

UNEMPLOYMENT IS BEING STUDIED IN THIS STATE

Raleigh, Dec. 3.—As the smoke of the 1930 political battle clears away, the stage, all set for 1932, appears, with the 1936 contest in the offing. Included in the 1932 contests will be those for the U. S. Senate, Goernorship, his lieutenant, the attorney general, and others, while the 1936 governorship race is being to take form.

Senator Lee S. Overman has announced his candidacy to succeed himself. Former Governor Cameron Morrison has announced his opposition. Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville, and Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing have hinted at possible candidacies. Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby, often mentioned, is saying nothing. Governor Morrison's friends doubt that Senator Overman will be a candidate, finally, but think their man would have little trouble in defeating him on the "new and younger blood" idea. Former Governor A. W. McLean, it is generally understood, will support the only other member of the N. C. ex-Governor Club, despite splits in the past. Other supporters of Senator Simmons in the June primary may or may not follow Governor McLean. If Mr. Hoey enters the race, which many doubt, he would cause trouble, plenty of it.

While the 1932 Governor's race may be said to be in a statu quo, things are heading up for the 1936 race. Thomas C. (Tam) Bowie, Jefferson, while not inclined toward the Attorney General's office route, will, under normal conditions be a gubernatorial candidate in 1936, his friends say. A. H. (Sandy) Graham, of Hillsboro, is expected to keep his contracts and friends by running for Lieutenant Governor in 1932, with his eye on the Governor's chair in 1936. Judge T. L. Johnson, now of Asheville, retired from the 1932 race with the apparent purpose of entering the 1936 contest.

D. F. Giles and W. F. Wood, both of Marion, and Mr. Graham are prospects for the Lieutenant Governor's race in 1932. With Mr. Bowie definitely out, the prospects for the 1932 Attorney General race include I. M. Bailey, attorney for the N. C. Corporation Commission; Charles Ross, attorney for the N. C. Highway Commission, and Kenneth C. Royall, Goldsboro. Doubt that Mr. Royall will run is expressed, while there is intimation that another unnamed candidate will get in that race. All of these contests have interesting possibilities.

Twenty-two highway construction projects, involving about \$1,500,000, are included in the list on which bids will be received at the State Highway Department December 9. John D. Waldrop, State highway engineer, announces. These include an aggregate of 25.5 miles of concrete, 11.42 miles of asphalt, 14.31 miles of gravel surfacing, 21.13 miles of grading and structures, 3.49 miles of grading, structures and topsoil, three bridges and structures on one piece of road.

Nineteen of these projects are approved for Federal Aid, estimates being that half a million dollars or more in Federal money will be utilized on all except three, in Martin, Tyrrell and Sampson counties. The \$500,000 county equalizing fund and funds from the highway districts will be used to meet the Federal Aid on the 19 projects.

Despite the fact that North Carolina's estimated 1930 tobacco crop of 539,000,000 pounds is 40,000,000 pounds greater than the actual 1929 crop of 499,000,000 pounds, tobacco sales at the end of October this year were 6,000,000 pounds less than at the same time last year, or 272,132,427 pounds this year as compared with 378,175,860 pounds last year, figures of the State Federal cooperative crop reporting service shows.

The smaller sales this year, in face of the larger estimated crop, are taken to show a tendency of the growers to keep the tobacco off the market, in view of the lower prices being received this year. The average price this year is almost exactly five cents a pound lower than at the same time last year, the 1930 average being \$14.92 a hundred pounds, as compared with \$19.91 a hundred last year. The figures show that slightly more than half of the estimated crop this year, 539,000,000 pounds, or 272,000,000 pounds, had been sold by the end of October.

First steps toward organized relief and coping with unemployment in the State will be undertaken this week, following the meeting in the

Revenue Building here on Tuesday of Governor Gardner's Council on Unemployment and Relief in North Carolina with Frank Bane, Washington, D. C., representing President Hoover's Committee on Unemployment.

M. Eugene Newsom, Durham, recent president of Rotary International, is chairman of the council, with Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of public welfare, as vice-chairman, and 13 other citizens, leaders in civic, labor, industrial, banking, newspaper and other circles.

"Immediate organization to meet the many grave issues arising out of this problem appears to me absolutely imperative at this time and is, of course, in conformity with the President's plans in this connection," Governor Gardner wrote the members he named on the committee, urging them "to cooperate to the fullest degree in this effort to work out a program in cooperation with the Labor and Welfare Departments, which will assist in organizing the State for the relief of the distress in which large numbers of our people now find themselves."

