

## Need Retrenchment In Government

Both State and Counties Need To Reduce Expenses Says Commission Report

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—North Carolina will probably face a deficit of one million dollars when the present fiscal year ends and the 1931 general assembly must launch a statewide program of retrenchment, the biennial report of the state tax commission says.

The first section of the recommendations of the tax commission, which was released today, is a perspective of the taxation problems of North Carolina and deals at length with tax problems facing the state.

Pointing out that the tax commission two years ago recommended retrenchment, the 1931 report notes that now, 15 months after it started, the state is in the grasp of "a crash that marked the beginning of one of the most violent and widespread slumps in property values and earning capacity ever experienced by the people of this country," and that the depression is "now at its lowest point."

"These conditions," the report says, "have also intensified the difficulties of local government units in their dependence upon and enforcement of general property taxes that had already become burdensome."

And, so far as the state government is concerned, the report points out that "as the trend in economic conditions became unfavorable" then "the prospects of state revenue were correspondingly affected."

### Substantial Defeat Seen

Despite reductions in a \$3,125,000 curtailment of maximum appropriations made by the 1929 general assembly, it is said, "it is now quite apparent that at the end of this fiscal year we shall not only have absorbed a two-million dollar surplus brought over from the previous biennium, but in addition shall have a substantial deficit. The amount of this deficit cannot be closely approximated at this time on account of the uncertainty as to income tax payments next March, but we shall be fortunate if it does not exceed a million dollars."

All lines of state revenue, the report says, are showing a falling off. It is pointed out that "even the highway fund," which in all previous years has shown progressive increases, will yield a million dollars less of revenue this year than last.

"These combined factors," the report states, "confront the general assembly with the most difficult fiscal problems that have confronted any general assembly within this generation."

The report points out that of the \$100,000,000 tax burden on North Carolinians, a total of 75 cents of each tax dollar is spent by and through local county governments.

"If, as a part of a universal policy of retrenchment," the report sets forth, "there can be a substantial reduction of costs throughout this whole structure, we can effect a substantial relief for local taxpayers."

"The tax commission recommended this general policy two years ago when even in prosperity the weight of our tax burden seemed unbearable."

"If a policy of retrenchment seemed advisable two years ago when in prosperity we had a two million dollar surplus, it seems absolutely imperative now with a deficit and adversity."

Pointing out the unbearable, even in good times, of the combined tax burden for state and county purposes of \$100,000,000, the report states "we should first give place in our thinking to a readjustment of the size and weight of this burden."

"This course," the report continues, "seems to us a necessary policy in this time of adversity and reduction of costs, the surest means of bringing real relief to taxpayers. If taxes are to be reduced, spending must be reduced."

"It is our understanding that the budget is to be presented to the general assembly by the governor and the advisory budget commission will be based upon adoption of this viewpoint in a comprehensive way as to all agencies of the state, and that it will recommend and urge that the power of the general assembly be used to impose the same general policy upon all division of local government."

"This way lies the road to genuine tax relief that can be seen and felt by every taxpayer in North Carolina."

### Edwards-Whitley

Miss Julia Whitley and Mr. Joseph Edwards were married at Nashville on December 2nd, 1930. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Whitley, of Nash County. Mr. Edwards is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Edwards of near Louisville.

When men begin to dress as women, it is predicted, they won't be men.

Women's clothes cost a billion and a half dollars last year. It's hard to believe.



MR. W. ROBERT PERRY

Member of the new Board of County Commissioners, to whom has been assigned the following duties: Roads and complaints from district No. 5 composed of Louisville and Cypress Creek townships, Court house, jail, real estate in Louisville and revenue. He is one of Franklin County's most popular citizens, a member of one of the County's oldest and most prominent families and a successful planter. He is a member of Maple Spring Baptist church, and has been interested in public matters for a long number of years during which time he has served as school committeeman for his district, which was one of the pioneer special tax districts in the County and as road trustee of his township.



