

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—On what is probably the eve of the birth of a new revenue bill the joint committee of House and Senate seem in hopeless deadlock on two important phases of the measure they are to present to the General Assembly: the sales tax and the eight months school term.

These two phases have been looked upon as inseparable. They have been linked to the extent that proponents of the sales tax plan have used the eight months school term proposal as a means of getting the tax over—in fact that the longer term would be the only justification of the tax, and, belief is general that the eight months term cannot be operated without it in some form. But, whether the six months term can be operated without the sales tax is the point that is now bothering many of the legislators.

Many of the lawmakers are opposed to a sales tax of any kind and many would fight such a tax to the end if it were possible for them to see that the government could continue to operate schools conducted for six months without it. A small majority of the Senate finance committee went for a sales tax and a slight one in the House committee went against it. Also, a slight majority in one house favors the eight months school term, while a slight majority in the other opposes it.

Sales Tax Looms as Certain

Little doubt is entertained that a general sales tax, rather than a luxury tax, will be adopted, but it will be necessary to convince several legislators that the money necessary cannot be raised otherwise. They will accept it as a sort of last resort. Belief is that the finance committee will get out the revenue bill this week, and that within two weeks the General Assembly will adopt a revenue measure, based on, if not entirely the committee bill.

Eighth Week Ends With Little Done

The eighth week of the session passed with apparently little accomplished. Only six bills and resolutions of a public nature and 38 local measures were finally ratified. Numbers of bills have been tossed about, killed and brought back to life, passed and recalled—to such an extent that one legislator made a motion to take up on a certain day only bills from the unapproachable calendar—so many had been brought back for further action, after being killed.

Belief is, however, that progress is being made, that the main bills, revenue and appropriations, are being formed and will soon be out for action. Three or four weeks more will see them and other important legislation enacted and the General Assembly ended or near the end, it is expected.

The bills introduced have gone above the 1000 mark now, and exactly 200 had been ratified at the end of last week, probably 80 per cent of them local. Last week was probably the lowest in ratification of any that will follow.

Three of the measures ratified last week were resolutions, one designating by name the "Clarence A. Shore State Laboratory of Hygiene Building," in honor of the late director for 25 years. The other two were ready the week before, one endorsing Mrs. Lillie M. Mebane as minister to Sweden, the other asking Uncle Sam to stay off the State's tax fields.

A Few Ratifications

The divorce bill is now the law, allowing divorce actions to be brought after two years of separation, instead of five, and cutting the residence period before bringing an action from two to one year. Another new law prohibits employment on any public works of an architect, engineer, designer or draftsman interested in the manufacture or sale of any materials used in the work.

Of interest is the law reducing the license fee for trailers towed by passenger cars, ratified last week. Formerly the cost was 55 cents per 100 pounds, the average having been \$7.15 a year. Now such trailers weighing not more than 500 pounds and carrying not more than 1,000 pounds, towed by a passenger car are taxed only \$2 for all or any part of the year.

The Senate finally passed the measure abolishing the Corporation Commission, as amended, and sent it to the House, where, prediction is, it will also be passed. It provides for electing the Public Utilities Commissioner in 1934, two other men, named by the Governor, to sit with him when needed for hearings, to be paid not more than \$1,800 a year, at the rate of \$25 a day for their services. While pushed as an economy measure, it does little more than abolish Chairman W. T. Lee and Commissioner George P. Pell, if finally enacted. Belief is that Commissioner Stanley Winborne will be named as commissioner.

It now looks as if the General Assembly will call for a referendum on the liquor law changes, or probably

Up Pops Budget



Being the "First Lady of the Land" and mistress of the White House is not all social grandeur, comfort and ease. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt knows that fact already, being faced with the personal task of cutting White House expenses 25 per cent., in line with the new President's promise to reduce all governmental expenses to that extent. Mrs. Roosevelt says she has planned to get along with nine or ten fewer servants, which is taken to mean that she herself will be her own housekeeper and battle the budget.

WATAUGA WOULD PAY BIG SHARE OF PROPOSED LEVY

Local Portion of Sales Tax Burden Would Reach More Than \$40,000 It Is Shown. More Than Thirteen Million Would Result From Two Per Cent Tax on Sales. Amounts Come From Government Figures.