The Sophomore Class of N. C. State College has outlawed liquor drinking in future by its members through adoption Friday of a resolution, presented by the class president, Milo Stroupe, star tackle of the college football team and former member of the U. S. Marine Corps, as follows:

"We, as the class of 1933 of North Carolina State College, put ourselves on record as outlawing drinking liquor among the members of our class."

The resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote, although it was pointed out that only about half of the 504 members of the class were present.

Josiah William Zailey, Democrat, received 323,620 votes and George M. Pritchard, Republican, received 210,547, a Bailey majority of 113,073 in the race for United States Senate in last week's election, semi-official figures compiled by Secretary of State J. A. Hartness show. Mr. Bailey's majority exceeded that of any candidate running for office in this State, the next highest having been that of Senator F. M. Simmons, 111,000 over A. A. Whitener, in 1924. Votes for both Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pritchard were the largest ever cast in an "of year", but both Governor Gardner and his Republican opponent, H. F. Seawell, received more votes in 1928.

Mr. Bailey carried 89 counties, and Mr. Pritchard 11, or six more than elected Republican representatives to the General Assembly. Apparently the three amendments, one providing for classification of property for taxation, another providing for seven instead of five justices of the Supreme Court, and the third providing for separating the Superior Court judicial and solicitorial districts, were voted down. Apparently, also, the referendum for authorizing a second bond issue of \$2,000,000 for the Veterans Loan Fund was carried, reports from about 75 of the counties giving it a majority of about 45,000.

Purging more carefully the lists of Confederate veterans, widows and colored servants, pensioners of the State as result of the War between the States, in the 100 counties will probably result from the disclosures and charges against Mason W. Gant, clerk of Superior Court of Guilford county, in the distribution of pension checks.

Distribution of these funds is in the hands of the State Board of Pensions, composed of the Governor, the Auditor and the Attorney General, the Auditor being designated more particularly as distributor. Each county has a county board, composed of Confederate veterans or sons or daughters of veterans for one or two of the places, which is directed to meet annually and purge the lists. Often this is merely a matter of form, detail's being handled by the Clerk of the court.

The General Assembly appropriated \$1,200,000 for such pensions for the fiscal year 1929-30 and, on the assumption that several veterans would die reduced the amount to \$1,035,000 for the fiscal year 1930-31. The actual number of veterans living now is around 1,700, an average of about 17 to the county, while the widows number three or four times as many.

General fund revenues collected

for the State during the first four months of the present fiscal year, ending October 31, amounted to \$5,004,957.09, an increase of \$32,466.56 over the \$4,972,490.53 collected for the same period last year, the report of A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenues, shows. The gain the past month more than offset a loss for the month of September, as compared with last year.

Automobile tax collections, on the other hand, amounted to \$4,722,653.31 for the first four months of the fiscal year, a decrease of \$440,337.91 from the \$5,162,991.22 collected in the same period last year. Gasoline consumption license plates and title fees all showed a decrease this year. Fees from the sale of license plates for all of 1930 to October 31 amount to \$6,689,121.37, as compared with \$6,824,769.71 to this date for 1929, a decrease of \$135,648.34.

License taxes decrease about \$52,000 and franchise taxes about \$19,000 while inheritance taxes increased about \$66,000 and income taxes about \$8,000 the first four months of this year, as compared with the same period last year.

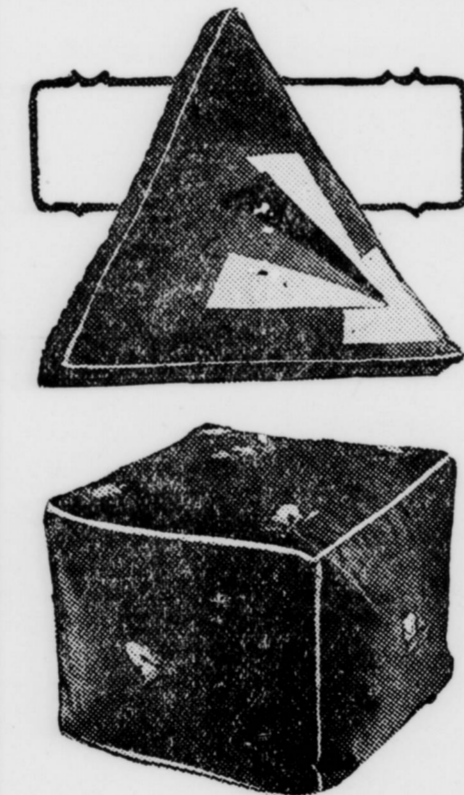
Stockholders in the defunct Raleigh Banking and Trust Co., numbering 60, and owning the 2,000 shares, have been notified by the N. C. Corporation Commission of a 100 per cent assessment of the \$200,000 capital stock, payable November 10, for the benefit of preferred creditors and depositors. The Page Trust Co. has taken over and is liquidating the assets. W. B. Drake, president, owned 783 shares and his brother, J. C. Drake, of Drake, S. C., owned 110 shares, Walter Durham owned 106 shares.

