

ANTI-SALES TAX GROUP TO REVEAL ITS REVENUE PLAN

Dr. Ralph McDonald and Fellowers Will Present Case to Finance Committee This Week. Appropriations Group Holds Frequent Meetings. Many Bills Dumped Into Hopper. Eighty-six Measures Passed.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent) Raleigh, N. C.—Frontrunners of the revenue plan of the anti-sales group of the General Assembly, by which it is claimed that the sales tax can be avoided and even more money raised for schools and other State needs, early this week, to be placed before the Finance Committee, gave hope of early action on this proposal. Chairman R. Gregg Cherry of that committee appealed to the group to place its plan before the committee, where it belonged, for action.

The group, headed by Dr. Ralph McDonald, Forsyth, and W. L. Lumpkin, Franklin, previously claimed the committee was "stacked" and planned to present the substitute measure on the floor of House and Senate. Chairman Cherry said it would delay work if that were done, asking the group to place it before the committee, then, if it were voted down, it could later come up on the floor, which is expected to produce the hardest fight so far made in the session.

The committee had approved removal of the \$10 limit of sales tax on large purchases, making the tax three per cent of total sale price. Milk may be excluded from the taxed items. Opponents of the sales tax claim this is one step toward victory in seeking to remove the sales tax entirely. Other items in the tax schedule have been increased by the committee.

Appropriations Group Busy
The Appropriations Committee, likewise, has been holding frequent meetings and hearing appeals for more money. School folks, about 1,000 strong, were in Raleigh Wednesday, while labor and highway employees painted a poor picture of conditions of workers under reduced salaries. Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin asked for \$22,000,000 for schools and 25 per cent increase in teacher salaries. This would please Governor Ehringhaus, he has said, if revenues can be found to do it. Dr. Frank Graham appealed effectively for increased appropriations for the State University for living salaries for teachers.

Unless the sales tax fight holds up matters too long, the Revenue, as well as the Appropriations, bill may be expected to be approaching final form the latter part of this week and may soon get to House and Senate floors. Then the other committees, holding few meetings because many of their members were in the more important meetings, preventing quorums, can begin work properly.

Several bills struck snags and went over the week-end to this week. In these are the drivers' license bill, the cosmetic art amendments, and others.

The sub-committee of the joint road committee recommended reduction of license tag fees for cars to 40 cents instead of 55 cents per 100 pounds, and a minimum of \$9, instead of the present \$12.50.

Only 26 measures of all kinds, resolutions, local and public bills, had been passed Saturday, out of more than 450 bills introduced to that time.

Tolls Removed from Bridges
Tolls from the Chowan, Cape Fear and North East river bridges were removed in acts passed the highway division taking over bond payments. Married men under 21 years of age may now renounce the rights of curtesy, as minor married women could do previously. The tax was removed from male breeding animals. An act passed allows State employees to direct payments of insurance, dues, etc. from their salaries. The law on discharge of State witnesses by solicitors was amended. A new law provides for restoring burnt, lost, destroyed or stolen court records. Walkathons, marathons and the like are illegal after April 1st.

Congress was memorialized to pass

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Doughton, Iron Man of Congress, Is Detained From Work by Stomach

Sleet and Snow Make it Impossible for Ninth District Representative to Reach His Office Before 6:30 in the Morning.



ROBERT L. DOUGHTON

Washington, D. C.—The iron man of the House of Representatives has a grievance.

This 72-year-old Representative, Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, has found the streets so icy and slippery for the past few days that he can't reach his office until 6:30 a. m. That's 30 minutes later than usual.

Other and younger members openly marvel at both his physical and mental endurance, for his usual day's schedule now is something like this:

He works on mail from 6 to 9:30; presides over his important Ways and Means Committee's hearings on the President's social security program from 9:30 to 12:30; listens to debate on the floor until the House adjourns around 5; finishes up on office odds and ends afterward. Not once in the last three years has he had even a cold.

Born on a farm at Laurel Springs, North Carolina, he started life as a horse trader. Once he drove some horses to market 75 miles away. He sold them all, except a saddle horse, for a good profit.

As he left town, a buyer offered an unexpectedly large sum for the saddle horse. Doughton sold it, swung the bridle, saddle, blankets and heavy pack over his own back and walked 70 miles home.

In summer "vacations" Doughton still can pitch hay all day—beginning at dawn and he fresh enough after dusk to dictate letters.

legislation to increase the price of potatoes and take the profit out of war, in resolutions enacted. Another invited Chief U. S. Forester Silcox to address a joint session, which he did.

Governor Ehringhaus' public school textbook rental system plan was among the new measures introduced. It would set up an initial fund of \$2,000,000, from Federal agencies probably, create a commission of five, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and four others named by the Governor, to work out a plan which may be inaugurated after approval by the Governor and Council of State.

