

# Retailers Oppose Sales Tax

## WILL ADD EMPHASIS TO PROTEST BY BIG MEETING NEXT WEEK

### Arch Enemies of Tax To Speak At Halifax Meeting

Roanoke Rapids Association Enjoys Orderly Meeting This Afternoon

### MOTORCADE TUE.

There will be a county-wide mass meeting of merchants and consumers at the Halifax-county Court House next Wednesday evening, April 18th at 8 P. M. Willard Dowell, executive-secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, and J. Paul Leonard, who holds a similar position with the North Carolina Fair Tax Association, have accepted invitations to address the assembly there. These two men are recognized as arch-enemies of the three-percent general sales tax, and undoubtedly will have an interesting message for their audience, and suggestions of what steps to take to rid the state of what all merchants and most consumers consider an "unfair and unjust" tax.

A motorcade of some 75 or more automobiles, with representatives from every town in the county, will tour the county on Tuesday announcing the meeting. Handbills will be distributed, window cards placed in the various stores and public places, and every nook and corner of the county will be thoroughly combed advertising the event, it is planned.

The "indignation meeting" at Halifax is the outgrowth of a meeting last week, attended by some 50 or more merchants from all over the county, at which time plans for the huge mass meeting were made.

It is planned that at least ten cars from Roanoke Rapids will join the motorcade Tuesday, in an effort to advertise the meeting extensively all over the county. The cars will meet in Halifax at nine o'clock, and before the day is over, it is planned to visit every wayside store and cross-road in the county. The merchants in a placard, advertising the event, declare they are "tired of talking, and are determined to do some-

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thing." This meeting might well be regarded as one of the first important steps. Every consumer is urged to attend.

### Plan To Sponsor Fashion Show By The Womans Club

At a meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association Thursday afternoon, President C. C. Shell announced that plans were under consideration for the association to sponsor a Fashion Show, which will be promoted by the Woman's Club at an early date.

The meeting Thursday afternoon was the first general one since the Association has been reorganized, and a full-time secretary employed. There were some 35 or more members in attendance at the meeting, and several important business matters were discussed.

Mr. Shell, presiding at the meeting, told of renting offices in the Imperial building, and of the arrival of new filing equipment, etc., for the credit rating bureau, which promises to be one of the most important phases of the new association. Miss Lillian Belle Jenkins has been employed as full-time secretary, and all members of the retailers organization, as well as prospective ones, are urged to visit the offices and acquaint them-

selves with the routine there.

It is thought that the fashion Show will definitely go over, and that it bids fair to become an annual event. Since organization of the new merchants group is still comparatively in its infancy, Mr. Shell stated participation in the fashion show would not be limited to merchants who actually have paid memberships, but issued an invitation to all ready-to-wear, clothing or shoe merchants to discuss plans with him or the secretary.

### Merchants Will Also Sponsor A Musical Program

Also, plans were discussed for the Merchants Association to sponsor a Music Festival, to be held at the High School Auditorium one Sunday afternoon early in May.

Tentative plans are for all musical organizations in the city to participate in the program, which includes the High School Glee Club, Mixed Chorus and Orchestra, the Rosemary Concert Band, the Choral Club, and R. L. Martin's organization.

The recent program given by the newly organized Choral Club, under the direction of Steve Lipscomb, was so well attended, and such interest manifested, that it is thought the public in general would welcome the repetition of such a venture, and the Music Festival to be sponsored by the merchants would be on a much larger scale.

It is planned to arrange a program of an hour-and-a-half's duration, or longer, to which the public in Roanoke Rapids and surrounding territory be invited. Plans will be worked out for the event, and definite announcement made later. It is possible that, if a success, this would become an



annual feature. It is thought the concert will attract 2,500 or more people.

## HALIFAX

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Vincent and baby, of Weldon, have been spending some time with Mrs.

Vincent's mother, Mrs. M. Reed.

Mrs. Nellie Nelson Powell and daughter, Margery, of Edenton, were the guests of Mrs. Susie Nelson Fersuson last week-end.

Dr. and Mrs. Ed. Fenner, of Henderson, visited their brother, Jno. Fenner, this week.

Miss Kate Cannon, of Richmond, Va., is the house guest of Mrs. Sterling Gary.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, met with Mrs. Willie Dickens, on Monday.

Mr. D. M. Campbell is reported improving after having suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home here.

Mrs. Jack Jones, of Tillery, is is house guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Campbell.

Miss Mary Young Bass has returned to Enfield after a visit to Miss Carolyn Bass.

Mr. W. L. Stedman, of Gainsville, Fla., and Halifax, is on the sick list this week.

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