

# With the Legislature

(By Emmet Atkins, Jr.)

Raleigh, March 20 — Racing down the home stretch, with the day of adjournment in sight, Assemblymen last week got more accomplished than in any previous week, but not without several surprise moves. Among the accomplishments they could count the passage and enactment into law of the revenue measure—the first permanent revenue law the state has ever had. Among the

surprise moves was the sudden administration pressure brought to bear on the House to restore cuts in the appropriations bill previously maneuvered by the economy bloc, and the subsequent refusal of the Senate to agree to the restoration.

In chronological order, the see-saw path of the money bills during the week looked something like this: a week-end session between the Governor and House leaders brought about a "compromise" between the economy faction and the rest of the House, with the result that the House promptly restored \$562,877 worth of cuts they had previously made in the appropriations measure, throwing the budget some \$800,000 out of balance. Benefiting by the restoration were the University of North Carolina, the public schools, State advertising program, and the department of health. After this restoration the House sent the bill to the Senate, expecting that body to follow its lead. But Senate members, in their best surprise move so far, flatly refused to approve the amendments, went on record instead as favoring a budget that was substantially balanced. At this point Revenue Commissioner Maxwell stepped in, told Senate members that the revenue measure might "possibly" bring in more income than estimated, and that first reports indicated income tax revenue would be higher this year than last. He promised to give a more accurate re-

port of income returns first thing this week. Whereupon Senate members deferred action pending Maxwell's report, scheduled for Tuesday. Best advance indications are that Maxwell will on Tuesday tell the Senate that income tax revenue is above last year and that the budget can therefore be considered "substantially balanced." If such is the case, Senate members will likely pass the appropriations measure by the middle of the week, thus finishing up both the money bills, the most important and most troublesome pieces of legislation before the two bodies.

Meanwhile, before its final enactment, the revenue measure likewise had a stormy week of it. Considered first by the House, it was slashed considerably before that honorable body let go of it. When it reached the Upper House, the Senators immediately boosted its estimated income by more than \$100,000 the first day, then wiped out the same boosts the following day. Sent back to the House for concurrence, it was speedily passed and enacted into permanent law. Hereafter, future Assemblies will merely "amend" the present revenue bill, rather than creating an entirely new measure every two years.

While loudest floor debates on the revenue measure centered around small items of bank paper, slot machines, and punchboards, Assemblymen enacted several major taxes with some degree of permanence, such as lower inheritance tax in higher brackets, an income tax that will apply to Federal salaries and interest from U. S. securities, dependent upon reciprocal Federal taxes, an increased beer tax of 1-4 cents per bottle, and an increased liquor tax of 8 1-2 per cent. of retail price.

New license taxes inserted in the bill include a graduated levy against fuel pumps and a higher scale against all slot machines, except "per se" gambling devices, which remain illegal. Revenue Commissioner Maxwell estimated that the act will raise, roughly, \$78,000,000 for the biennium, including \$5,000,000 diverted from highway funds as the equivalent of a three per cent. sales tax on gasoline.

The important wages and hours bill, pending before a subcommittee of the joint committee on labor for several weeks past, was last week split in two, the subcommittee voting six to two to abandon for this session all minimum wage legislation, and report a bill dealing only with maximum hours. The wage features of the bill appear to be irrevocably dead for this session since original proponents of wage and hour legislation in the committee joined in voting to kill their own bills. The subcommittee agreed however to place in its hours bill a section providing for establishment of a Labor Advisory Board, to be composed of representatives of employers, employees, and the public and to instruct that board to study wage conditions in the state and recommend wage and hour legislation to the 1941 assembly. While no decisions were reached by the committee on the type of hour law to be reported, probability is that no effort will be made to change the limits placed in the 1937 maximum hours law, which placed the maximum work week for men at 55 hours and for women at 48 hours. Whatever bill is reported will likely have as its sole purpose the elimination of exemptions in the present law rather than the establishment of new standards. The present act contains numerous exemptions. An effort will be made to eliminate nearly all these exemptions, leaving them in the hands of the proposed Labor Advisory Board.

The decision of the committee to discard wage legislation aroused a keen disappointment among labor leaders who had closely followed the four weeks of hearings on the bill. But they declared that adoption of the proposed law would be "better than nothing."

After final action on the money bills this week, the Assembly will be flooded the next two weeks with a clutter of local bills. No other pieces of legislation of outstanding importance are left for their consideration, and adjournment should follow close on the heels of April Fools Day.

More than 500 miles of catcombs have been discovered under the city of Rome, Italy.

### NOTICE

WHEREAS the mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Elkin have called a mass meeting for the night of March 30, at 8 o'clock P. M. at the Elkin School Auditorium, Elkin, N. C. for the purpose of nominating a Mayor and Board of Commissioners as candidates for the election to be held on May 1, 1939. The public is cordially invited.

This the 13th day of March, 1939.

J. R. POINDEXTER, Mayor

Attest: PAUL GWYN, Clerk. 3-30

### NOTICE!

Elkin Masonic Lodge No. 454, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at 7:30. All members requested to be present. Signed: Secretary of Lodge. tfo

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the last Will of W. S. Gough, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the estate of said deceased to present same properly verified, to the undersigned, at Yadkinville, N. C., on or before the 16th day of February, 1940, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please call on the undersigned and make settlement without delay.

This the 16th day of February, 1939.  
DAVID L. KELLY,  
Executor of W. S. Gough, Dec'd.  
3-30 Yadkinville, N. C.

### 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 the Court House Door in Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina at public auction to the highest bid-

der for cash the following described property in Surry County, to-wit:

Beginning on a rock in the edge of public road near Mt. Pleasant Church thence South 85 degrees East to Fishes River thence up said river as it meanders to a small branch thence up the old rocky road to W. H. Jenkins line thence with his line to the beginning, containing 20 acres more or less.

This the 23rd day of February, 1939.

PARKS G. HAMPTON, Trustee.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Will of Noah W. Tharp, deceased, late of the County of Surry, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate to present same to us duly verified on or before March 20th, 1940 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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