(Special Correspondence.) Raleigh, Feb. 27.—The general sales tax of two per cent would bring in a total of \$13,068,380.00 and the one per cent production tax would bring in \$13,119,213.52, on the basis of 1929 sales and manufactures, which figures, on the basis of present business would have to be reduced to 60 per cent, Senator Hayden Clement of Rowan announces, in support of his one per cent production tax, as opposed to the proposed two per cent general sales tax.

These figures were compiled by the Division of Commerce and Industry of the Department of Conservation from U. S. Bureau of Commerce statistics for 1929, the last available. They would have to be reduced to 60 per cent of that amount to show the approximate status of today, and readjustments would have to be made to show the greater drop in other lines of manufacture than is shown in the case of tobacco products.

Under the production tax three counties manufacturing tobacco, Forsyth, Durham and Rockingham would pay considerably more than one-third of this tax, while these and three others, Guilford, Mecklenburg and Gaston would pay much more than half the total for the State. Under this Forsyth would contribute \$3,581,348.70, Durham, \$1,382,244.45, Rockingham, \$1,139,955.38, a total of \$5,591,348.53, while Guilford will pay \$967,282.61, Mecklenburg \$698,166.33 and Gaston \$690,830.52, the six counties paying \$7,937,627.99 of the total \$13,119,213.52. Camden would pay nothing and seven other counties, Alleghany, Clay, Currituck, Dare, Greene, Tyrrell and Yancey would pay less than \$1,000 each.

Under the two per cent general sales tax Mecklenburg would be the only county paying above a million dollars a year, \$1,038,740, and the five other large counties, Guilford, Forsyth, Wake, Buncombe and Durham, paying one-third of the tax or \$4,341,180 on the 1929 business basis.

Watauga county, with a population of 15,165, would pay \$40,240.00 under the two per cent general sales tax and \$2,749.28 under the one per cent production tax, these figures show, but based on the 1929 volume of business and manufacturing, which would have to be cut to 60 per cent as the estimate for present conditions.

The largest acreage ever to be seeded to pasture grasses in Moore County will be planted his spring, says the farm agent.

JAIL DOOR OPENS; TWO PRISONERS IN DASH FOR LIBERTY

Men Wanted for Stealing Gasoline, Automobiles, and Carrying Weapons Are Apprehended and Recaptured After Flight. Vehicle Belonging to College Student Used by One to Effect Getaway.

William Furr and Lee Thompson, known as residents of West Virginia, but lately making their abode in a house on the Yonahlossee Road near Blowing Rock, were brought to the county jail Friday by Messrs. W. T. Gragg and Jess Roberts, citizens of that section, to be held to answer charges of gasoline theft, car stealing and carrying concealed weapons.

All went well until just about the time the doors of the bastille were about to open, and the accused made a mad dash for liberty and for the time being it appeared that the attempt had been successful. However, Sheriff Howell and deputies gave chase and caught Furr near the I. G. Greer home in East Boone. Thompson stopped by the college campus long enough to appropriate a car belonging to a student and went back to his temporary home on the Yonahlossee. The car was more or less wrecked by the hurried trip when it appeared to have encountered a telephone post.

Now both the accused are awaiting trial at the Recorder's Court next week, for the charges mentioned. The theft of two automobiles is involved, according to word from the Sheriff's office.

Mexican Operetta Is Presented at College

"Pepita," a Mexican operetta in two acts, was presented by the Appalachian Glee Club in the College Auditorium here last Friday and Saturday nights. Friday night's performance was for the college, while Saturday night was reserved for the town. A large and appreciative audience witnessed both performances.

The operetta, under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary, who has had quite a bit of experience in the work, was highly lauded by those who had the pleasure of attending.

The main cast, supported by an excellent chorus of forty young men and women is due much credit for the faithfulness with which they worked and the ability they showed in the presentation. Miss Ruth Ellen Kinsland, accompanist, is also due much credit for the success of the operetta.

Assisting Miss Wary in the production were Kelly G. Miles, A. Antonakos, Kathryn Harwell, Dolly LeMay, Mercer Jackson and Elizabeth Rucker.

