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SENATE PASSES FINANCE BILL

Some Of The Measures Before Assembly Past Week

RALEIGH, N. C.—The senate passed the finance bill on Wednesday by vote of 38 to 0, the house passed the revenue measure last week. The bill, which is only a group of amendments to the 1939 continuing act, reduces taxes by broadening sales tax exemptions and allowing local governmental units 75 per cent of returns from intangible taxes instead of 60 per cent. However, on account of improved business conditions it is estimated that tax returns will reach a new high—\$163,600,000.

A measure to provide a vote on a constitutional amendment which would consolidate state school administration was passed.

New Motor Vehicle Dept.

The house has passed and ordered ratified, a bill to remove the state highway patrol, the highway safety division and related agencies from the revenue department to a new motor vehicle department. The senate passed unanimously and sent to the house a bill to allow Gov. Broughton and future governors to appoint their own board of conservation and development, increasing the membership from 12 to 15.

"Crash Tax" Bill

The senate has passed and sent to the house a "crash tax" bill on a vote of 27 to 11. The measure provides the addition of a 50-cent fee to the cost of auto license plates towards a fund to pay hospital expenses up to 21 days, of crash victims.

Highway Bill

The new highway reorganization bill provides that the highway commissioners shall represent the state as a whole, and not be considered representative of their own highway district. "It is the intent and purpose of this act that all of said commission and the chairman shall represent the state at large and not be representative of any particular division," the bill said.

The measure also instructed the commission to pay particular heed to the improvement of farm-to-market roads and school bus routes.

Approves U. of N. C. Increase

Governor Broughton has approved an increase of \$260,436 yearly over budget figures for the greater University of North Carolina, which, according to President Frank Graham will go to new teachers, small pay raises, new equipment, etc.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

BRITAIN PREPARES FOR INVASION

Britain is preparing her defenses for the threatened invasion attack expected at an early date, before U. S. aid increases. German bombing of London and other cities continues with some loss of life. Fires, caused by incendiary bombs are quickly controlled. A Japanese offer to mediate in the war accuses the U. S. and Britain of "war preparations" in the Pacific. This was considered in London as an axis diplomatic "peace offensive."

BALKANS-GREECE-TURKEY

The week has witnessed Hitler's preparations to march through Bulgaria on Greece and a Bulgarian-Turkish non-aggression pact which is interpreted as favorable to Hitler, and exceedingly dangerous for Greece.

BRITAIN-TURKEY

Turkey still maintains freedom of action in her existing obligations to Great Britain, who holds that her aid to Greece will continue against both Italian and German aggression, and that Greece will not yield to Hitler's demands for peace terms with Mussolini.

AFRICAN FRONT

The British continue their sweeping victories over the Italians in Africa. Ethiopian warriors are revolting against their Italian rulers and British are pressing towards Addis Ababa. Red Sea ports are falling into their hands.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS LAND AT SINGAPORE

Arrival of Australian, Malayan

Rabies

Prevention Bill Introduced By Dr. Rogers

Dr. W. A. Rogers, Macon county's representative in the General Assembly has introduced a bill aimed at preventing any outbreak of rabies in North Carolina. The measure would authorize health officers to appoint rabies inspectors.

The present law requires all dogs to be vaccinated for rabies by a veterinarian appointed by the county health officer. The administration of this law is under the N. C. Department of Agriculture. At the time of its passage it was put through the General Assembly as a measure to protect stock on the farms from the frequent menace of being bitten by mad dogs. The loss of farm animals from hydrophobia is still considerable.

Dr. Rogers' measure would make more effective the protection of man and beast from the danger of rabies.

American Legion Wants Addresses Men In Service

The Macon Post of the American Legion desires the addresses of all Macon county men in any branch of military service, old or new. Gilmer A. Jones, commander, requests that families or relatives of the men will send addresses to him or to W. Roy Carpenter, Franklin.

Mrs. Martha McCloud Dies In Highlands

Mrs. Martha McCloud, 83, died at the home of her son, A. C. Holt in Highlands on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock following an illness of several months.

