

IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN RALEIGH LAST WEEK

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444, 25.—Despite much to its benefit, the indication that the Hill liquor bill for a referendum will be passed by the Legislature, the recent referendum was a vote on the question of whether or not the State should legalize liquor. It was an overwhelming majority of members of the Legislature that the question was settled, and was not an election. It is a settled policy that those elected to the Legislature should be guided by the conscience of a vote of the people, and it is not so certain that the content of beer may not be increased from 3.2 per cent. to 4.5 per cent. There is considerable sentiment to settle the Wet-Dry fight in the Legislature on that basis. This would meet the argument of the Wets that some people are going to have a alcoholic drink and would satisfy the Drys by keeping hard liquor outlawed. It would also meet the argument for securing increased revenues. It is recalled that in the last Legislature it was argued that legalized beer would bring millions of dollars in revenue. Such has not been the case. It would afford an opportunity to test out further the contention that revenues for relief can be secured that way.

The Legislature got into a snarl over the question of inviting Cameron Morrison to make an address to that body. There was much sparring for position, but the agreeable resulted in the invitation being extended. This is an indication of how the wind is blowing, for there is not a more ardent Dry in the State than Cameron Morrison. Opponents were angered by his vigorous attack on the Hill bill, but they did not have sufficient

strength to shove the invitation as far as first attempted. Nearly two months of the Legislature have passed without any of the major fights having reached the floor of either House. Neither the Palmer beer bill nor the Hill liquor bill have been taken up in either House. Nor has the Finance committee reported out the revenue bill. Original plans called for a report of the revenue bill by the middle of February. This might have been done, if the McDonald-Lumpkin bill for increased taxes on corporation franchises, income tax on dividends of corporations, occupational taxes and tax on theatre admissions, had not thrown a monkey wrench into other plans. As soon as it was brought before the committee, the representatives of the interests affected thronged the committee hearings, and it was only then that the committee really got down to its knitting.

Nobody likes to pay taxes, particularly in these hard times, and the one chorus that is heard oftenest in the hearings before the joint Finance committee is "I pray thee have no excused." It is no easier for a corporation to find ready cash to pay bills than it is for individuals. Good arguments can always be put on against any tax measure. It is this fact, that makes the life of a legislator a trying one. A soon as a revenue bill is arranged that it is hoped will produce the revenue that the State must have there floods to Raleigh a multitude of representatives of the interests concerned and then the fight really begins.

There is no prospect that the McDonald-Lumpkin substitute bill for the sales tax will be passed by the Legislature, but its supporters are confident that it will result in marked modifications of the original sales tax measure. The merchants who have gotten behind the substitute feel confident that they can secure changes that will result in a reduction of the sales taxes. If they succeed in doing this, they will be satisfied.

While the Finance committee is having its troubles in trying to supply the revenues that the Appropriations committee must have to meet the demands for maintaining schools and the State institutions, the Legislature is doing its best to clear the decks for action on these bills when they reach the floor. While the motorists drivers' license act fails to meet the demands for safer driving on the highways, and many legislators doubt that it will do much good, it has been passed and is out of the way. The Legislature had to pass some sort of law. There was an insistent public demand that it be done. Yet it is recognized that unless public opinion backs up the measure passed, it will not do much good.

The Legislature also indicated its determination to do its part towards making the State more law abiding by outlawing slot machines. It put the matter squarely

in the law enforcement agencies by passing the law, and much time was lost in passing it. The Legislature is in a mood to land in making the State a safer place for youth.

Election reform measures are in

the hopper, with the endorsement of the State Board of Elections and it is expected that they will be passed by the Legislature. Regulation of registration books is generally agreed to be necessary and the abuses of the absentee ballot law have been so grave that re-

form in that direction is imperative.

With some trepidation, the Legislature appropriated three million dollars for immediate repair of roads. There was a feeling that some of the money might be needed for other purposes, but there was no doubt that maintenance of the highways is of vital importance and the Legislature acted.

