

was instructed by resolution to petition Governor Ehringhaus for the special two-weeks term beginning Feb. 25. This date was believed to be available, and it was thought that Judge Frank Daniels, retired, would be the presiding judge.

Try To Reach Spurling

Mr. McSwain was trying to reach Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling by telephone this morning to ask him to try the docket. It was thought that Mr. Spurling could assign his other cases to his law partner during the session.

The docket is overcrowded because a whole term was skipped here last year on account of the sudden illness of Judge W. F. Harding of Charlotte, who was to have presided. The criminal docket includes a first degree murder case, against Jack Parks, a negro, charged with killing J. R. Downs, and the barn-burning charge against Henry Swink. The civil docket is also long, but it may require the full two weeks to dispose of the criminal cases.

If Mr. Spurling finds he cannot come to Shelby, it is possible that a local attorney could be appointed to prosecute.

COMMERCE DIRECTORS TO MEET AT HOTEL

Directors of the Shelby chamber of commerce will meet Tuesday night at the Hotel Charles for the transaction of routine business.

Sinister Fate Stalks in Wake of Rafe King Case; Five Are Dead, While Convicted Murderer Lives On

By ERNEST JACKSON

YORK, S. C., Feb. 4.—Are the persons who were connected with the Rafe King murder case, famous in the criminal annals of South Carolina, decreed by a sinister fate to come soon to their life's end? Is there some reason not to be accounted for on natural grounds—is there some invisible pursuing force, that is responsible for the heavy mortality in their ranks since the curtain went down on the court room drama at Chester, less than six years ago, when the Shelby man was first convicted of the murder of

Cleveland County '33-'34 Sales Tax Comes to \$76,130

N. C. General Revue Figures Released

County Income Tax Amounts To Total Of \$64,602; Beer Levy Totals Only \$4,922 Here.

RALEIGH, Feb. 3.—North Carolina's general fund revenue for the fiscal year 1933-34 were collected under classifications, by amounts, as follows: inheritance, \$421,394.68; license, \$2,386,702.72; franchise, \$6,454,791.59; income, \$5,878,014.82 (individual, \$817,310.43; domestic corporation, \$2,057,902.26; foreign corporations, \$2,582,645.00, plus small amounts in back taxes etc.); sales tax, \$6,011,700.16; beer tax, \$337,607.33.

These figures have been supplied by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell to members of the General Assembly, and especially committee chairmen.

County Figures.

Cleveland county figures shown in the reports are as follows: Inheritance tax paid, 1933-34, \$3,739.41; next six months, \$2,439.12. License tax, 1933-34, \$31,743.76; next six months, \$6,926.44.

Franchise tax, 1933-34 not given;

next six months, \$27,711.19. Income tax, 1933-34, individuals and domestic corporations, \$64,602.75; foreign corporations, not shown by counties; next six months, income tax, individuals, domestic and foreign corporations, \$24,631.32.

Sales tax 1933-34, \$76,130.18;

next six months, \$35,108.22.

Beer tax, 1933-34 \$4,922.36;

next six months, \$3944.20.

Revenue stamps for six months

ending December 31, 1934, \$200.00.

(All six months periods mentioned above ended December 31, 1934.)

For Past 6 Months.

For the last six months of the calendar year, 1934, collections were as follows: inheritance, \$944,226.21; license, \$642,710.10; franchise, \$5,436,004.46; income, \$681,663.21 (individual, \$31,868.93; corporations, domestic, \$362,790.21, and foreign, \$214,216.90, plus small amounts); sales tax, \$3,710,118.87; beer tax, \$194,229.52; revenue stamps, \$49,634.77.

In income and franchise taxes the

big payment periods are in different halves of the year.

In inheritance tax the county average for the fiscal year 1933-34 is \$4,213.95, and the next half year, ending December 31, 1934, is \$2,442.26. For the full year Rockingham paid the largest amount, \$80,643.92; Mecklenburg, \$32,807.39, then Buncombe, Forsyth, Guilford and Durham paid \$28,000 to \$26,000. For the next six months Guilford paid \$34,614.95; then came Moore, Mecklenburg, New Hanover and Scotland.

Romance Seen



Persistent denials by home town friends of Mrs. Grace Goodhue Coolidge, above, wife of the late president, have failed to dispel rumors that she is to wed again. Among names linked romantically with that of the one-time "First Lady" is that of Everett B. Sanders, below, 55-year-old widower and former secretary of President Coolidge.

Andrew N. Albers, Local Traveling Man Dies on Train

Had Traveled Shelby Territory For 43 Years; Made His Home At Hotel Charles.

Andrew N. Albers, 67 year old traveling salesman who had been traveling this territory for 43 years, most of the time for Daniel-Miller Co., of Baltimore, died last night on a Southern railway sleeper.

Mr. Albers had made his home here at the Hotel Charles for the past four or five years. He boarded the Southern train last night at Kings Mountain to visit the house for which he traveled and get his spring samples of merchandise. During the night he died in his berth on a sleeper, his body being found as the train neared Alexandria, Va. where it was taken off and retained until his sisters were notified.