BOONE TO JOIN IN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY

A call to prayer goes out to all people. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." You are invited to unite in a fellowship of prayer on the World Day of Prayer, March 3rd, 1933, 7:30 o'clock p. m., at the Grace Lutheran Church in East Boone.

This gathering is interdenominational and all of our people are asked to take part. Last year the service was in the Baptist Church. The year before, the Methodist Church held the service. Next year the Advent Church is to be the place of meeting.

In turn it should have been there this year, but at their own request, the World Day of Prayer is being observed at the Lutheran Church.

The topic of the program is "Follow Me," and was prepared by Mrs. C. C. Chen of China, while the announcement leaflet was written by Mrs. Ruth Muskrat Bronson, an Indian-American.

All Boone people are urged to come and take part in this program of prayer.

LEES-McRAE STUDENTS TO ATTEND VOLUNTEER CONF.

Banner Elk.—Five Lees-McRae College students will attend the Student Volunteer Conference to be held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during the coming week-end, March 3-5, inclusive. The conference will be attended by students from all North Carolina colleges and will be on the general topic of foreign missions.

DANIEL RHYNE DIES

Daniel Efrid Rhyme, multi-millionaire of Lincoln County and benefactor of Lenoir-Rhyne College and 35 churches, extensive textile mills creator, banker and philanthropist, died at Laboratory last Saturday morning at the age of 81 years. Mr. Rhyme was a distant cousin of Dr. C. L. Rhyme, local druggist.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



THIRTY-FIRST PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES

Franklin Delano Roosevelt will on Saturday be inaugurated the thirty-first President of the United States in what will be the last open-air inaugural ceremony. There are expected to be no less than 200,000 visitors to Washington for the event, some 2,000 of them going from North Carolina. So far as is known, there will be no Wataugans present, although several are contemplating the trip.

FEDERAL NUMBER MAY BE REMOVED FROM PARK ROUTE

Movement Is Reported to Have Park to Park Highway Designation Changed from Road Through Boone, and Route Tourist Traffic Through Tennessee. Delegation to Visit Commissioners.

Information coming from Washington is to the effect that steps are being taken toward officially routing the national Park to Park Highway through Eastern Tennessee, instead of through Boone, as is now the case. This action would be taken, it is revealed, because on the route now designated by the Government for a Federal number, there remains an unfinished link near Spruce Pine of about four miles, which was to have been completed by the State by this time.

As news of the agitation spread through the mountain region delegations were being formed the first of the week to go to Raleigh to prevail with the highway officials to complete this road. Those interested in the tourist trade and the general welfare of the mountain region from Watauga, Avery, Ashe and Caldwell are said to be on the war path, and it is understood that provided immediate State action can be obtained that the Park to Park Highway between the Shenandoah Park in Virginia and the Smoky Mountains Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, will continue to come through this section with the Federal number attached. This will eventually result, if unchanged, in thousands of tourists passing through Watauga County each year.

Recorders Court Bill Is Passed by Senate

Raleigh, N. C.—The Watauga County bill, to confer civil jurisdiction upon the recorder's court of that county, has been passed by the Senate and sent to the House of Representatives, where it was referred to the committee on Courts and Judicial Districts. Without a hitch there, it should be passed and ratified this week.

THREE BLOCKADE STILLS CAPTURED DURING WEEK

Five Thousand Gallons of Beer Destroyed in Successful Raids by Sheriff Howell and Deputies. Two Men Placed Under Arrest. Large Steam Outfit Among Those Taken. Warrants Issued.

On last Friday night Sheriff A. V. Howell, accompanied by Deputies Albert Farthing, Hill Hagaman and Wiley Day, destroyed a large steam distillery in Stony Fork Township, near the Wilkes line, and cut down over 5,000 gallons of beer. The plant apparently had been in operation for several months, and the furnace was still hot when the officers arrived. The still was of 125-gallon capacity.

On Monday of last week Sheriff Howell and his deputies raided an illicit distillery in the Pottersville section, destroyed a quantity of beer and "backings," and arrested the two operatives, Roby South and John Snyder. The men were brought to the county jail and Thursday were released under bonds of \$500 each for appearance in Recorders Court next week.