A school for the 100 county tax supervisors is to be held in Raleigh early in December, conducted under auspices of the State Board of Assessment, to acquaint them with their duties and instruct them in methods of handling the new quadriennial assessment on real estate, the board announces. The tax supervisors for each county will then be required to conduct similar schools for their township assessors and listers.

In addition, the State Board is preparing a uniform blank on which tax returns by individuals are to be made in all of the 100 counties and is laying down regulations to provide for more equitable and even valuation as between counties. This is one of the objects for which N. C. Tax Relief Association has been contending. Government experts are to be in charge of the school and will furnish the instruction.

Although Chairman R. A. Doughton, of the State Highway Commission, does not look with favor at the proposal to increase the gasoline tax from five to six cents a gallon, he is frank to admit that he can see how no other way by which the commission could take over the 45,000 miles of highways in the 100 county systems and maintain them, thus taking this burden

Modernistic Cushions



Of course if you are giving cushions this Christmas, they must bespeak the modernistic, for modernistic is the word for things decorative this season. The two in the picture are the "last word" in cushiondom. The top one is of felt with appliques of felt giving a vivid splash of color. The large hand-embroidered black satin cube shape is a floor cushion and provides an inviting resting place for lady's dainty slippers foot.

from property taxes. The last General Assembly added one cent on the gasoline tax, which brings in about \$2,500,000, and appropriated \$500,000 additional, the \$3,000,000 going to the counties to maintain roads or pay off road bonds. If another cent should be added and another \$500,000 allotted to the counties, the \$6,000,000 would be sufficient to maintain the 45,000 miles of county roads at their present standard and at about 75 per cent of the present cost, Chairman Doughton thinks this would enable the State commission to maintain all of the roads and take all of the cost from the counties, except administration costs, but it will meet with strenuous opposition from automobile owners who would pay the shifted tax.

The one-cent sale is an effective means for persuading a customer to buy twice as much as he wants of something that he does not need.

THE POWER OF THE STATE

(From The Hamlet News-Messenger)

That a proposal to extend the power of the Federal government to enforce laws against gangsters, racketeering and other crimes does not have weight in government circles was made clear by President Hoover in a recent formal statement. In the statement he said: "Such action would be a reflection on the sovereignty and stamina of the states. Every single state has laws to cover such criminality. What we need is a more widespread awakening to the failure of local governments to protect their citizens from murder and corruption."

President Hoover said exactly what Thomas Jefferson would have said under similar circumstances. He said what John Marshall would have said, and what Abraham Lincoln would have said, and also what Wm. McKinley, Woodrow Wilson and Grover Cleveland would have said. It is not a political matter, it strikes of the Constitution and of our Union of States.

Under our system and form of government all enforcement of police regulations or what is known in law as police power is left to the states,

with outstanding exceptions. Crimes and offenses against interstate business and all constitutional violations, concerning mails and other functions of the Federal government are necessarily and naturally within the scope of government administrations. The Eighteenth Amendment is another example of the Federal Government's cognizance of police power enforcement. Thus, in cooperation with the States or with certain of the States, the Federal government does actual control or does attempt to control a traffic independently of the theory of the theory of the reservation of the police power to the States. But the exceptions prove the rule. The moment that the Federal Government goes into the enforcing business of matters concerning the sovereignty of the States, the States are no more States but arbitrary and artificial units of a centralized Federal Government. Mr. Hoover, tho an engineer, is smart enough to see this. His firm denial of any considerations look toward the encroachment of the United States government upon the powers of the

various States is timely and consistent, and is a recognition of the fundamental structure of our government. Until such time as the people of the United States change both the spirit and the letter of the Federal Constitution, the Government must keep hands off of those functions rightly and constitutionally guaranteed to the States. One of the quickest ways to "save the Union" is to safeguard those rights that make the Union possible.

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