

With the Legislature

(By Emmet Atkins, Jr.)

Raleigh, March 6—With a committee OK stamped solidly on the back of each of the money bills, the House and Senate have cleared their legislative decks in anticipation of stormy weather when the bills come before them for consideration this week.



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Appropriations and finance bills were both given their final polishing off by their respective committees the latter part of last week, and are first on the calendar for this week.

The tedious process of balancing the bills, and the numerous compromises that were effected in so doing, have led some to predict that both spending and revenue measures will receive speedy consideration and passage

in House and Senate, but at week's end, numerous solons announced that they would come back to Raleigh this week armed with amendments which they and their constituents want to see added. A large number of such amendments will be offered during the next week or two, and some of the liveliest tilting of the session will follow.

The \$154,000,000 revenue bill reached the House floor Friday, but go no further than the "explanation" stage. An effort to start it through for section-by-section approval met with opposition on the very first section, that of inheritance taxes. House members objected to having the bill summarily stuffed down their throats, decided to let it ride over the week-end, giving them time not only to study it but to prepare their amendments.

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and others who had a say in preparing the revenue measure have asserted more than once that the \$154,000,000 total

now estimated is absolutely the maximum amount of income that can be expected from the measure as it is. But among informed circles in Raleigh, the eagerness of this assertion is not a secret. Reliable sources contend that the revenue measure as it now stands is estimated to produce from three-quarters of a million to a million dollars a year more than is estimated in the revenue bill. This deliberate under-estimation is calculated to feather the nest of the general fund, to provide a reserve margin of safety between appropriations and revenue, and to offset any unexpected decline or downswing in business and industry.

Subjected to considerable administration pressure the early part of the week, the joint finance committee speeded up their work considerably and finished the revenue measure with a series of last minute tax boosts. In a desperate effort to up revenue, they first increased income taxes in every bracket, then rescinded the action the next day and substituted instead increases in taxes on liquor stores, on chain stores, and on gasoline distributors. The revised bill also allows the State 40 instead of 25 per cent. of the yield from taxes on intangible property, expands the tax on dealers in installment papers to include banks handling such paper, and includes one or two other items for which no previous estimate had been made.

Most important changes made in the bill before it received its committee OK were a reduction of \$400,000 in revenue due to exemption of basic building materials from the sales tax, and a reduction of \$249,000 a year from a lowered railroad tax.

The present revenue act is different from all its predecessors in that it is written to be permanent law instead of expiring at the end of two years.

At the same time the revenue measure reached the floor of the House, legislators ironically reached the end of their allotted 60 days, after which pay at the rate of \$10 a day ceases. Action in both houses will doubtless be speedier from now on.

Coincident with the revenue measure's emergence in the House was the introduction of two important bills, each of which calls for substantial additional appropriations—one for \$2,000,000, the other for only \$10,000.

A new bill to establish a retirement and pension system for teachers and school employees of North Carolina would require a \$2,000,000 appropriation with its passage. The proposal, introduced Friday, would retire 60-year-old teachers with 35 years experience and allow them a monthly benefit of approximately 51 per cent. of their average salary. A five per cent. cut from each teacher's salary would be matched by a contribution from the State of approximately 5.87 per cent. of the teacher payroll to meet the outlay. An estimated 580 teachers in the state would be eligible for retirement immediately, necessitating a large initial liability to the state, which however would be liquidated over a period of years and stabilized at an average of four per cent. of the teacher payroll as the State's contribution to the fund. Under the proposed plan retirement would be optional at 60, mandatory at 70. It would also provide disability benefits equivalent to the retirement payments for teachers of 10 years service who become permanently incapacitated.

Sponsors of the bill pointed out that a "simple amendment" would make the bill applicable to all state employees.

Introduced by Rep. D. Lacy McBryde Friday was a bill proposing to establish a "little TVA" on the Cape Fear river, providing for establishment of an authority similar to the Santee-Cooper authority in South Carolina to erect hydro-electric power plants, promote water commerce, construct dams, canals, locks, and supervise reforestation and reclamation of swamp lands. The authority would include a chairman and eleven members, appointed by the Governor. The bill seeks a \$10,000 appropriation for organization.

Having already reported favorably and steered through the House a bill abolishing absentee ballots in primaries and greatly restricting their use in general election, the House Election Laws Committee during the week took another step toward completion of its "reform" program by reporting favorably a bill abolishing "markers" in North Carolina primaries. The bill had been previously reported favorably by a close vote of the committee, had escaped being killed in the House by a slender margin, then re-referred to the committee. Committee members this time gave the measure their unanimous approval, and then resumed consideration of two other election bills originally recommended by the State Board of Elections. At week's end it ap-

peared that North Carolinians would have a vastly reformed election system in the future, despite the skepticism and objections of western Democrats.

MOUNTAIN PARK

The Mountain Park Home Demonstration Club met at the club room Wednesday afternoon with 17 members present. Mesdames W. B. Williams and Joe Norman were hostesses for the meeting.

The president, Mrs. Clint Saylor, was in charge of the business session. The club voted to help finance the school band. Routine reports were heard.

The program was a demonstration of simple desserts by Mrs. I. O. Wallace and a paper on Home and Yard Beautification by Mrs. C. C. Cockerham. The club as a whole took as a project for the spring the improvement of the club room kitchen, which is also used as a kitchen for the school luncheon.

A contest, open to members and non-members of the club, was announced for improvement in the home and yards of the community. Prizes will be given at the close of the contest to those making the best showing.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses at the close of the program.

Mrs. Paul Harris has the sympathy of friends in the death of her brother, DeWitt Royall, at State Road.

There are several cases of measles in this community and a number of cases of flu.

Several people from here attended the funeral of Lewellyn Cockerham at Mount Airy Saturday. Mr. Cockerham was a nephew of the late Mrs. J. C. Kapp.

Mrs. J. A. Swift spent last week at Pleasant Ridge, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walker Luffman.

Despite the inclement weather a good number attended the chicken stew and ball game at the school Saturday evening.

Several from our church attended the associational meeting at Mt. Pleasant church Sunday afternoon. They reported a very interesting meeting.

Rev. T. S. Draughn is expected to fill his regular appointment at the church here Sunday. The Pleasant Hill choir has been invited to sing. A cordial invitation is extended the public to join with us in worship.

John Alfred Haynes left last week for Kings Mountain, where he has accepted a place on the city police force.

The community was saddened last week at the passing of Ben Thompson, a life-long resident of the community.

Essential Prerequisite
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This the 16th day of February, 1939.

DAVID L. KELLY,
Executor of W. S. Gough, Dec'd.
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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed on the 27th day of March, 1937 by W. R. Stanley (widower) to Parks G. Hampton, Trustee for Andrew Greenwood and recorded in book number 137, page 191 in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Surry County, North Carolina, and default having been made in the payment of note and Deed of Trust, the undersigned trustee will on the 27th day of March, 1939 at 12 o'clock, noon, sell at

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