The Senate has before it a bill to reduce the number of magistrates and to place them on a salary. There is general agreement that reduction in numbers is necessary, but many representatives can't see how their colleagues can afford to pay them a salary.

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NOTICE

By power in a trust deed from J. J. Grady to undersigned trustee, for D. E. Best, dated March 6, 1931, recorded in Book 318, page 135, Duplin County Registry, default having been made in payment of debt secured therein, upon request of the owner of said debt, the undersigned trustee will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Duplin County on March 11, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, the tract of land described in said trust deed, in Duplin County, bounded as follows:

Begins at stake on road, J. J. Grady's corner, Edwin Grady's line, thence the road S. 25 E. 34 poles, S. 12 E. 40 poles, S. 11 W. 33 1-3 poles to the Byran line, thence S. 57 E. 43 poles to R. Potters corner, thence N. 6 E. 39 poles to said Potters corner near road, thence E. 45 poles to Gaston Grady's corner, thence N. 11 W. 62 poles to bay on Rice Branch, S. 66 W. 18 poles, S. 77 W. 18 poles, then to beginning, containing 4 1-2 acres known as the J. J. Grady Home Place.

This February 8, 1935.

RALPH L. BEST, JR.

3-7-4t, L.A.B.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON OF

TIMOTHY LEACH

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Timothy Leach, convicted at the November term of the General Court of Duplin County, for the crime of A. D. W. and sentenced to the Roads for a term of six (6) months.

All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protest to the Governor without delay.

This the 19th day of Feb. 1935.

Wm. E. POWELL, Atty.

2-28-2t-W. E. P.

NOTICE OF SALE

NORTH CAROLINA

DUPLIN COUNTY

Under and by virtue of an order signed by Hon. R. V. Wells, Clerk

of Superior Court of Duplin County, on the 22nd day of December, 1934, in a certain civil action entitled: Ada W. McGowan, Executrix of A. L. McGowan, Trustee, et al, against Sanco Alderman and Francis Alderman, appointing the undersigned Commissioner of the Court to sell the lands hereinafter described, the undersigned Commissioner will on Monday, March 18, 1935, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, offer and sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court-house Door of Duplin County, Kenansville, North Carolina, the following tract or parcel of land lying and being in Inland Creek Township, Duplin County, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at Sanco Alderman's corner, on Southeast edge of road leading from Teachey's to Duplin Fork, and runs his Sub S. 22° E. 351 feet to his corner; thence another of his lines N. 74° 30' E. 263 feet with a ditch to a cross ditch; thence with said cross ditch S. 22 E. 125 feet to a stake; thence S. 74° 30' W. 462 feet to a stake; thence N. 21 W. 341 feet to the edge of the road; thence with road N. 39 E. 220 feet to the beginning, containing 2 6-10 acres, more or less.

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N. B. BONEY,

Commissioner.

3-7-4t, N. B. B.

4-H Club Discusses

Rural Problems Here

On Friday morning, February 22 at 10:00 o'clock the first of a series of joint meetings of older 4-H Club boys and girls was held in the Home Agent's office in Kenansville, for the purpose of discussing problems of vital importance to rural people of the United States. North Carolina, under Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal, has been allotted five of these discussion groups to be directed by Mr. Gaithe, district agent of State College. The entire series of programs will be a discussion of "Fundamental Agriculture Issues of the Present Day." The topic of the next meeting will be, "What Kind of Foreign Trade Policies Do Farmers Want?" All members are urged to listen to the radio broadcast of the Farm and Home Hour next Tuesday at 12:30, at which time this topic will be discussed.

At the first meeting the following officers were elected: A committee of three; namely, Hester Swinson, Doris Dobsin and Ray McMilliam, were elected to have charge of a similar discussion next Wednesday afternoon, February 29 at 4:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

"Rarest stamp" owned by Mrs. Hind, insured for \$48,800.

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