A small steam outfit, a quantity of beer and liquor were destroyed on Wednesday night in another successful raid by sheriff's deputies in Stony Fork, but the fleet-footed moonshiners made good their escape.

It is understood that a number of warrants have been issued and that arrest of the guilty parties is believed to be inevitable.

PUBLISHER IS NAMED AS AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND

Washington.—Judge Robert Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times, will be the new ambassador to Great Britain under the Roosevelt administration, it was understood here Saturday.

Appointment of the publisher of the first ranking post in the American diplomatic service is expected to be announced soon, to enable him to assist in preliminaries of the impending Anglo-American debt negotiations.

RECORDER WILL TRY MANY CASES ON NEXT TUESDAY

Sixteen Criminal Actions Will Come Up for Hearing When Judge Suddreth Presides at First Session of Court. Half of Them Deal With Dry Law Violations. Several Cases Came from Superior Court.

The first session of Watauga Recorder's Court will convene next Tuesday morning with Judge G. M. Suddreth presiding, and Solicitor Charles T. Zimmerman prosecuting a criminal docket of sixteen cases, most of which had been transferred by judicial order from the Superior Court docket.

The first case to be heard by the new tribunal is that of the State against Roby South,—a liquor manufacturing charge. Other cases to be called include: John Snyder, manufacturing liquor and carrying concealed weapons; A. L. Dotson, dry law violation; Percy Shook, carrying concealed weapon; Burton Church, violating liquor law; Everett Story, violating liquor law; Walter Bomgarner, violating liquor law; Fred Greer, operating motor vehicle while intoxicated; Conley Cox, larceny; Noah Miller, larceny; Rodger Ashley, violating liquor law; William Furr, carrying concealed weapon; Ira Cornell and Arnold Ford, larceny; William Furr and Lee Thompson, larceny.

The court, it is announced, will hold over from day to day, if necessary, until the docket shall have been disposed of and will convene each Tuesday.

When all the transfers have been made, 35 criminal and about 45 civil cases will have been taken from the Superior Court dockets.

Perils of Southland Are to Be Discussed

"The Perils of Our Southland" will be discussed at both morning and evening services at the Boone Baptist Church on Sunday. The following program has been worked out, to which the public is cordially invited:

Morning Service—"Illiteracy," by Prof. Guy Hill; "Worldliness," Prof. Claude Pyatt; "Liquor Traffic," Prof. J. T. C. Wright; "Communism," Prof. J. H. Wolfe.

Evening Service—"Race Prejudice," Malcolm Laxton; "Sabbath Desecration," G. P. Hagaman; "Lawlessness," Wade Brown; "Atheism," Roy Dotson.

This service will begin the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. All over the Southland the women of the W. M. U. have set aside this second week of March to especially pray for the work of missions in the home land. The perils facing the nation should make the need for prayer imperative to every heart of a Christian.

Mrs. Orrus Greer Dies At Inglewood, Calif.

The death of Mrs. Orrus Greer occurred on February 18th at Inglewood, Calif., where she had gone to visit her oldest son. She had undergone a very serious operation about a year ago from which she had never recovered. Her husband, a son of E. M. Greer of Watauga, went to Oklahoma when a young man. Mrs. Greer was a native of that State. They visited North Carolina on their honeymoon some twenty-odd years ago. Later they went to Rupert, Idaho, where they resided for many years.

The body was shipped to Rupert, where interment took place. Mrs. Greer is survived by six grown children. Her many friends in Watauga will be grieved to learn of her demise.

WILKES FARMER CHARGED WITH MURDERING HIS SON

North Wilkesboro.—Riley Moore, 36, Wilkes County farmer, was held in jail here Monday on a charge of murder growing out of the fatal shooting of his seven-year-old son, Raymond.

The boy was shot Sunday at Moore's home in the Brushy Mountain community. A coroner's jury held the father responsible for his death.

Testimony at the inquest, given mainly by the child's mother and an older brother, eye-witnesses to the shooting, was that Moore had been drinking heavily for several days. Without any particular reason, they said, Moore fired a rifle shot through his son's mouth. The boy died in thirty minutes.

The accused man is a distant relative of Mr. J. F. Moore, Boone.