

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS TOUCHEOUS AND IRRITABLE

DOCTORS SAY THEY NEED REST

End 2nd Week of No Pay Period With No End In Sight

(Special To The Herald)
Raleigh, March 26.—The North Carolina General Assembly is tired. One doctor member read the symptoms and declared most of the members are used up, spent, and need a rest. They have already broken all records by staying in session two weeks over the normal time, with little prospects of getting away in another two weeks. "Easter" now is the most promising prediction. The Assembly has reached its low

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ebb stage. Members are talkative, touchy and irritable. They have spent two and three hour sessions in passing one or two bills and tabling as many more. All want to talk and dissect every bill. They question each others motives constantly, and sometimes justly. There is a sort of back-wash over passing things that now seeks to kill them. During the next two weeks, predictions are, they will buckle down and dig their way out of the maze which enshrouds them.

The past week has been spent in marking time, awaiting the Finance bill which has been promised daily. It is now in final form and will be taken up early in the week by the House. The greater part of the week will be spent on it in that body and probably the next consumed in the Senate. Both of the Houses, meanwhile, will be getting other legislation behind them. Another big bill is the Appropriations measure, which also will require time. It will doubtless move along behind the Revenue bill.

A movement described as sinister, is said to have been forming and reaching a head during the week. It is called a combination of the power, utility, tobacco and railroad interests with the so-called MacLean forces to put over the general sales tax proposal to finance the State-operated six months school term. The general sales tax, estimated to raise \$9,000,000, would cost an average of about \$3 per person per year, which, multiplied by the population of any county, will give the approximate additional amount that county will pay for school support, indirectly. In many of the counties it is twice the amount that would be received through operation of the MacLean plan, statisticians figure.

Such an alignment, observers say, is passing strange—a sort of lion and lamb status. It has caused many questions to be asked. Apparently, also,

it is causing a sort of re-alignment of the forces. Seemingly there is a drift toward the school plan embodied in the bill introduced the past week by Chairman John H. Folger, of the Senate Education Committee, and other members of his committee, which provides a \$10,000,000 school fund, \$8,200,000 for the six months term and \$1,800,000 for the extended term. This, experienced school men say, will give more relief than the MacLean plan with the \$9,000,000 sales tax, although this tax is indirect. The Folger plan carries no sales tax, but would necessitate \$3,500,000 more than is now provided, coming from power, tobacco, foreign corporations and probably the income tax.

The "short ballot" will not get over this time. The bill providing for the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture was passed by the House after it had changed the bill to make the commissioner elective, rather than appointive. The bill to have the Corporation Commission members appointed rather than elected was tabled by its author. The purchasing agent bill, which would take away a part of the duties of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, is half through. The bill to reorganize that department into a Department of Labor, has been introduced. The fate of all of them is uncertain at this writing.

Governor Gardner's bills, one to reorganize the Department of Agriculture, the other to reorganize the Corporation Commission, did not carry in them the short ballot provision—that the Governor appoint the officials. This was added in the committees. His Department of Labor bill does carry that feature, since the committees added it to the other bills. Governor Gardner favors the short ballot, but believes it should be provided in the Constitution, so each succeeding General Assembly could change it. He will doubtless ask that it be included in the amendments to

be offered by a Constitutional Amendment commission, if that body is created, instead of the original plan, now abandoned, of calling a Constitutional Convention.

A gesture has been made in the House at what is termed an effort to "smoke out" Governor Gardner on school legislation pending. It was in the form of a joint resolution asking Governor Gardner to appear before a joint session of the two houses and give his views on pending legislation. It failed of immediate passage and was referred to Chairman A. D. MacLean's Committee on education. The Governor addresses a joint session Tuesday.

The Drug Store liquor bill, permitting drug stores to handle liquor on prescription of doctors, created a bit of interest and brought out such an eminent personage as Dr. William Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, in opposition. The committee will probably report it out early this week.

Although new bills are slowing down, the number is still too large and both houses have named calendar committees to pass on whether or not later bills should be considered. So far about 1610 bills have been introduced, 490 in the Senate and 1120 in the House. Of this number 615 have been enacted into a law, 158 Senate bills and 457 House bills. The local bills bear a ratio of about five to one for the public bills.

Approximately 100 new bills were introduced last week, 60 in the House and 40 in the Senate. Bills ratified last week and now law reached 113, or 36 Senate and 77 House bills. Of the total ratified last week, 91 were local and 19 were general.

Most important of those ratified was the road bill, providing for a new highway commission and taking over the county roads. Two related permit two or more counties to

establish prison farms and hospital homes, instead of separate county homes and jails. Another provides for closer checks on pension rolls by clerks of court and Registers of Deeds in the counties. Another law requires irresponsible drivers to provide insurance, by which damages may be collected. Another requires that paupers have no claim on this State unless they have lived here three years or were self-supporting when they came.