Mrs. McCloud was born in Franklin and spent her life here and in Highlands. She was a member of the Franklin Baptist church. She was married to Dr. T. W. McCloud, who died a number of years ago. Funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Franklin Baptist church. Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor, Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of St. Agnes Episcopal church, and Rev. R. B. Dupree, of the Highlands Presbyterian church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Holly Springs church cemetery.

The pallbearers will be W. T. Moore, Henry W. Cobe, Walter Bryson, Jack Strubling, Harry Holt and Richard Holt. The flower girls will be Mrs. Harry Holt, Mrs. Helen Rucker and Mrs. W. M. Sutton.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. W. W. McConnell, of Franklin, Mrs. A. J. Newman, and Mrs. May Hunt, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. E. P. Jarrett, of Springfield, Ill., and one son, A. C. Holt, of Highlands; 24 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Envoy to Britain



John G. Winant, former Republican governor of New Hampshire, packs his bag in a New York hotel preparing to travel to Washington for instructions and thence to London. Winant, a labor expert, is the new United States ambassador to Great Britain.

Beer License

Of L. T. Moss Revoked By Commissioners

The beer license of L. T. Moss of Highlands was revoked by the county commissioners at a special meeting held Monday. Ralph Wood of Kyle was also reported. Petitions from people of both communities were presented to the commissioners asking their action in getting rid of the two stands. Insufficient evidence against Wood delayed action on his case. Moss failed to appear, but after hearing the evidence the commissioners found as a fact that he had operated his premises in a disorderly manner, and therefore ordered that the license heretofore issued to him for the sale of beer and wine be revoked.

BROTHER'S GUN KILLS CHILD

Gun In Hands Of 15-Year Old Boy Causes Fatal Accident

Another family gun, carelessly left loaded around the house, has brought tragedy besides death into a Macon county home. Henry Judson Reeves, ten-year-old son of a widow, Mrs. Texie Roper Reeves of the Oak Dale section, was accidentally killed by his 15-year-old brother, Billy, with a shotgun last Saturday afternoon. Sheriff A. B. Slagle, who went to the scene of the tragedy soon after it occurred, reported that it appeared from all evidence to have been accidental. Mrs. Reeves said that she had previously told her son to remove the shell from the gun and that she thought it had been done. The younger boy was coming toward the house from the yard where he had been cutting wood and the older boy was standing in the doorway close by when the gun discharged, entering the child's body near the heart and causing death instantly. No inquest was held.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon. Rev. Robert Williams and Rev. Edgar Parks officiating.

Pallbearers were James Wild, Andrew Reeves, Glen Reeves, Terrell Parrish, Austin Raby and Joe Raby. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. C. M. Reeves; one brother, Billy; five sisters, Beulah, Alice, Lela, Delia and Rebecca; and three half-brothers, Ralph, Lee and James Reeves.

The father of the family, the late Charles M. Reeves, also met accidental death when he was killed by a falling tree about two years ago.

Town Auto Tags On Sale By Lions

Franklin automobile tags are now being sold by members of the Lions Club and others. The tags are black and lettered in yellow, to be attached above the license tag. This year they are being sold for fifty cents, the proceeds going to the sight conservation fund of the club. With this fund many school children with eye defects are supplied with proper glasses.

CAMPAIGN FOR SCOUT FUND

Adult Membership Drive By Local Committee This Week

The tenth annual enrollment of Adult Members of the Boy Scouts will be held throughout Western North Carolina starting Monday, February 17 and continuing through Saturday.

Rev. J. L. Stokes II and Ben McGlamery are the committee in charge of the enrollment in Franklin. This committee which is conducting the canvass for funds this week, announces that a substantial amount will remain in Franklin after payment of required membership dues to the Daniel Boone Council and be applied to the building of the proposed new scout house.

Mr. McGlamery stated that the Junaluske Lodge of Masons had consented to the continued use of the rear lot of the lodge and for the new building on the site of the old one, the building to be of a standard to meet the approval of the lodge.

It is the purpose of the local scout committee to make this new building a community project with the cooperation of other organizations with the Rotary Club which sponsors the Franklin troop.

A cub troop and a second troop of Boy Scouts are included in the local program.

J. S. Conley of Franklin will direct the enrollment in Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties which is the Smoky Mountain district of the Daniel Boone Council.

