

Murphy Williams Views On Liquor

Expressing the hope that some sort of legislation may be worked out whereby necessary medicinal whiskey may be obtained without forcing suffering people to violate the law in getting it, Rev. R. Murphy Williams, a native of this county has written a letter to Senator John Sprunt Hill, who is sponsoring a whiskey bill in the state legislature.

Mr. Williams, who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, in Greensboro stated frankly that he had written Senator Hill, and said that for almost 10 years he had held the view that when a physician suggested or prescribed whiskey for a patient there should be some legal way of obtaining it.

"My aged father, who died three years ago," said Mr. Williams, "and some of the best friends I ever had in Greensboro were advised during their illness by their physicians that they needed whiskey, and in order to get it, they were forced to break the law."

"I knew when I wrote Mr. Hill that some of my best friends and ministerial brethren, whose opinions I honor, would resent my position, but at the same time I was not willing for Mr. Hill, another man in whom I have confidence as a Christian gentleman and who has the best interests of his state at heart, to bear the brunt of the opposition, if any, without letting him know my position, I felt that it was not quite honest."

"One of North Carolina's great prohibition advocates and among Greensboro's leading churchmen and best citizens had to have whiskey, according to his physician for months during his last illness. He obtained the whiskey. How? There was no legal means of obtaining it."

"I know as much about the evils of whiskey as any man in North Carolina," said Mr. Williams, "and have upheld the prohibition laws, but any law that refuses to give a suffering man medical whiskey when he needs it, according to his doctor, is a bad law, and for that reason, and that only, I wrote Senator Hill expressing the hope that the situation may be remedied."

Colored Schools Oratorical Contest

A county wide oratorical contest was held last Friday night in the Chaif E. Ferry High School of Kenansville. Students from the various high schools for colored people in the county were invited to participate. The subject discussed in these orations was to be some phase of temperance.

The result of the nights orations is as follows: First honor and a gold medal was awarded to Napoleon Thompson of Faison who spoke on "The Whiskey Traffic". Second honor and the silver medal went to Rebecca Merritt of Magnolia whose subject was "The Effect of Alcohol on Man". The bronze medal carrying third honor was won by Edna Huffin of Wallace who used as her subject, "Why We Should Oppose The Use of Alcohol."

Other speakers who took part in the contest were Rebecca Moore of Kenansville who spoke on "The Effect of Alcohol on The Human Body" and Thelma Sharpless, speaking on "The Effect of Alcohol on Man."

Judges for the contest were: Messrs. C. H. McSwain, W. V. Nix and C. E. Quinn of Kenansville. Attorney L. A. Beasley delivered the medals with timely remarks on the evils of the liquor traffic.

Tobacco Aotment Adjusted To Conditions

The tobacco adjustment program contemplated the welfare of growers over a long period of years rather than the stimulation of abnormally high weed prices in 1935, according to J. B. Hutson, chief of the AAA tobacco section.

For this reason, he said, the contract allotments were increased somewhat this year with a view of bringing production into balance with consumption. The huge surplus of 1933 and 1934 has been eliminated by the adjustment program, he added.

Furthermore, he continued, indications are that the 700,000,000 pound crop authorized for 1935 will be the contracting growers more income than would another crop of the 1934 size.

Should the program hold the contracting growers to 860,000,000 pounds again this year, he explained, there would at first be good prospects of an even higher price this year than last year—prices that would give non-contracting growers a good price in spite of the Kerr-Smith tax.

With such prospects in view, Hutson observed, there would be great numbers of new growers entering the field. These new growers, together with other non-signers, would probably raise as much tobacco as they could plant, he warned, and in the end produce an enormous crop that would drive

With The State Legislature In Raleigh Last Week

By M. L. SHIPMAN, Special Reporter For This Newspaper

Raleigh, Mar. 4.—March is here and Spring is just around the corner and no revenue bill is yet in the Legislature. Promise is made that it will arrive this week, and probably that is true, but then the fight will just begin. The House will go into a committee of the whole and take up the bill section by section. When that is completed, bill will be put on its readings. The Constitution requires that it pass three separate readings on three separate days. Then it will go to the Senate, which will go into a committee of the whole to take it up section, as the House did, and when finally a bill is agreed on, it will be put on its readings for three separate days. Then the differences will have to be ironed out in a conference committee, and if material changes are made, the bill will have to be put on its readings again in both houses. Then the appropriations bill will have to be fitted to the Revenue bill.

There is this difference between the revenue and the appropriations bill. The latter does not have to be read on separate days, or rather it doesn't have to be voted on three separate days. It may be passed through all its readings on a single day. As a matter of fact it will take several days in each house for the appropriations bill. The Legislature will be lucky if it gets through by April 15. This is a far cry from the old days when the Legislature finished up its work the first week in March. The long sessions of the last several years have fed up the people on the bill-dallying. They want action now. But there doesn't seem to be the leadership in the Legislature that can get things done. It meanders along, taking things easy, with the hope that it can get through some time in the Spring.

