

6-MONTHS' SCHOOL TERM IS BIG ISSUE BEFORE THE SOLONS

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but the Butler bill introduced would provide an eight months term, 40 days of which the county board of education could suspend, if attendance dropped low. This bill would require the state to provide \$30,000,000 and that a state-wide tax rate of 23 cents per \$100 property valuation be levied and collected by the counties, the proceeds turned into the "State School Fund" in the state treasury and salaries and expenses be paid from this fund on order of the county boards. The State Board of Assessment would be directed to raise or to lower the 23 cent rate as conditions warrant. Teachers would receive their present salaries under the state salary schedule for two years, less the last increment earned through training and experience. Extra pay for teachers may be raised by local taxes, not to exceed 5 per cent of the total teacher budget.

A bill that would cut teachers' salaries 10 per cent, already introduced, was the subject of an exchange of letters between State Supt. A. T. Allen and Governor Gardner, the former asking if the latter favors a 10 per cent cut for teachers. Governor Gardner replied that he did not favor a cut for teachers alone, but said he knew bills would be introduced cutting their salaries and concluded that if one group should be cut, all public employes should be treated alike. He estimates that \$4,000,000 will be saved the taxpayers and states that others have received cuts in salaries to that extent or more.

The McDevitt bill would require reading at least 10 verses from the Bible, without comment, in all public schools daily.

A break, or near break, between Governor Gardner and Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, president of the Senate, has developed over President Fountain's appointments on the committee to consider Governor Gardner's administrative reorganization plan, including the "short ballot." Inference is that the committee was "stacked" with members opposed to the Governor's plan. Governor Gardner hopes, however, that the plan, including appointment of all officers created by statute by the Governor, will have fair consideration.

The Parker bill, not exactly the Governor's proposal, would abolish the present Highway Commission, creating a commission of five, named by the Governor, with legislative approval, who would create five districts, with the chairmen of county boards, elected by the people, as members of the district commissions. It could have the State commission take over county roads and provides a six-cent gasoline tax to provide for their maintenance.

Sales tax bills, based on laws of four states, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina, have now been introduced in one or both houses. However, the Budget Revenue Bill, introduced early in the week, has itself been dubbed a sales tax bill. In many of its license tax provisions a small flat tax is continued, but the bulk of the tax would be raised from gross sales. The Finance committees have decided to consider the Revenue Bill first, beginning this week—with a sort of inference that if it will raise the needed revenue, then the sales tax bills will not be necessary.

Lobbyists are expected in avalanches for the Revenue Bill hearings this week. Taxes on insurance companies have been increased; a surtax has been added to the taxes paid by public service organizations; motor vehicles for hire, passenger and freight, as well as busses, will be taxed on a basis of net weight of the vehicles, the rate undisclosed. In addition to small annual taxes, gross sales taxes are imposed on many items, a few following: motion picture and vaudeville houses, 6 per cent, or 3 if the distributors' tax of 5 cents has been paid in the state; cash registers, adding machines, typewriters, and the like, 1 per cent; soft drink bottlers, 3 per cent; and wholesalers or jobbers, 3 per cent; packing houses, 1 per cent, plus county tax; soda fountains, 10 per cent of invoice cost of syrups; ice cream manufacturers, 1 per cent. The tax on Building and Loan associations is increased from 8 to 15 cents for \$100. Stocks in foreign corporations are not taxed, but a tax of 5 per cent is placed on income from such stocks.

A bill to extend the provisions of the Barber's Law, now limited to towns of 2,000 population or more, which requires examinations of barbers and inspection of shops, has been introduced, making it state-wide. The bill to require examination of emblers was tabled; therefore, killed.

Several bills have been introduced dealing with tax sales and foreclosures, and a general policy will probably be adopted. Numbers of local bills would postpone foreclosure for specific counties; some would reduce the penalties from one to one-half of one per cent a month, increase, while others would eliminate the penalties altogether. Still another would permit payment of income and property taxes in two or four installments, depending on amount.

Two resolutions may be considered through the assembly, one memorializing Congress to pay World War veterans the face value of their adjusted compensation certificates; the other asking that Congress provide legislation by which Federal Land Banks and Joint Stock Land Banks would not be required to foreclose mortgages on farm property.

Other bills introduced and of general interest are: Abolish the State Highway Patrol. Require a driver's license of all automobile operators, costing \$1 for

INCREASED COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

Instructional Costs Are Creeping Up, According to School Facts

Raleigh, Jan. 28. — "There is a tendency for the expenditures for instructional service in the public schools to increase," says this month's issue of State School Facts. The total expenditures for this service was \$21,374,348.17 during 1928-29, the last year for which such figures are available.