MR. HENRY P. SPEED

A member of the New Board of County Commissioners to whom has been assigned duties, as follows: Roads and complaints from district No. 3, composed of Hayesville and Sandy Creek townships, report of officers, employment of prisoners, Home Demonstration, stills and fees. This work is not entirely new to Mr. Speed, he having served his County in the same capacity before, when he demonstrated ability in handling public matters. Mr. Speed is a descendant of some of Franklin County's and North Carolina's most prominent and successful families, and is himself a successful planter and enjoys a wide popularity. He is a member of Sarepta Methodist church, at Centerville, and a staunch friend of education.

## SPRING HOPE SOLID BEHIND BANK

"The people of Spring Hope the other day showed how to save a bank," said O. B. Moss, Representative-elect from Nash County, who was in Raleigh yesterday. "Spring Hope set an example that may prove immensely valuable. If it is generally followed, many a bank can be saved from crashing."

"President Hobart Brantley and Cashier R. C. Coppedge of the Citizens' Bank, met with a mass meeting of citizens including depositors and others. They gave them the exact situation of the bank, showing the loans and to whom made, proved that the bank was solvent and that if left alone would have no trouble in protecting all the depositors. The bank officials pointed out to the meeting that they could close the bank by taking out their money because no bank keeps enough money or ordinarily can command enough money to pay all depositors. In a word, it was

made plain that the bank was a going concern and could come out of the period of depression with all its assets and be able to conserve all deposits if given a chance.

"The argument went home. The depositors agreed to leave their money in the bank. Others agreed to become depositors and the Citizens' Bank came out of the crisis in better shape than it was in. It is because bank officials and bank depositors used their reason in the place of becoming panic-stricken and destroying the bank. I think that if other bank officials, when they sense the possibility of a run, can save their banks by doing like the officials of the Spring Hope bank did, that is, lay all their cards on the table and then tell the depositors they can take their choice—save the bank and protect all the depositors, or ruin the bank and cripple business in the vicinity by making a run on it."

## Hoover Relief Bill Becomes Law

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Hoover late today signed the bill putting \$116,000,000 immediately at his disposal for new jobs on federal improvements throughout the nation. This emergency measure got through Congress early in the afternoon and together with the measure authorizing \$45,000,000 for loans to drought stricken farmers to put in next year's crops was promptly signed.

The \$45,000,000 must still be appropriated. This will be done immediately after the holidays and meanwhile arrangements will be perfected for getting the loans to the farmers.

### \$116,000,000 Available Now

The \$116,000,000 is available at once and will be put into immediate use. In his recommendations and in his public statements concerning them the President has emphasized that work can be begun immediately. All the technical phases such as obtaining sites, architectural planning and engineering have been completed on all the projects included under the recommendations. Mr. Hoover has said actual employment under the bill can start in most cases within from one to three months.

The bill, in addition to allowing actual labor to start on buildings and other projects, will provide labor in various industries, such as steel, brick, quarrying and in machinery manufacturing, which will supply materials.

They are still called hotel accommodations, though the hotel may be at a summer resort with nothing but mosquitoes.

Early to bed (in the morning) and early to rise (in the afternoon) will never make folks healthy, wealthy and wise.

The young man who starts out to sow his wild oats should remember that he is the one who has to harvest them.

Some people can go to Canada without arousing the least bit of suspicion.

## McNinch Approved by Senate

Washington, Dec. 20.—The flood gates of oratory were thrown wide open this afternoon in the senate when Senator Couzens was recognized to report the federal power commission nominations. Both George Otis Smith, scheduled for the chairmanship of the commission and Frank R. McNinch, anti-Smith leader in the state, received senate approval, but only after a debate at times hot and hectic, which extended over a period of hours. Smith was confirmed by a vote of 38 to 23, with the North Carolina senators voting aye, while the McNinch nomination was approved by a vote of 47 to 11, the real fighting revolving around the North Carolina appointment.

The personnel of the commission was completed tonight when the senate confirmed Smith, McNinch and Marcel Gersaud, of Louisiana. Ralph B. Williamson, of Washington, and Claude L. Draper, of Wyoming, the other members of the commission were confirmed yesterday. McNinch and Gersaud were named as Democrats, the others as Republicans.

The senate debated the nominations late into the night in order to confirm them before adjourning for the Christmas recess.

