

PASSING THE BUCK AT RALEIGH NOTED AS THE WEEK ENDS

Inability of House and Senate
to Agree on School Tax
Continues

WANT 15 CENT TAX
ON LAND FOR SCHOOLS

Editor Josephus Daniels Being
Approached with Com-
promise Offers

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Raleigh, May 19.—The North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives have been passing the ball back and forth rapidly for several days, with the most hopeful signs yet appearing that it will come to rest on compromising central lines, while Senator Hallett S. Ward, of Beaufort, investigating charges of attempts at corruption and bribery of Senators, has found little more than the usual "house talk" which might be expected.

The conference committee of the two houses promised the House Friday that it expected to have a report for the meeting at 3 o'clock Monday and hope, as well as belief, is that the House will come to the more than his way point to which the Senate is attempting to meet its coordinate body, adopt a Revenue Bill that will afford practically all the relief asked by those opposed to any ad valorem tax and permit the General Assembly to adjourn by next Saturday.

Conference plan is for a 15-cent ad valorem tax, raising about \$4,500,000, the remainder of the fund of \$18,000,000 to be raised by the State, for the support of the six months term. The present rate is 30 cents on the \$100 as a basis for participating in the equalizing fund, but in nearly all counties the rate is higher, running above \$1 for school purposes. The State-wide 15-cent rate would

give great relief. The State fund is to be supplemented by increased income and franchise taxes.

The point is made that as conditions now are the plan might fall short of the State fund needed, but that in normal times, and they might arrive again before the end of the next biennium, the fund would be sufficient. But an act has been passed by this session which would permit borrowing on short term notes and in anticipation of taxes, any funds needed to supplement the school funds appropriated, so such an emergency as lower revenues may be met.

The Senate is receding considerably from its original position and it is hoped that the House will come to these terms, instead of standing out for its no ad valorem tax for school support. Some of the leaders of that group, such as Union L. Spence, Moore, and H. C. Connor, Wilson, members of the conference committee, have now adopted the view that the money cannot be raised without a small ad valorem tax and voted for the 20-cent ad valorem plan, which the House refused last week by a 60 to 43 vote.

The Senate again during last week voted down the so-called luxury tax by an increased margin, 26 to 23, and again turned down the general sales tax proposal by the overwhelming vote of 30 to 9. The MacLean group held caucus Friday and about 45 of the number again took their stand against any plan that includes "one cent of ad valorem." Josephus Daniels and Thomas C. (Tom) Bowie met with them, although newspaper men generally were not admitted. They counseled holding out against any ad valorem tax.

A plan of compromise was suggested privately to Mr. Daniels, militant and ardent supporter of the luxury tax and MacLean law, last week. It was that the 20-cent ad valorem tax plan be adopted for the first year of the next biennium and an election be held next November, when no other proposal would be considered, and let the people vote on the luxury tax. If it carried, then it would be put in operation the second year of the biennium; if not, the other plan to continue. He did not approve. Nor has the House been willing to let the people, from whom they have their commission, vote on the proposal.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN CAN NOW FILL VACANCY ON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD; OTHER LAWS

Among the bills ratified last week and now the law are the following:

Provide a method of filling vacancies on county boards of education, by chairman of the party to which the member creating the vacancy belonged.

Abolishing the State Highway Patrol districts, as per new State road law.

Limit charge for State purposes or those of subdivisions to six cents a mile for use of automobile.

Conferring on Commissioner of Banks powers and rights of handling mortgages, deeds of trust and other papers securing payment of money, held by closed banks.

Setting out conditions under which a closed bank may reopen.

Prevent children under 16 years of age from work in certain dangerous or detrimental places, subject to certain exceptions.

Permitting clerk of court to appoint jurors and allot dower, upon request of either party.

Require automobile owners in certain counties to pay delinquent ad valorem taxes on cars before permitting them to secure State motor vehicle license.

Enlarging the powers of presiding judges at criminal superior court terms.

Directing tax collectors to establish partial payment plan for collecting taxes in four counties and all municipalities in those counties.

Ratifying actions of boards of directors of insolvent banks relative to the duties performed as trustees in deeds of trust.

The House has, for concurrence in the Senate amendment, the bill providing a commission to study high school textbooks and report to the 1933 Legislature.

Only about 35 bills were introduced last week, 10 in the Senate and 25 in the House, most of them local. More important of the public bills follow:

Representative Garibaldi introduced a resolution for the General Assembly to move to the Oceanic Hotel at Wrightsville Beach for ocean breezes during the rest of the session into the summer. An amendment would require Mr. Garibaldi to pay the expenses of the legislators. The measure is still pending.

Another joint resolution opposes the plan of some counties of paying the expenses of their representatives in the prolonged session, since they were elected for two years and receive a salary of \$600 for the session. To regulate stream pollution in North Carolina.

