

OMITTED TAX WILL BE PAID BY BOTTLERS

DIVIDE COUNTY ROADS

Plan Consolidation of Small Elementary Schools; Other State News

(Special To The Herald)
 Raleigh, June 18.—The most glaring and most expensive error made as a result of the discoveries following the recent hectic General Assembly session, involving about \$100,000 although glaring will not be expensive at all, unless some technicality prevents the North Carolina Bottlers from making a gift of about that much money to the State of North Carolina during the next two years. The tax on bottlers, about \$100,000 for the biennium soon to end, was to be doubled for the next two years. Then the luxury tax measure entered and its 10 per cent caused the tax on production machinery of the bottlers to be cut back to the figure of the past two years. When the luxury tax failed, the tax was again doubled by the conferees, but this revision failed, to get in the revenue act as ratified. The revenue department discovered the omission.
 But the bottlers had agreed to a doubling of their tax, reluctantly, to be sure, but preferred that to the 10 per cent tax. So, J. Elmer Long, former lieutenant governor and attorney for the bottlers, comes to Raleigh to announce that the bottlers had agreed to the doubling, they did it in good faith, they intended to pay it, and pay it they will, if there is any way to do it, in spite of the law, even if it has to be in the form of a donation.
 Admittedly the State needs the money and will probably find a way to accept it, since the bottlers are

willing to pay. Also, it is one of the best publicity stunts imaginable. Moreover, it will probably save the bottlers from making up the difference two years from now, and still more.

The State Highway Commission, announcing the tall local road matters are to be taken up through the local engineering staff, as contemplated by the road law in making the commission a State-wide body, has divided the State into five divisions, with headquarters at Asheville, Salisbury or Concord, Greensboro, Fayetteville and Tarboro, and each of these divisions is later to be divided into five districts, Chairman E. B. Jefferson announced after the meeting last Thursday.

The divisions, with engineers and assistants and counties composing them: Division A, Tarboro, J. G. Gardner, engineer, J. D. Taylor, assistant; Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Hertford, Bertie, Northampton, Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Pitt, Greene, Lenoir, Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Beaufort, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde.

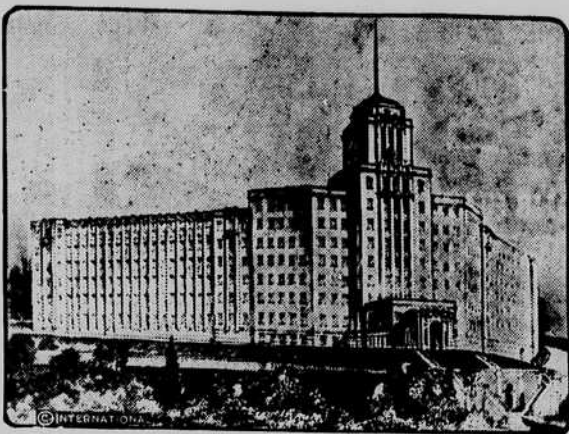
Division B, Fayetteville, R. E. Showden, engineer, R. Markham, assistant; Onslow, Pender, New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Sampson, Duplin, Wayne, Robeson, Cumberland, Scotland, Hoke, Moore, Lee, Harnett and Johnston.

Division C, Greensboro, W. F. Morrison, engineer, D. M. Ra, assistant; Wake, Franklin, Warren, Vance, Granville, Person, Durham, Orange, Caswell, Alamance, Rockingham, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Guilford, Randolph, Chatham.

Division D, Statesville or Concord, H. E. Noell, engineer, F. S. Klutz, assistant; Montgomery, Richmond, Anson, Union, Stanly, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Wilkes, Allegheny, Surry, Yadkin, Fredell, Davie and Rowan.

Division E, Asheville, J. C. Walker, engineer, T. T. Betts, assistant;

Fine Health Haven for U. S. Warriors



Architect's drawing for the new \$1,500,000 hospital which is to be erected on War department property at Hot Springs National park, Arkansas, for the accommodation of regular army and navy men as well as ex-service veterans from all parts of the United States. There will be 412 beds, as compared with 163 beds in the fifty-year-old hospital which will be replaced. Construction work is expected to start about July 1.

Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Haywood, Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, McDowell, Mitchell, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe.
 Sam D. Scott, Wayne County, was named director of county highways. Further organization to handle the 45,000 miles of county highways will be made later.