The new commission will be organized immediately to replace the present commission.

## FIND TWO GUILTY IN STORE ROBBERY CASE

Frank Tharrington Goes To Prison, Boney Kearney Sent To Roads

Frank Tharrington, young cotton mill worker of Franklin, was sentenced to serve from three to five years in State's prison yesterday in Wake County Superior Court for his part in the robbery of two filling stations near his home town last month. Boney Kearney, convicted of assisting him in the robberies, was given eight

## Our Raleigh Letter

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—State departmentalists await the release of the Brookings Institute survey of state departments and everybody in an institution of North Carolina wishes that he knew what is what.

Leads enough to indicate radical and even revolutionary changes, have been discovered every few days. There appears to be no doubt that the survey will show the economy and the efficiency of a very elemental change in school policy. That the findings will carry a suggestion for consolidating the three great state institutions, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; North Carolina College for Women in Greensboro, and State College of Agriculture and Engineering in Raleigh, admits no doubt. Whether Governor Gardner will give this proposal his entire support is quite another thing. His excellency is very much disposed toward economy and this is said to be a great move in that direction.

There would of course be much against it. The alumni of State and University of North Carolina find it hard to merge their sympathies. They can work together when either team meets an outside foe on the ball field. But making a State alumnus a University rah rah is quite an achievement. It is said that should N. C. C. W. become a portion of the University "McIver College" would be the name. That would please many alumnus. But it is not believed that the present management would favor either the name or the scheme of consolidation.

The surveyors believe they can save hundreds of thousands by the combination and if they can they will get a legislative car; for the man who proposes a plan for running this state plant on less money than the most economical spokesman asks, will be the biggest man of the commonwealth. And the surveyors promise reduction of operating expense.

There would be other consolidations in the schools, the normal institutes of the state would all come under a single head and there would be combinations among the negro schools. Undoubtedly there will be big changes in the state system.

And the short ballot will be the big political consideration. It is not very popular and arouses much resentment among some of the state officials. It would not reach the con-

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C. HILL YARBROUGH

Recently elected Attorney for the Town of Louisville and also Attorney for Franklin County, who is strong in his advice to both of his clients to make full publication of all matters pertaining to the business of the town and the County. He has recently advised the town to advertise the property for sale for delinquent taxes and inform the TIMES he will advise them to publish a full and complete annual statement. He also advises the County to publish a full and complete statement of its receipts and disbursements according to law.

Mr. Yarbrough takes the position, aside from complying with the law requiring it, that every tax payer in the town and County is a stockholder in the government and is entitled to know in full of its transactions.

months on the roads by Judge Garland Midyette.

Both Tharrington and Kearney denied on the stand that they had any connection with the robberies. Tharrington's car, however, was found wrecked and containing much of the stolen loot soon after the robbery of the station. Both of the men claimed that they were at home when the robberies were alleged to have occurred. —News-Observer.

## Southern Beauty



Mary Astworth Barber, 19, of Waynesville, N. C., who has been voted the most beautiful student at Meredith College.

## ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSES

Reports being received from churches throughout the North Carolina Conference where Louisville College Day was observed last Sunday, December 21, indicate enthusiastic responses to the cause. Methodist churches in which the needs of the College were not presented last Sunday will hear these needs explained on next Sunday, December 23. It is the plan to follow up the public presentation with a canvass for individual contributions by a local committee in each church. Intensive efforts will be carried on until January 10, 1931, to raise funds to aid in the operation of the College for the spring term.

This old institution, the history of which dates back to 1773, is the property of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. As a result of an indebtedness carried over from the building program of a few years ago, a disastrous fire which occurred in December 1923, and the present financial depression, the College finds itself facing a temporary crisis in the form of a deficit in its operating expenses for the current year. It is proposed to raise a total of twelve thousand dollars to supplement the income of the institution and tide it over its present crisis. The enthusiastic response, which is being shown by the Methodists throughout the North Carolina Conference and other friends of the College, confirms the belief that the needed funds will be raised and that the College will continue to serve the cause of Christian education to the many hundreds of young women throughout Eastern North Carolina.

