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In The General Assembly

By CLIFF BLUE

Hearings. . . Hearings started in the joint House and Senate Appropriations committee on Tuesday.

At these hearings the various state departments and divisions come before the committee and state their financial needs. These hearings are somewhat of a replay of the hearings conducted last fall by the Advisory Budget Commission. The Advisory Budget Commission has submitted its recommended Appropriations Bill and in it many divisions and departments did not get as much as they asked for. At these hearings now being held the Appropriations committee itself will decide and make its recommendations to the full House and Senate.

Intangible Tax . . . For years many of the Moore County leaders have felt that the intangible tax is a great detriment to the state and particularly Moore County. They say that the state would gain far more in inheritance taxes than they receive in the tax on intangibles if the latter were not on the books.

Since the tax plan is being given serious study with the thought in mind of overhauling it and since the Tax Study Commission has recommended that the towns and counties keep all the intangible tax revenue we checked into the possibility of a provision permitting the counties and cities to levy the tax or not levy it as appeared best for each particular county and city. However, Edwin Gill, State Treasurer, tells us that to do this would require an amendment to the State Constitution.

Lawrence Johnson. . . Lawrence Johnson of Aberdeen was a visitor in Raleigh Tuesday. He sat in on the Appropriations committee meeting for a while near the close of the session.

Water. . . On Monday we attended a meeting of the State Water Board and Advisory Committee. North Carolina with an average rainfall of 48 inches has a bountiful supply of water, yet too often we are faced with water shortages. The State is beginning to see the handwriting on the wall and is trying to get something done before it is too late. It was decided on Monday to hold meetings in each of the 100 counties and get the water problems from the people in all walks of life.

Irrigation while helping to relieve the problem of droughts on the farm is also creating problems in some places. Water taken from streams for irrigation is not returned to the stream as it is all taken by evaporation or transpiration. Some irrigation systems use more water than the streams from which they draw water, produce. Water is truly a growing problem all over the state.

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ABERDEEN NEWS

By DOROTHY McNEILL

Mrs. Campbell Feted
In celebration of her 90th birthday, Mrs. Mary Campbell was honored with a tea given by her children in the American Legion hut on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. John Sloan greeted the guests at the door.

The hut was decorated throughout with beautiful cut flowers and greenery. The tea table was covered with a white cloth centered with an arrangement of pink and white carnations. Punch, cake, nuts and mints were served to the many guests present.

Bridge Hostess
Miss Dorothy McNeill entertained the members of the Friday Evening Bridge Club and two guests on February 22. After several progressions of play scores were tallied and high prize awarded to Mrs. W. B. Marks. The hostess served cake, sandwiches and coffee.

Those playing included Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Ray Burns, Mrs. Curtis McInnis, Mrs. W. K. Marks, Mrs. Harry Watson, Mrs. James Muse, Mrs. Bill Wooten and the hostess.

Brief Mention
Miss Nancy Bowman of Columbia, S. C., spent last weekend visiting her grandmother, Mrs. H. E. Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Townsend and children of Wilmington spent the weekend with Mrs. Mabel Bethune.

Mrs. R. R. Samuels and daughter visited relatives in High Point several days last week.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNeill on Friday evening included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett of Southern Pines, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kendall, Jr., and Miss Jeanine Taylor, of Laurinburg, and Paul Jordan, Jr., of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison of Arlington, Va., spent the weekend with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hargett spent the weekend in High Point.

Misses Dorothy and Ella Ruth McNeill spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeill, Jr., and family in Durham.

Mrs. A. M. Thompson of Raleigh was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and children of Charlotte visited relatives in Aberdeen over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McManis spent Thursday in Cherry Point.

Mac Rae Peters of Elon College visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peters, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilder and family of Washington, D. C., were weekend guests of Mrs. Karl Pohl.

Jackson and Joe Smith of Wake Forest visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Brasington and sons of Dobson visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brasington last weekend.

Mrs. J. M. Singleton of Candor spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caldwell and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robbins and family.

A. F. Deese and W. K. Marks were in Elizabethtown, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Russell had as their guests last weekend their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Russell, of East Carolina College and their sons, Billy and Glenn, of Catawba College.

NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review on Monday, March 18th for the following townships:


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