For the past year Mr. Albers had been in declining health and when he left here Sunday, handed the addresses of his sisters to S. C. Hewitt at the hotel "in case anything happened." Mr. Albers was popular with the merchants throughout this section and enjoyed their confidence and esteem. He was a great Shelby booster, was widely acquainted and possessed a personality and attractiveness that won friends and kept them. Five years ago his wife died. Surviving are two sisters and a brother in Baltimore.

Commissioners Give \$2,500 To Hospital

The board of county commissioners this morning voted \$2,500 from the charity fund to the Shelby hospital, to help defray expenses of charity patients.

A number of bills were approved

for payment today.

T. Cling Eskridge Age 80 Years Is Buried Here Today

Was Magistrate For Many Years

Wife And Three Sons Survive; Funeral Is Held At Eskridge Home On West Marion Street.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock for Squire T. Cling Eskridge, age 80, at his home on West Marion street and interment took place in Sunset cemetery, beside his daughter, Ora, who died August 28, 1936 when the building temporarily housing the bank, crashed on West Warren St.

Mr. Eskridge became ill three weeks ago and was a patient in the Shelby hospital for two weeks where the end came Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Eskridge was born in this county, Nov. 17th, 1854, son of Elijah and Margaret Washburn Eskridge. He was married to Amelia Blanton October 4th, 1877 with whom he lived happily and devotedly for 57 years. His wife and three children survive: Albert Eskridge, of LaFayette, Indiana, Tom and Connelly Eskridge of Shelby, together with eight grandchildren.

Most of his life was devoted to farming and the livery business. For the past 25 years he was a magistrate with an office in the court house. He was noted for his justice and fairness, kindness and loyalty. Litigants were often brought to peace and friendship as a result of his arbitrations. At an early age Mr. Eskridge joined Beaver Dam Baptist church, but moved his membership to the First church of Shelby soon after coming to Shelby about 45 years ago.

He is the last of the Elijah Eskridge family, two brothers, Richard and Charles, and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Cabanis, Mrs. T. J. Holland and Mrs. Corrah McBrayer having preceded him to the grave as well as two half brothers who died during the Civil war.

Active pall bearers were Paul Webb, C. S. Young, Ralph Royter, Charlie McBrayer, Oliver Anthony, M. A. Spangler, Horace Grigg, John McBrayer.

Small Child Dies From Painful Burns

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Sandy Plains Baptist church for little Rebecca Humphries, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Humphries of that community who died at the Shelby hospital Saturday morning after being burned early Friday.

It is understood that the child's clothes caught fire from a heater early Friday while the mother was out of the house for a brief period.

Services were conducted by the Rev. W. A. Elam, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Gibbs. The child is survived by her parents, and one sister, Martha Lee Humphries.

Shannon Hamrick Leaves Hospital

Shannon Hamrick, who has been a patient at the Shelby hospital since December 1, one of seven injured in an automobile crash just east of Shelby, was able to go to his home in the Double Springs community over the week-end. A crushed knee is still in a cast, but young Hamrick is able to walk a little with the aid of crutches. Vemo Wright who was also injured was able this week to walk for the first time since the accident.

Waco To Have FHA Meeting Wednesday

A special meeting of all business men, civic and professional men has been called at Waco and will take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

A representative from the district housing office will be present to explain to those attending the meeting the plan and general aims of the program.

Oppose Wet Bill

Opposition to Senator John Sprunt Hill's liquor control bill is being expressed by voters at the rate of 50 protesting letters each to members of the General Assembly. It was reported this morning.

COURT HOUSE TO BE CLOSED IN RESPECT FOR MR. ESKRIDGE

The court house will be closed between 2 and 4 p. m. in respect for Squire T. O. Eskridge, Justice of the peace, who died yesterday and whose funeral services are being held this afternoon.

Late News

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot ——— 12 1/2 to 13 1/4
Cotton seed, ton ——— 44.00

Fair, Colder

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Monday, fair and colder in central portions; Tuesday, fair.

Franco-British Pact

France and England have reached an agreement whereby Germany will be permitted to bear arms again, if she joins the League of Nations, and whereby the British and French air forces will work together in a military air alliance. Under this latter pact, each country is bound to aid the other if either is attacked from the air. Italy, Germany and Belgium are invited to join.

Hit Relief Bill

An important group of senators yesterday decided to attempt to strike from the five billion dollar work relief bill all authority for President Roosevelt to continue the dole after the eighty million dollars earmarked for tapering off charity is exhausted.

Trade Reprisal

The United States is preparing to punish nations which persist in discriminating against American goods. A blacklist is being made, and will probably be used in deciding which countries will receive the benefit of tariff reductions. This list of offending nations will be made public soon.

Richburg Replies

Donald R. Richburg, "assistant President," yesterday replied to organized labor's "traitor" charge with the counter-accusation that it amounted to a demand that he put the interests of the unions above his loyalty to the government.

Reduction Payments

Farmers who co-operated in the AAA adjustment programs received \$529,614,037 as of January 31, according to the latest tabulation. This includes the vast sums paid in the cotton reduction program.

No Gold Decision

Washington felt let down this week end. The expected ruling on gold contracts will not be made until another week has passed, the Supreme Court announced. Treasury and justice officials foresee "chaos" if the government's position is not upheld.

Would Run RR's

Senator Wheeler, Montana Democrat, last night demanded government ownership and operation of all railroads as a means of escaping "stupidity and cupidity" of management. He said this was the only way out of the perplexing problems facing private ownership.