## No Recorders Court Next Monday

Just before adjourning Franklin Recorder's Court Monday, Judge J. E. Malone announced that there would be no session held on Monday, Dec. 29th. A number of cases were on docket Monday several being disposed of while others were continued. The disposition of the docket was as follows:

Davis Pearce was found guilty of disposing of mortgaged property and prayer for judgment was continued. Herbert Phelps was found guilty of aiding and abetting in distilling prayer for judgment was continued. Sam Williams was found not guilty of disposing of mortgaged property.

The cases of larceny against Pete Wheelless and Anderson Green were sent back to the magistrate for final action.

L. T. Winston plead guilty to unlawful possession of whiskey and was fined \$10.00 and costs.

The following cases were continued:

Morris Davis, violating automobile law.  
Waddell Alston, assault.  
E. A. Rogers, operating automobile intoxicated.  
Crudup Davis, bad check.  
James Coghill, assault with deadly weapons.  
G. E. Winston, bad check.  
Ervin Glenn, operating automobile intoxicated.  
Otha Denton, Charles Dickens, Wilbur Strickland, aiding and abetting in a felony.

## MRS. BOBBITT HOSTESS TO AUXILIARY

Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt delightfully entertained the members of the American Legion Auxiliary and their children on Tuesday afternoon, at her home on Nash St.

After the regular business was disposed of a most interesting program arranged by Mrs. W. L. Beasley for the children, was given:

Song—Hark the Herald Angels Sing.  
Recitation—Jane Gray Perry.  
Bible Story of Christ Birth—Verna

## WINNER THEATRE CLOSES

Is Purchased By The Louisville Theatre — Mr. Kissell To Remain in Louisville

The Winner Theatre, one of Franklin County's most popular moving picture show houses closed its doors on Saturday night after it had been sold to the new Louisville Theatre by its owner, Mr. R. R. Kissell. This theatre had built up a very favorable reputation for splendid shows and was largely patronized by the public. Mr. Kissell, realizing that two shows could not live in Louisville, through the coming year, and having interest in theatres at other places needing his attention accepted a proposition from the other theatre and closed. Much of his equipment will be moved to another location.

The new Louisville theatre is to be congratulated in consummating this consolidation, which will assure it an opportunity to serve the public better and will no doubt be served better by the public. The management informs the times they will spare no effort or expense in giving to Louisville one of the best shows in the State.

Their many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Kissell and family will not leave Louisville.



JOSIAH WILLIAM BAILEY

## JOSIAH BAILEY IS OPTIMISTIC

Senator-Elect Sees Early Return of Prosperity To Country.

Expressing considerable interest in the present business situation, Senator-elect Josiah William Bailey said as he returned last week from Washington and New York that "there are substantial reasons to believe that the tide has turned and we may all begin now to look hopeful forward."

He made no comment on the Senate's confirmation of McNinch, which he strongly opposed. Mr. Bailey mentioned four factors which he believed were indicative of the turn toward better times.

"It appears that the period of the panic has passed or is rapidly passing and that we will have from now on to contend only with the depression. Confidence is taking the place of fear. The textile industry throughout the country is now more than holding its own. It is employing hundreds of thousands of people, and it is a great consumer of raw material. A third factor in the better feeling and sense that we will get through the depression is the appropriation of \$45,000,000 to relieve the farmers in the drought affected sections. The fourth factor is the fact that communities are extending themselves to take care of those who are suffering. And a final factor is the apparent good Christmas trade," he said.

Alston. Song — Santa's Coming — Glenn Feasley. Bible Lesson—Jesus Birth by children in unison. Musical—Mamie Davis Beam. Song—Silent Night. All parts were well given and members of the Auxiliary are grateful to the children for taking part on the program and giving us such an enjoyable hour.

Following the program the hostess assisted by Mrs. W. O. Lee and Mrs. W. H. Allen served hot tea, fruit cake and pickles with attractive Christmas candies in holders on each plate, to the members, while the children were served Christmas bags of confectionaries.

The meeting adjourned until the third Tuesday of January. Place to be announced later.

Mrs. Forrest Joyner, Sec'y.

The kind of citizens we don't want in this county are those who measure their intelligence by the length of their hair.