Other laws enacted are an amendment to the State game law; providing for investigation of coasts, ports and waterways of the State; establishing the manner of advertising tax sales; defining the fight to perform an autopsy; permit newspaper carriers to work between 5 a. m. and 8 p. m.; regulate sales of real and personal property by receivers; validating sales of property made by liquidating agents of the Corporation Commission for insolvent banks; providing a sinking fund for the Industrial Farm Colony for Women.

Among the bills of public interest introduced the past week are the following:

Legal: To regulate the practice of law in insolvency and other proceedings; repeal Ch. 256, P. L. 1929, relative to mortgages of corporations; amend Section 2365, C. S., relative to summary ejections; amendment relative to the investment of trust funds; another relative to limitation of actions for assaults resulting in injury to the person; amend Section 190, C. S., relative to involuntary dissolution of corporations; amend Sec. 23, Art. 4, of the Constitution, relative to solicitors.

Local Government: provide that 25 per cent of the voters may petition for an election to determine whether to retain or discontinue special tax levies in units; set up and establish liens of taxes and methods, processes and proceedings for sale of real property for failure to pay taxes.

Provide that the Governor and Executive Council may call upon the Highway Patrol to report on paroled prisoners in their section.

Require red reflectors in addition to red lights on automobiles.

Revise the law as to establishing cartways to conform to public road changes.

Require holders of stock in foreign corporations to list and pay taxes on it.

Increase the assessments against self-insurers under the Workmen's Compensation Act from 2 1-2 to 4 per cent.

Eliminate the property clause in the provision for applications of Confederate veterans for pensions.

Amend the uniform weights and measures law and provide for financing it.

Amend the drainage law so sales of land for assessments may be held on any business day, not limiting them to the first Monday in February.

NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION

The voters of the Town of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, will take notice that pursuant to and under the laws of the State of North Carolina governing City and Town elections and under the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Roanoke Rapids relating to elections, the regular biennial election for the purpose of electing a mayor and five commissioners for the Town of Roanoke Rapids will be held at the usual polling place in said Town on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, A. D. 1931, between the hours of eight (8) o'clock A. M. and sunset; that the Registrar appointed by the present Board of Commissioners on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1931, and hereinafter named, will, beginning on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1931, and closing on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1931, keep the Registration Books open for the registration of voters from nine (9) o'clock A. M. to five (5) o'clock P. M., at the MAYOR'S OFFICE, excepting on Saturdays, when the said Registration Books shall be kept open until nine (9) o'clock P. M.; that the said Registration Books will be open on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1931, being the second Saturday before the election, at the regular polling place, for the inspection of the electors of the said Town of Roanoke Rapids; that the following named Registrar and Judges of the Election will conduct the registration and election: C. L. Massey, Registrar, A. E. Akers and S. J. Bounds, Judges of Election.

In order to be eligible to vote one must have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for one (1) year, of the County of Halifax six (6) months, and the Town of Roanoke Rapids, four (4) months preceding such election. No new registration of voters is ordered for said election but persons who were not registered for the Town election two (2) years ago should register. Registration for State and County elections and for the School Bond elections has nothing to do with this election. It is well for voters to see

the Registrar and be sure their names are on the books.

This notice and the election here-in called shall be void and of no effect if the election called under the Town Charter as amended by the 1931 General Assembly is carried.

Ordered posted and published by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Roanoke Rapids this, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1931.

A. L. CLARK,
Town Clerk.

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Notice of Sale

NORTH CAROLINA,
HALIFAX COUNTY.

By virtue of the authority conferred upon H. B. Harrell, Jr., trustee, undersigned, in that certain deed of trust executed by J. H. and Margaret Delfenthal on the 22nd day of December, 1928, and recorded in Book No. 389 at page 502 Register of Deeds office for Halifax County, default having been made in the indebtedness thereby secured, and upon request of the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Post Office door in the Town of Rosemary, or in front of the Post Office door in that town formerly known as the Village of Rosemary, state and county aforesaid, the following described property situate, lying and being in Roanoke Rapids Township, County of

Halifax, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows, viz:

Lots Number 2 and Number 4 of the J. M. Wood Tract as shown and designated on plat of E. T. Clark, surveyor, dated February 9th, 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in plat book number 2 at page 142, each lot fronting Fifty (50) feet on Wood Street, and running back the same width between parallel lines ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (130) feet to an alley, and being two of those identical lots of land which were heretofore on the 26th day of September, 1923, conveyed to J. H. and Margaret Delfenthal by deed of L. A. Smith, said deed being recorded in Book 346 at page 177, Register of Deeds office for Halifax County, North Carolina, reference to which said deed is hereby made for greater certainty of description.

This sale will be held at Two O'clock P. M., Saturday, April 11th, 1931.

N. B. HARRELL, JR.,
Trustee.

Time of sale: 2:00 P. M., Saturday, April 11, 1931.

Place of Sale: Post Office door, Rosemary, N. C.

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