"But," that publication continues, "this increase is slight when compared with the increase in factors affecting instructional services costs, being only 4.3 per cent greater than the expenditures for like purposes during the preceding year when the total costs for such items amounted to \$20,523,734.12. On a per capita basis the average expenditure for each white pupil enrolled was \$30.32.

"There are several factors," according to School Facts, "which directly affect the per pupil cost of instructional service. There are four factors, which are discussed by the departmental publication as bearing on the question of per pupil expenditure.

"The number of pupils to each teacher employed is one of these factors, for the smaller the number of pupils to the teacher the larger the cost per pupil and visa versa. The average number of pupils per teacher and principal employed in this state was 33 in 1928-29.

"The amount spent to the number of teachers and principal employed is another factor affecting cost. In the white schools, the average sum of \$987.92 was expended to each teacher and principal.

"Still another factor affecting cost on the per pupil basis is that of training of teachers. The better trained teachers receive the higher salaries. The average training in 1928-29 was 2.52 years in college.

"The average length of term also materially affects per pupil costs. The longer the term, other factors being the same, the larger the cost. During 1928-29 the average school term for white schools was 159 days."

PUPIL COST OF THE SCHOOL IS GIVEN

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—From \$39.40 in Durham county to \$15.81 in Cherokee is the range in per pupil cost of instructional service in the rural white schools of the state, according to the current issue of School Facts, publication of the Department of Public Instruction. In the 34 largest charter systems, the range in this respect is from 66.87 per pupil in Asheville to \$27.35 in Henderson.

"Among the colored schools differences in instructional service are also apparent," says School Facts, "the range being from \$30.00 in Mitchell, a county having only one school of nine pupils, to \$5.81 in Edgecombe county. "An examination of the affecting factors for these systems," that paper continues, "will explain in a general way the wide differences in their per pupil instructional service costs. For example, Durham county has a school term of 160 days, employs teachers and principals with an average of 3.34 years of scholastic training, has an average of 30 pupils to each teacher and principal employed, and expends annually for teachers salaries an average of \$1,198.24 to each teacher and principal. Consequently, the cost per pupil in Durham county is \$39.40.

"Cherokee, on the other hand, with an average term of only 131 days, employs teachers and principals with an average training of .34 of a year in college who instructs an average of 34 pupils each and expends \$535.35 to the teacher and principal, has a per pupil cost of \$15.81 for instructional service."

"Taking into consideration these factors, it is clearly seen why instructional service costs per pupil vary among the several rural systems. A county employing better trained teachers and operating a longer term will necessarily have a larger annual expenditure per pupil for this purpose."

Lee county 4-H club boys are planting 200 black walnut trees on waste places about over their father's farms this winter.

The bad men would be easy to handle if they didn't have so many redeeming qualities that force us to like them in spite of ourselves.

Columbus county tobacco growers are standardizing on the Cash variety this season and are recleaning and treating their seed for disease before planting the beds, reports county agent J. P. Quinley.

two years for regular drivers and \$3 for two years for chauffeurs.

Making the colors of automobile tags those of the State University, white and light blue, alternating these colors between the letters and the background each year.

Allow deputy sheriffs, as well as sheriffs, to lay off homesteads.

Provide for women to serve as jurors.

Changing the state-wide primary day from the first Saturday in June to Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

Decrease of at least 40 per cent in the cost of licenses for farm trucks.

Eliminate requirements of a private examination and voluntary assent in acknowledgements of conveyances by married women.

Extend time of open seasons for squirrels, making it September 15 to January 15, and for raccoons, taken with dogs, making it October 15 to February 15.

Society News and Club Activities

SILVER TEA AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Ladies of the Brevard Methodist church gave a Silver Tea in the Parlor of the church last Friday. Several guests called during the afternoon and were delighted with the musical program given.

BALL TEAM ENTERTAINED BY MISS MCCRARY

Mrs. J. A. McCrary and Miss Lillie McCrary entertained the members of the Fruitland Sextet last Thursday evening with a supper following the basketball game played between Brevard High girls and Fruitland. A very enjoyable evening was spent by the guests who left at a late hour to return to their school. Chaperons of the party to Brevard were Mr. King and Mr. Lance.

ADDITION OF MEMBERS TO THETA DELTA BETA

At the regular meeting last Wednesday evening of the Theta Delta Beta Club, Miss Sara Louise Andrews received initiation. Three names were brought up for membership, each having been passed. They were Moultrie Culuck, Milton Sellers, and Langdon English, all of whom will be initiated on (Thursday) evening.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB MEETS

The regular meeting of the Fortnightly Club was held with Miss Anna Trowbridge on last Thursday afternoon, all members but one and a guests being present.