A. A. F. Seawell, Sanford, representative from Lee County and author of the Seawell banking act of the recent session of the General Assembly, has been appointed assistant attorney general by Attorney General D. G. Brummitt, to succeed Frank Nash, who, in turn, has accepted the post of clerk of the N. C. Supreme Court, succeeding Edward Seawell, whose term has expired. The new appointee is considered an able lawyer and well suited for the post. He is expected to become a candidate for the Attorney Generalship to succeed Mr. Brummitt, a prospective candidate for Governor.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be saved in the operation of schools in North Carolina through abandoning hundreds of small ones and the two teacher elementary and high schools and consolidating them with nearby larger and more efficient schools, according to LeRoy Martin, secretary of the State Board of Equalization.

Many of these schools should have been abandoned earlier, but were continued because of local feeling and politics, Mr. Martin said. Now that the State is operating the schools, these important economies can be made effective and the pupils will be given better instruction in better buildings.

A compilation of figures show that, exclusive of the six larger counties not participating in the equalizing fund, 615 elementary schools, 414 white and 201 colored, have been operating with less than a daily average attendance of 22 pupils, and 225 high schools, 187 white and 38 colored, have been operating with a daily average attendance of less than 50 pupils.

Halifax County, the report shows, had no white and two colored elementary schools with a daily average attendance of less than 22, and six white and one colored high schools with a daily average attendance of less than 50 pupils.

The State board last year aided 24 counties in white rural school supervision, paying \$23,499 of the total cost of \$67,000, and aided 37 counties in colored rural supervision, paying \$17,213 of the total cost of \$46,457, Mr. Martin has found.

Halifax County spent \$3,300 in white and \$1,150 in colored rural school supervision last year, of which the State paid 954.08, the report shows.

Considerable discussion has developed around the action of President E. C. Brooks, of State College, in recommending and his board in following his suggestion of abolishing the office of dean of the graduate school, held by Dr. Carl C. Taylor. Charges of personal dislike on the part of Dr. Brooks, objection on the part of North Carolina textile

men to Dr. Taylor's speeches and actions, and others have been made since the action was taken last week. The incident gives promise of still more airing.

Dr. James M. Parrott New State Health Head

Raleigh, June 18.—Dr. James M. Parrott, of Kinston, was elected State health officer succeeding the late Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, at a meeting last week of the new State Board of Health, of which Dr. J. T. Burrus, of High Point, Senator from Guilford County, was elected president. Governor Gardner has given his hearty approval to the election of both men. The health officer, under the new law, must be appointed by the Governor.

VEPCO 56 MILE LINE FINISHED

High Voltage Line From Here To Petersburg Virginia, Is Now Working

COST \$750,000

Completion of the new high voltage transmission line fifty-six miles long, created between Petersburg and Roanoke Rapids at a cost of \$750,000, was announced recently by the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

The new line has a carrying capacity of 115,000 volts and required the use of 600,000 pounds of copper and 250,000 pounds of steel wire, a total of 425 tons of wire.

It was built by the Stone & Webster engineering corporation on a right-of-way 150 feet wide requiring the clearing of 750 acres of land and the transportation of 80 tons of material and 100 men daily during the course of construction.

The Petersburg-Roanoke Rapids transmission line completes the third side of a triangular transmission system that has its point of origin at the hydro electric plant at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., with a high powered transmission line extending east to Suffolk and Northwest from Suffolk to Petersburg and the third side of the triangle running almost northeast from the Roanoke Rapids plant to Petersburg. Additional transmission lines extend north from Petersburg through Richmond to Fredericksburg and South into the North Carolina territory from Roanoke Rapids.

The new line has been given its final inspection and is now in use, according to the power company officials.

The new line not only prevents the danger of shortage of power through the breakdown of one side of the triangle, but permits inter-connection and exchange of power with the Virginia Public Service Company Occoquan, Va., Lee Hall and Roanoke Rapids, but with the Carolina Light and Power Company at Roanoke Rapids and Battleboro, N. C.

The construction involved the

working out of many engineering problems and a vast amount of temporary construction, particularly at the North Carolina end of the line, where it crosses the Roanoke River. At this point the 2,900-foot transmission line span consists of three steel towers, one 103-foot anchor tower on the north bank, a 114-foot tower on the south bank and a 175-foot suspension tower in the middle of the stream



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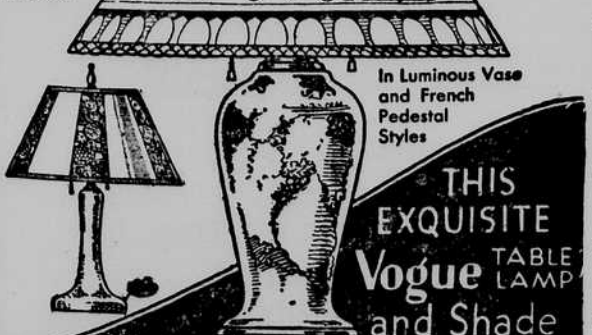
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