To provide for a racing commission and permit pari-mutual racing in Polk county. This, unlike the famous Buncombe racing bill, although of the same kind, was killed with an

unfavorable report by the first committee considering it.

To abolish the Judicial Conference, since another commission to perform many of its functions, to study the laws of the state and seek to codify, clarify and simplify them has been created by this General Assembly.

NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Lawson B. Haynes, deceased, late of Transylvania County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned executrix, Brevard, N. C., on or before the 14th day of May, 1932, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of May, 1931.
JEAN ADAMS HAYNES,
Executrix of the estate of Lawson B. Haynes, deceased.

May 14-21-28; June 4-11-13

Administrator's NOTICE

State of North Carolina
Transylvania County

In The Superior Court

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Perry Merrill, deceased, late of Transylvania County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned at his home in Little River Township, on or before the 6th day of May 1932, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 6th day of May 1931.
Frank P. Shuford, Administrator.

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NOTICE—Trustee's Sale

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed in trust executed by W. E. Shipman and wife, Norma Shipman to the undersigned trustees to secure payment of certain indebtedness set out in said deed in trust, which instrument is dated Mar. 1st, 1927, registered in Book 16 at page 547, of the Records of Deeds in Trust for Transylvania county, N. C., said indebtedness having become due and remaining unpaid after notice to make the default in payment good, the undersigned trustees will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the town of Brevard, N. C., on Saturday June 6th, 1931, at 12 o'clock M. all that certain lot of land and premises situated in the town of Brevard, N. C., bounded as follows: BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the lot of land belonging to Mrs. Shuford on Morgan street, extended, runs North

56 deg. 53 min west 52 feet to a stake, corner of a 10 foot alley; then with the eastern boundary line of said alley, south 31 deg. 17 min. west 239 1-2 feet to a stake, corner of another 10 foot alley; then south 82 deg. 55 min. east, 57 feet along said alley, to a stake in the property line of Mrs. Shuford; then North 31 deg. 17 min. east 213 feet, more or less, to the beginning.

Being lot 4, block C of the subdivision of the A. B. Galloway property as shown on map of said subdivision which map is recorded in Book 1 at page 29 of the record of Deeds of Transylvania county, N. C., to which reference is made for full description.

Sold to satisfy said indebtedness, cost and expenses of sale.

This May 6th, 1931.
L. E. Johnson, Welch Galloway, Trustees.

NOTICE of RE-SALE

The bid heretofore filed for the property hereinafter referred to having been raised and the Court having ordered a resale thereof;

NOW THEREFORE the undersigned Trustee will on Saturday May the 23rd, 1931, at 12 o'clock M. at the Court House door in the Town of Brevard, N. C., offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash all that certain lot lying in the Town of Brevard and fully described in that certain Deed in Trust from Thos. H. Shipman and wife to the undersigned Trustee, dated August the 15th, 1928 and registered in Book 23, on page 11, of the Records of Deeds in Trust for Transylvania County, reference being hereby made to said Deed in Trust and record for a description of said property by metes and bounds, proceeds of said sale to be applied upon said indebtedness, cost of sale, etc. This the 6th day of May 1931.

D. L. ENGLISH
Trustee

M 7-14-21

Notice of Sale Under Lien

Under and by virtue of the statute made and provided relating to liens for work and material, the undersigned will on Saturday the 30th day of May 1931, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the place of business of the undersigned in Brevard, N. C., offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, One Chevrolet Coach No. 3082922, Serial No. 9AA41511.

Proceeds of said sale to be applied upon said indebtedness, cost of sale, etc. The remainder to be paid to the holder to the title of said car.

This 9th day of May 1931.
K. & M. AUTO COMPANY
By D. L. English, Attorney
3t M. 14-21-28

WHEN FORTUNE SMILES

The editor of the country paper went home to supper smiling radiantly.

"Have you had some good luck?" his wife questioned.

"Luck! I should say so, Deacon Tracey, who hasn't paid his subscription for ten years, came in and stopped his paper."

MORE ABOUT EFFORT TO BRIBE SENATORS DOWN RALEIGH WAY

Hinsdale Testifies That Reynolds Sent Offer to Him to Lay Off Luxury Tax

PRESIDENT DENIES ALL
CHARGES OF BRIBERY

Another Report Was That Ten
Thousand Dollars Was Too
Much to Pay Senator

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Senator Ward started the Senate by introducing a resolution for an investigation of reports and charges of attempted bribery and corruption of Senators, stating that he would go before a judge and swear out bench warrants if the Senate did not adopt his resolution. It was adopted unanimously and Senator Ward named chairman of the investigating committee, with power to subpoena witnesses and take sworn testimony.