Routine business was transacted and the program was in charge of Mrs. J. F. Zachary who gave a very interesting reading of humorous nature.

The hostess served a very delightful salad course during a short social hour that was enjoyed.

WOMEN'S BUREAU TO MEET MONDAY

Members of the Women's Bureau are urged to be present at the regular meeting on next Monday, Feb. 2, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, as there are some matters of importance to be brought up.

HENRY AND MRS. MCKEE ARE GIVEN APPOINTMENTS

Representative W. M. Henry, from this county, and the state senator from this district, Mrs. E. L. McKee, have been given unusually important committee assignments. Mr. Henry is a member of the following committees: corporations, propositions and grievances, senatorial districts, printing, and commerce.

Mrs. McKee is chairman of the public health committee, a member of the conservation and development, education, election laws, finance, internal following committees: appropriations, improvements, printing, public roads.

MISS WOOD HAS BIRTHDAY DINNER

Miss Gladys Wood entertained a few friends at a dinner last Friday night, the occasion being the anniversary of her nineteenth birthday. Following the very delightful dinner, several invited guests called and dancing was enjoyed. Punch was served throughout the evening.

BRIDGE-DANCE ENJOYED

Miss Reba Kitchen was hostess at a very enjoyable bridge-dance at her home last Saturday evening. About ten couples were present. Miss Kitchen was assisted by her mother, Mrs. A. O. Kitchen in serving a delightful salad course.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED White woman for cook and general housework. Must be experienced, and come well recommended. Apply No. 236 West Main St. J22tf

FOR SALE—Five room house, running water, lights. Four acres land. About six miles from Brevard on hard surface road. Inquire News office. F22-29p

GILLESPIE'S STORE will pay 70c in trade for good corn per bushel.

VICTOR RADIOS . . . Victor Phonographs . . . Victor Records . . . If it's a Victor, it's good. For sale at Houston's Furniture Store. M12tf

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WANTED—Every one interested in Radios to call and see the wonderful Atwater-Kent Radio. Hear it and see it at the Houston Furniture Company's store. J15tf

PLUMBING FIXTURES—See Jess Smith at Smith's Garage, before buying. The prices are RIGHT. 1

TO TRADE—Good Miami property at less than assessed valuation of \$3500, for local or other securities. Give particulars. Write F. care The Brevard News. 1tp

MEN WANTED—1,000 men wanted to try Ward's Barber Shop for real Barber work. J29p

WANTED TO RENT—Small house with garden space, in or near Brevard. Write Box 596, Brevard, N. C. I

WANTED—Cash paid for good sponges. Highland Lake Mills, Fla. 1

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\$5 WORTH \$125 NOW IF YOU START ONE TRACE THE CHECK THROUGH ITS WORK

Please, for your community's sake, take five dollars to the Pisgah Bank and purchase one of the \$5 checks from Mr. Orr, and pay it on your bills or make purchases with it, so the circulation of these checks may be all the more extended. Each \$5 check started in circulation here, means payment of \$125 in accounts or purchases from local houses of this amount.

Up to Tuesday noon, 80 checks had been purchased and put into circulation here. These thirty checks mean a circulation of \$37,500 in the community. If thirty more checks were started here at once, it would mean a circulation of \$75,000 in the community. This sum in circulation would pay up practically all local accounts and stimulate business in a manner that would be surprising.

That five dollar bill in your pocket is not doing the community any good. That same five dollar bill, converted into one of these checks, will pay \$125 in accounts, or purchase that amount in merchandise. Let's put them to work in earnest and clean up all local accounts.

One thing that all of us should remember is this: Do not keep the check in your possession. Just as soon as you can, hand it over to some one that you owe, or make purchase of some needed article or merchandise that you must have. The purpose of the whole thing is to keep the checks moving.

Let's get down to business, and clean up everything here. We are not whipped. This is a good town, or, at least, it is just as good a town as we make it—no better, no worse.



Mrs. Flax A. Lawrence and Rufin Wilkins spent Sunday in Mt. Gil-ead, N. C., with the former's father, G. W. Andrews.

Robert Morris, former student of Clemson College, is in Brevard for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pridden of Charlotte, were week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Barrett.

Tom Patton returned Sunday to Riverside Military Academy after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Patton.

Miss Myrtle Bryson is visiting relatives in various part of South Carolina and Georgia.

Mrs. George Simpson and children, George Jr. and Bobbie Lane, returned from visiting relatives in Columbia and Patrick, S. C.

Miss Mary Allison has accepted a position with the Champion Motor company at Canton, and left Monday to assume her duties there.

Miss Ruth McCall is spending a week's vacation from Plummer's store, with relatives in Easley, S. C.