To take care of planned enlargement in organization the council plans to add a third man to the staff this spring.

In addition to the organizing of new units an enlarged program of activities includes the development of the Boy Scout Reservation, a tract of 635 acres in Haywood county that was purchased by the council last summer.

Washington's Birthday Is Legal Holiday

Saturday, February 22, is celebrated as a legal holiday throughout the nation as the birthday of George Washington. The bank and the postoffice will be closed on that day.

Senior Class Elects Officers And Superlatives

The senior class of the Franklin high school has elected the following officers:

Lewis Patton, president; Dick Sloan, vice-president; Jennie Scott, secretary, and T. L. Jamison, treasurer.

The superlatives for this class were elected as follows:

Prettiest girl, Frances Ashe; most handsome boy, Claude Leatherman; most athletic girl, Ella Moore; most athletic boy, Claude Leatherman; class Romeo, Allan Brooks; class Juliet, Kathryn Long; smartest girl, Helen Potts; smartest boy, William Ledford; class girl flirt, Dorothy Penland; class boy flirt, Dick Sloan; most likely to succeed girl, Helen Potts; boy, Porter Duncan; most intellectual girl, Helen Potts; most intellectual boy, John Wasilik, III; class rambler, Kenneth Bryant; quietest girl, Edna Shepherd; quietest boy, Conley Bradley; most studious girl, Kathryn Long; most studious boy, William Ledford; most original girl, Mammie Addington; most original boy, Dick Sloan; most influential girl, Kathryn Long; most influential boy, Lewis Patton; most popular girl, Dorothy Reid; most popular boy, Lewis Patton; most courteous girl, Jennie Scott; most courteous boy, Bob McClure; most mischievous girl, Mary Evelyn Angel; most mischievous boy, Andy Patton; most dignified girl, Dorothy Penland; most dignified boy, George Tessier; neatest girl, Pauline Wilds; neatest boy, T. L. Jamison; man hater, Pauline Rowland; woman hater, Keith Gregory; class baby girl, Frances Ashe; class baby boy, Andy Patton; best sport, girl, Mary Evelyn Angel; best sport, boy, Claude Leatherman; friendliest girl, Evelyn Sondheimer; friendliest boy, Porter Duncan.

Otter Creek Center Dedication Next Sunday

Dedication of the Otter Creek community building will be held next Sunday, February 23, beginning at 10 a. m. A basket lunch will be served and all friends are invited to attend. The building has been constructed by the National Youth Administration.

Recruiting Unit

Will Be In Franklin On February 23, 24, 25

The United States Army Mobile Recruiting Unit will be in Franklin on February 23, 24, and 25 for the purpose of accepting applicants for enlistment in the regular army.

This unit, accompanied by Sergeant Charles C. Wilson and Sergeant Carl D. Stover, is equipped to carry out the examination and shipment of applicants to enlisting stations. A moving picture showing life in the Army will be shown Monday night, place as yet not designated, free of charge, and everyone is invited.

We have a few choice vacancies in the Philippine Islands and a few in Panama and Hawaii for those desiring foreign service. We also have vacancies in the states for those who do not desire foreign service.

Men who are subject to call under the selective service act have an excellent opportunity of picking their station and branch of service by enlisting for three years.

Baptist S. S. Convention At Liberty Church

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 23, at the Liberty Baptist church. It has been announced by Paul Swafford, president of the convention.

The principal address will be delivered by Rev. C. O. Brookshire, of Franklin Route 1.

The program, which is scheduled to begin at 2:15 o'clock, will open with a song by the Liberty choir. The devotions will be led by E. O. Rickman, of West's Mill, followed by the reports from the various Sunday schools in the county.

Miss Christine Browning will give a talk on "The value of plans in Sunday School Work."

All churches in the county are urged to send a large representation of members.

Volunteers Acceptable Says Chairman Long

E. W. Long, chairman of the Macon county selective service board, said Wednesday that the board would like to emphasize that volunteers for military training and service would be acceptable at this time.

To date all men leaving on the three calls have been volunteers, according to Mrs. Maude Jones, clerk of the board, but the next call will probably include draftees, as there are at present only four white volunteers and two colored men.