Liquor Control Bill
Senator John Sprunt Hill's liquor control bill was introduced Friday. It provides for State wholesale purchase and bottling, with retail store control, the State getting 10 per cent profit and the counties the balance, estimated at \$3,600,000 for public welfare, relief, old age security, employment, etc.

Among bills of a State-wide interest introduced during the past week were:

Bill to appropriate \$3,000,000 for immediate use in repairing roads and bridges of State and county highway systems.

Another beer bill would increase alcoholic content of beer and wine to conform to national laws, with increased taxes for handling it in the State.

Levy excise tax of one-half mill per kilowatt hour of electric power generated and sold in the State.

Increase salaries of solicitors of the State courts from \$3,900 to \$4,500 plus \$750 for expenses.

Require election of Commissioner of Revenue by popular vote.

Require coroners to file statements, with two witnesses, with clerk of Superior Court of money and personal effects found in bodies of deceased persons.

Enforce payment of poll tax by all persons employed by the State.

Create civil service board for all public school teachers and professors at educational institutions, and provide pension plan.

Pay Confederate pensions monthly.

Provide for historical markers along State highways at place of historical interest, established by committee of historians, with \$10,000 fund asked.

Provide for jail sentences for

Big Increase Shown In Internal Revenue

Washington, D. C.—Collections of internal revenue rose 43 1-2 per cent during 1934 to total \$2,994,172,572, the Treasury announced last week in a comparative statement by districts and states.

Collections for the previous year were \$2,090,047,279.

All general classes showed an increase.

The list was led by agricultural adjustment taxes with an upturn of 257 per cent but this levy was not in effect for all of 1933.

Corporation income tax returns jumped 36 per cent with individual income returning in increase of 20 per cent.

Miscellaneous income was up 28 per cent.

Gain Being Made in War on Bootleggers

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt said last week the government has gained the upper hand in the war on bootleggers.

Arrested by more than thirty deaths in upper New York State from bootleg liquor, Mr. Roosevelt ordered a special investigation which revealed the supply came from rubbing alcohol and non-freezing ingredients. He said at his press conference that the Treasury had reduced the supply for bootleggers from these two sources and added an agreement had been reached for joint control on the Canadian border, the first of its kind in history, described as one of the finest illustrations of friendly co-operation among governments.

drunken drivers, mandatory.

Empower executors and administrators to continue farming operations of deceased persons until end of the calendar year, and enter into contracts.

GROWING FOOD ON FARM BETTERS FAMILY LIVING

The cash earnings of live-at-home farmers are only a small part of their total income, says Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, rural sociologist at the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

In fact, he says, the incomes of farm families compare favorably with those of average industrial families when account is taken of all the benefits provided by the farm.

A recent survey of 98 farm families and 57 representative industrial families showed that the average cash income of both groups was about \$1,600 a year per family.

Aside from \$40 worth of food obtained from small gardens, the industrial family had to buy all of its supplies out of the \$1,000.

But the farm family obtained \$540 worth of food and other living items from the farm. And it did not have to pay out cash for water, fuel, house rent and some food.

The farm family paid cash for 40 per cent of its living and obtained the other 60 per cent directly from the farm. The industrial family paid cash for 96 per cent of its living and got four per cent from the garden.

Dr. Hamilton points out that the more a farm family lives at home, the higher is its standard of living. Living at home also makes the farmer more independent of economic conditions in the rest of the world.

It is for this reason, he explains, that the New Deal programs for agricultural rehabilitation, subsistence homesteads, rural industrial villages, and the like.

INTRAMURAL BASKET BALL AT BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL

Every boy in Bethel High School is now playing intramural basket ball. There are four teams of large boys and two teams of small boys. At noon recess three games among the large boys and one game for the small boys determine the day's winners. The members of the teams win-

ning the most daily "championships" during a period about two weeks receive as a prize a bag of candy. The winners of the last tournament which was run off in a different manner, were as follows: Vann Farthing, captain, Billy Farthing, Dick Farthing, Edmund Farthing, Doughton Tester

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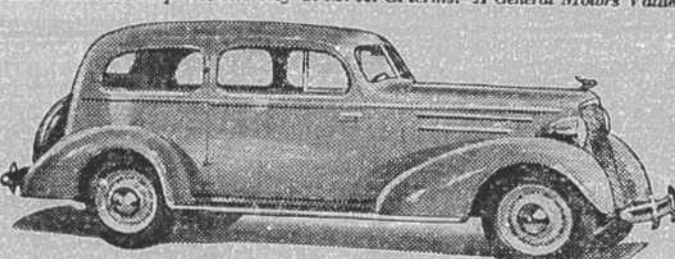
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