Miss Madge Whitmire of Biltmore spent last week as guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Gaston Whitmire.

Mrs. M. Foxman and daughter of Asheville, spent the week-end with Mrs. L. Pushell.

Miss Adelaide Silversteen has returned to Salem College, after spending the week-end at home.

Rufin Wilkins of Davidson College, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Madge Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvord Kitchin were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Glazener in Hendersonville.

Pauline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Galloway, is greatly improved following a two weeks illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Paul Smathers was a visitor in Asheville Friday.

Miss Mary Burrows is visiting Miss Annie Yonuge.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duckworth and son Billy, of Marshall, spent the week-end with Mrs. Duckworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris.

Prof. S. P. Verner was in Asheville on business last week.

Mrs. Alfred Hampton was quite ill at her home last week.

Mr. Reagan of Weaverville, was in Brevard Monday on business.

Roger Sutton has returned to his week with friends in Brevard.

Johnnie Hudson, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting his wife and daughter who are guests of Mrs. Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Breese.

Frank Duckworth of Johnson City, Tenn., was a week-end visitor in Brevard.

Mrs. Joe Tatum spent the week-end in Asheville with Mr. Tatum, who is now connected with Eckerd's Drug Co.

Miss Bertha Jean Hampton was the week-end guest of Mrs. Irene Duckworth McKay in Asheville.

Mrs. Daisy Mackey and Mrs. A. H. King have returned after a week's visit to Birmingham, Ala.

T. H. Shipman was on a business trip in Georgia and Tennessee last week.

Paul Smathers returned Sunday after several days in New York on business.

Ernest Miller spent the past week-end in Asheville with friends.

Frank Henry was a visitor in Franklin last week-end.

First Check to Receive 25 Endorsements and Is Redeemed at Bank

Substitution of the Golden Rule Debt Paying Plan check for currency is proving most popular in the town and county. Many people have deposited the necessary \$5 with O. H. Orr, at the Pisgah Bank, and started the checks in circulation. Each check must have 25 endorsements before it can be redeemed for the cash put up to insure its circulation, hence each \$5 check pays \$125 in debts or is used to that amount in purchase of goods.

The plan was started here by the Ministerial Association, when a mass meeting was called and the plan outlined and adopted.

The first check to be given the required 25 endorsements, and turned into the bank for cash, was out of the bank less than six hours. Rev. R. L. Alexander deposited \$5, procured a check for \$5, and passed it at noon last Friday. At 6 o'clock that evening the check had been endorsed 25 times, paying \$125 in bills, and was presented to the bank next morning, where it was redeemed with the \$5 in cash which had been deposited there at noon on the day before.

Here is the way the check traveled, paying \$5 debts each time it passed hands and received another endorsement:

R. L. Alexander to W. F. Hart to Mrs. L. M. Hart, to R. L. Alexander to Jerry Jerome to R. L. Alexander to W. F. Hart to Jerry Jerome to R. L. Alexander to Presbyterian church to W. F. Hart to Presbyterian church to R. L. Alexander to Brevard News to R. F. Tharp to Brevard News to Henry Henderson to Mrs. T. B. Summey to Mrs. J. B. Summey to Presbyterian church to R. L. Alexander to Jerry Jerome, treasurer Presbyterian church to R. L. Alexander, pastor, and then to the bank where Mr. Alexander received the \$5 which he had in the first place deposited with Mr. Orr for the check.

Other checks out are passing along through the channels of commerce and trade, and hundreds of dollars in debts are being wiped away.

It is believed that several other citizens will buy the checks and start them in circulation. The plan is simple. Any one having a \$5 bill and intending to pay it on account, or to make purchase from local merchants with it, may go to the bank and take one of these checks and pay the bill with it instead of paying the \$5 cash. Then this one five dollars must do \$125 in business and debt paying before it stops circulating. Mr. O. H. Orr, at the Pisgah Bank, will explain the plan in detail to any one interested.

Some people may ask: What is there to be gained? Why not take the \$5 in cash and pay a bill with it?

Here is the difference: The \$5 cash is more than apt to stop with the first man to whom it is paid. Not so with the \$5 check. The holder must pass it along to some one he owes, or in payment of goods and merchandise, until the check has paid \$125 in bills. The plan is working good here, as it is in many other sections of the country, and many local debts are being wiped out through the medium of this check.

GLADY BRANCH SERVICES TO BE HELD EACH SUNDAY

Services at Gladly Branch Baptist church will be held each Sunday, beginning this week. Heretofore services have been held only on the first and second Sundays. Rev. I. N. Kuykendall, pastor, announces for his text next Sunday "Side Doors to Heaven." Rev. J. L. Bragg of Eaon, filled the pulpit last Sunday evening.

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