Mrs. Jones stated that 23 men have gone to Fort Bragg in the three calls towards Macon county's total quota of 86 required by June 1. There will be another call shortly, including colored draftees.

Burrell To Operate

Puroil Service Station

W. C. Burrell has taken over the operation of the new Puroil service station at the intersection of the Asheville and Highlands highway across the river. Woodrow Burch is the new manager. He will also have charge of the Burrell Motor company's used parts business which has been moved to this location from the Main street location. A number of used cars are also on this lot.

Legion Gives Banquet To Macon's Volunteers

Tompkins Chief Speaker; Macon Quota Left For Camp Wednesday

Preceding the departure on Wednesday morning of Macon county's selective service men to Fort Bragg for a year's military training, the Macon Post 108 of the American Legion gave the nine draftees—all volunteers—a banquet Monday evening February 17, in the Legion hall.

Hon. Dan Tompkins, former member of the House of Representatives and candidate for lieutenant-governor, was the principal speaker. Mr. Tompkins was Battalion Sergeant Major 50th Signal Corps—the same outfit in which A. R. Higdon, present adjutant of the local post served—and saw active service in France.

Mr. Tompkins' Speech Speaking on present war conditions, Mr. Tompkins stressed preparedness, emphasizing that every man should serve his country in some capacity either as a volunteer or under the selective service call;

LAW REMOVES TAX PENALTIES

Dr. Rogers' Bill Passed By Legislature Affects Macon And Avery

A certified copy of the recently passed bill, removing penalties from current taxes in Macon county, has been sent to Sheriff A. B. Slagle by Dr. W. A. Rogers, county representative and author of the legislation.

The bill as enacted into law reads as follows:

H. B. No. 25.
An Act Abolishing Tax Penalties In Macon County

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That no penalties shall be charged against any taxpayer in Macon county for non-payment of taxes enacted for the year one thousand nine hundred and forty or any year subsequent thereto. However, nothing herein shall be construed so as to remove penalties on any taxes levied prior to the year one thousand nine hundred and forty. Nor shall anything herein be construed as to prevent the addition of interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on delinquent taxes.

Sec. 2. This act shall also apply to Avery county.

Sec. 3. This act shall apply only to Macon and Avery counties.

Sec. 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 31st day of January, 1941.

R. L. Harris,

President of the Senate

O. M. Mull,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

First Red Cross Shipment War Refugee Garments

The first shipment of war refugee garments made by the women of Macon county has been sent to Washington headquarters of the American Red Cross, Mrs. J. E. Perry, chairman of production of the Macon Red Cross reports.

Mrs. Perry states that the garments made represent 3,345 hours of work by volunteers in knitting and sewing.

The completed garments include: 20 layettes, 23 hospital shirts, 26 boys' shirts, 26 girls' dresses, 9 women's dresses, 33 women's wool shirts, and 20 girls' wool skirts.

The knitted garments were: nine shawls, five men's sweaters, 10 women's sweaters, 52 children's sweaters, 42 pairs socks, 19 caps, one scarf.

Another assignment of materials is expected at an early date.

Dr. N. B. Stokes To Speak Sunday

Rev. N. B. Stokes, D. D., returned missionary from Korea, will speak at the morning service of the Franklin Methodist church next Sunday, as a feature of the laymen's day program. His subject will be the work of lay Christians in the Orient. Dr. Stokes is the father of the pastor, the Rev. J. L. Stokes, II.

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that those who desire freedom of speech and freedom of the press must be willing to fight for it. The speaker called attention to the fact that in proportion to population North Carolina had more officers and men in the last war than any other state. He also recalled that this state was responsible for the Bill of Rights being a part of the Constitution of the United States.

Besides members of the Legion and volunteers, E. W. Long, chairman, and Henry W. Cobe, member of the board were present. Rev. J. L. Stokes II gave the invocation and Guy Houk introduced the speaker.

Nine Men Leave

The young men leaving on the special bus Wednesday morning that also carried draftees from Cherokee and Clay counties were those listed in last week's Press.

Kenneth Ansel Dowdle, alternate, if not called on to fill a place of any of the those leaving Wednesday who may be disqualified after reaching camp, will be in the next call.