Senator John W. Hinsdale, Wake county, author of the luxury tax measure, testified he had been offered most "anything he might want" if he would let up on his luxury tax advocacy, the offer coming from W. N. Reynolds, official of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., through David H. Pope, chairman of the Wake county board of commissioners. Mr. Pope, following him, swore that he had talked to Senator Hinsdale at the request of Mr. Reynolds, but that he had not been authorized to offer, nor had he offered, anything in any way to Senator Hinsdale. A telegram from Mr. Reynolds, made a part of the record, corroborated all Mr. Pope had sworn.

S. Clay Williams, new president of the Reynolds company, asked and was given permission to testify, saying neither he nor any other official or representative of the company had offered or authorized anyone else to offer a penny to any member of the General Assembly for any purpose. He asked the committee, as they would doubtless include any reflection on the company, if any should be found, in their report, that in common decency and fairness, if they found not a speck of reflection on the company or its officials, they would also include that information in the report.

Another report, given circulation by Judge Henry A. Grady, was that money had been offered to have another Senator absent when the luxury tax measure was to be voted upon in the Senate. Goldsboro lawyers were involved in this phase, but the committee, after examining several witnesses, was unable to find that a Senator had been approached with such a proposition. It was supposed to have been talked in a hotel room held under another name by W. Lunsford Long, of Roanoke Rapids.

Investigation of another rumor that was heard in a barber shop, in which a Senator told another man that "\$10,000 is too much," he could have been secured for less," referred to a mutual friend who had been employed by a St. Louis firm at a salary of \$10,000 a year, which was thought to have been too much. So far, the investigation, which has shook the State, has developed nothing more than recorded and nothing more than might be expected at a time like this, when men are quick to grab at any straw. Senator Ward has not, at this time, justified his action, as Senator Rivers Johnson told him so on the floor of the Senate and having the same information, that he would not be able to do so.

The General Assembly may be ready to adjourn by next Saturday, or it may not. It has already been in session more than 130 days, or 10 days more than twice the usual time. During that time more than 2,025 bills have been introduced and of that number, 1,048, slightly more than half, have been enacted into law.

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This the 6th day of May 1931.
D. L. ENGLISH, Trustee 3tM7-14-21

NOTICE and Summons IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

State of North Carolina
Transylvania County
GENERAL LADD

VS
BESSIE MORTON LADD

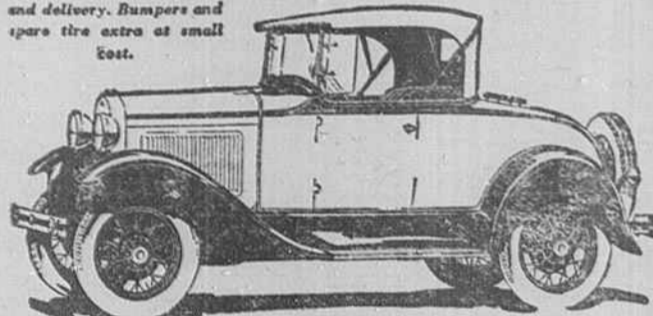
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Transylvania County to obtain an absolute divorce by said plaintiff from said defendant, and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of Superior Court of said County to be held in the court house in Brevard on the Fifth Monday after the First Monday in July, it being the 3rd day of August 1931, and answer or demur to the complaint of this plaintiff or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 2nd day of May 1931.
Otto Alexander, Clerk Superior Court
Ralph Fisher, Atty. M7-14-21-28p

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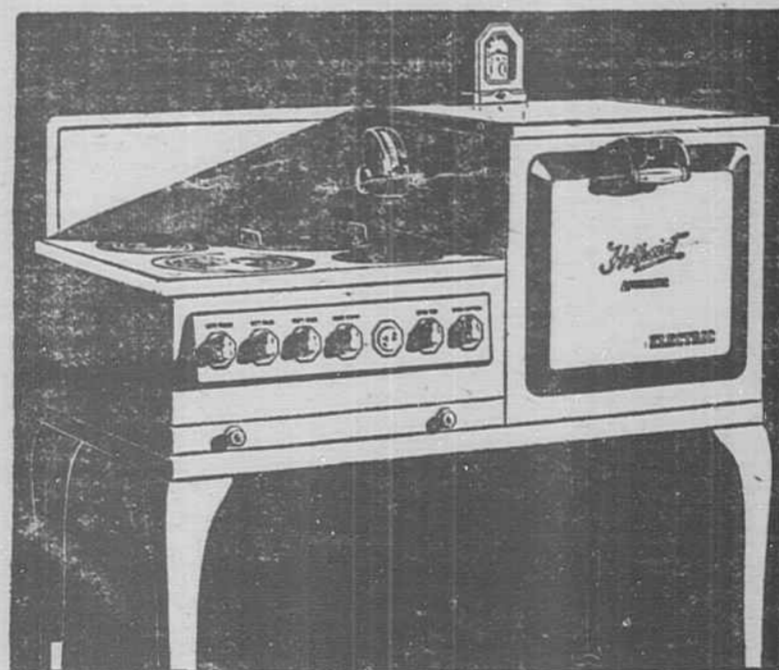


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