The revenue bill isn't the only worry the Legislature has. The Hill liquor control bill is in the Senate. However, that will not help up the revenue bill as the House can take up the latter while the Senate discusses liquor. As reported to the Senate, the Hill liquor control bill was to all practical purposes dead as the Senate judiciary committee reported it "without prejudice." This simply meant that a majority of the committee was against the bill, but as it would take two-thirds majority to get the bill off the unfavorable calendar, they did not want to kill the bill that way. As it stands now, it can be passed by a majority vote. That is the meaning of the "without prejudice" report. As reported to the Senate, the Hill bill provides for a referendum. As one was just held a little more than a year ago, the majority of the Legislature opposes another so soon afterwards. So Senator Hill has changed his bill. Now he would let each municipality decide whether or not it will have a liquor store. This is the same as the old dispensary system except that the State and not the county would be in charge of the stores. Strong opposition has already been expressed to such a proposal.

As evidence of how strongly the people are thinking about the proposal to repeal Prohibition, the Rev. H. L. Arnold of Raleigh, prayed that the Legislature not cause the State "to sin" by passing the Hill bill. Senator Hill was on his feet as soon as the prayer was finished to protest that the minister had made a political speech. The preacher never batted an eye. He said that he had prayed over the matter the night before until after midnight and that he was only doing what he thought was his duty. There the incident ended, but it served to show how strongly the people think about this thing. Those opposing repeal of Prohibition are vigorous. Those proposing repeal have not been so vigorous. So far they have made little progress.

The House showed which way the wind is blowing by voting down the Palmer bill for stronger beer by a large majority were leaders of the majority were caught napping. They forgot to put on the Legislature, by having known in the Legislature, by having one of their number to move

prices down to the 1933 level or even lower.

The optimum size for the tobacco crop, he continued, is that which will supply the normal demand at a price fair to both the grower and the consumer. And in the long run the producer will benefit more from such a balance than from either overproduction or underproduction.

Consideration must also be given the foreign markets, Hutson pointed out, for they have been purchasing more than half of the country's fine-cured tobacco crop each year,

to reconsider and then tabling that motion. By doing that, it would have required a two-thirds vote to bring the bill back to the floor.

As was expected the joint Finance committee voted by a large majority to retain the three per cent sales tax, as recommended by Governor Ehringhaus. There was never any doubt about what would happen. The McDonald-Lumpkin substitute to raise taxes by increased franchise and occupational taxes never had a chance in the committee. Its sponsors understood that and merely offered it for purposes of discussion. With a vote for the sales tax, they withdrew their substitutes from the committee as they did not want to get some of their amendments adopted, and thus be tied up from offering them on the floor of the House. Now the fight goes to the Legislature, and the fight is just where it was a month ago. This is an instance of how a vigorous leadership might have pressed for action and have had the bill reported out weeks ago.

The Legislature has another problem on its hands. There is strong demand for reduction in automobile license taxes. Thousands of automobiles are now under shelter because their owners haven't the money to buy the license tags. They are demanding that the Legislature do something about it, but holders of highway bonds are equally vigorous in demanding that the State stand by its implied contract to continue revenue at such a point as to insure payment of the bonds. Tom Bowie has a bill to divert one cent a gallon of the gasoline sales tax to the counties, but he hasn't made much headway yet.

The Legislature has a difficult time getting any legislation through. It finally decided to stand by a new automobile driver's license law, but not until many members had expressed strong dissatisfaction. There was a strong demand for a law compelling vaccination of dogs to prevent epidemics of rabies, and after much backing and filling the Legislature finally passed the bill. But a bill providing for vaccination of infants against diphtheria was so amended that it was withdrawn. The Legislature also finally voted to let beauty parlor operatives have the right to name members of their examining board. The Senate killed without ceremony a bill to reduce the number of magistrates and to place them on a salary basis.

Legal Advertising

NOTICE OF SALE

On March 18th 1935 at 12 o'clock Noon at the Court House Door in Kenansville, Duplin County, N. C., the undersigned Mortgagee will sell for cash to the Highest Bidder the following real estate to-wit:

"A certain piece or tract of land lying and being in Duplin County State aforesaid, in Wolfscrape Township and described as follows, to-wit: Containing 110 acres more or less, and being the identical lands as conveyed by Deed Recorded in Book 295 page 608 of the Duplin County Public Registry, and reference is hereby made to said deed for an accurate Description by metes and Bounds of the lands and premises herein conveyed. Also see Deed in Book 261 page 273 of the Duplin County Public Registry." Being the lands as conveyed by Mortgage deed recorded in Book 326 page 360 of the Duplin County Public Registry.

Sale made pursuant to the powers of sale contained in Mortgage executed to M. H. Whitfield by Mortgagee dated Nov. 1st 1933 and recorded in Book 326 page 360 of the Duplin County Public Registry. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein and thereby secured, and the Power of sale therein having become absolute.

This 16th day of Feb. 1935. M. H. WHITFIELD, Mortgagee.

3-14-4-A. W. B.

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The undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the premises in Wolfscrape Township, Duplin County, at 9:30 A. M. on the 23rd day of March, 1935, the Maysville Public School building and grounds, containing one acre, more or less.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Lewis H. Herring, notice is hereby given to all persons to please file their claims with the undersigned Administrator within one year from the date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery.

All persons owing said Estate will please make settlement with the undersigned at once. This the 6th day of February, 1935. OLIVER HERRING, Administrator. Robert C. Wells, Attorney. 3-14-6-R. C. W.

NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Betty Parker, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified and itemized, on or before Feb. 27th, 1935, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This Feb. 27th, 1935. MRS. ANNIE J. PARKER, Administratrix. Mt. Olive, N. C. R. F. D. John A. Gavin, Attorney. 4-11-6-J. A. G.

Hauptmann's wine appeal moved; execution to be stayed.

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