

# Siftings From the Legislature

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Raleigh, N. C.—The House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly, after eliminating Article 6 of the Revenue Bill, the three per cent. general sales tax, by a 33-50 vote, and refusing, 65 to 36, to insert in its stead the Newman selected commodity sales tax, directed the finance committee to rewrite that article and bring it back to the House Tuesday night, until which time the House practically adjourned for the Easter week-end.

By its action in turning down both forms of sales tax, the commodity form more decisively than the general form, the House has moved up certainly another week, at least two weeks longer, adjournment of the General Assembly. But, ere another week is gone, that body is expected to adopt a general sales tax, possibly modified some, and possibly including some parts of the selected commodity tax, but to adopt it. In any event, its adoption seems assured, for if the House fails to include it in the bill going over to the Senate, the latter body is expected to insert it and send it back to the House, with some other eliminations from the present House measure.

## Revenue Bill Short

The present House revenue bill is about \$8,000,000 a year short of producing a balanced budget, on the basis of the appropriations bill, already passed by both houses. Three increases were made, one taxing the stock in foreign corporations, the other a one-half mill per kilowatt hour of electric power, and the third on corporate franchises. These increases are expected to be eliminated by the Senate, which has already turned two of them down. Sealing these and adding a sales tax that will bring in around \$9,000,000, as the three per cent. general sales tax is expected to do, would balance the budget.

Even though defeated, the general sales tax, possibly modified, is the best bet, finally, if not included by the House in the first place. In the light of this week's developments, few see any prospect of adjournment before the end of April, and the legislators may drink their first legal glass of beer or wine in Raleigh before they adjourn.

## Short Sessions During Easter

The Senate, which had cleared its calendar and was practically twiddling its thumbs waiting for the House to send over the revenue bill, decided to observe the Easter season and arranged for short perfunctory sessions, just coming within the constitutional requirement of daily meetings, until Tuesday at noon. The House, seeing nothing could be done with the revenue bill and even in the face of a long calendar of bills from its own committees and from the Senate, followed that lead Friday, and will not hold any more real sessions until Tuesday night.

Legislative achievements the past week have been below par, due to the time the House has spent on the revenue bill, thus allowing its public calendar to grow day by day. While there are several bills of more or less importance on that calendar, it would not take long to dispose of them, under pressure of hope of early adjournment. They can be killed or passed in a hurry.

## 109 New Bills Introduced

Summary of the past week, the sixteenth of the session, shows that 109 new bills were introduced, 33 in the Senate and 76 in the House, bringing the session's total to 1,881 bills introduced, 1,320 in the House and 561 in the Senate. Also 87 bills were ratified and became the law last week, including 19 of a public or general nature, and 68 local bills. This includes a few which were passed and ready for ratification, but not actually ratified.

The marriage laws, since five-day notice by minors was abolished and the requirement for physical examination changes to require the groom to furnish a health certificate, or else undergo examination, has an amendment which requires couples marrying outside the State to file a copy of the marriage certificate with the register of deeds of the groom's home county within 30 days after the marriage, paying 50 cents for recording. By which it may not be necessary for children born from now on to hunt over other states to prove parental union.

Slight changes have been made to safeguard funds in hands of guardians of incompetent World War veterans or of children of such veterans. Start toward restoration of citizenship may be made as soon as sentence of a felon is finished, instead of waiting three years to begin, under a new law. Seed loans are now included with Federal crop liens and chattel mortgages, in the law regulating charges for registering such instruments.

## New Banking Laws

Legal machinery has been provided for reorganizing closed banks if not more than one-third of the depositors file objections to reorganizing, the law empowering fiduciaries to sign depositors agreements. The 90-odd banks now closed, with branches, including the N. C. Bank and Trust

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## Faces Hangman's Noose



Winnie Ruth Judd, sentenced by an Arizona court to be hanged tomorrow on a murder charge, was, on Tuesday, granted a week's reprieve by the State Board of Pardons and Parole.

## WATAUGA WILL SPEND \$87,049.32 ON ITS SCHOOLS

Decrease of \$14,886.16 Under Previous Year. Larger Counties Pay a Larger Percentage of State Fund. Standards and Teaching Raised in More Than Sixty of State's One Hundred Counties.

Raleigh.—Public schools in about 65 of the 100 counties of the State will be benefitted in varying degree by adoption of the \$16,000,000 for an eight-months school term, but many of the remaining 35 counties will be greatly injured unless they are permitted to provide supplements to the State funds. Dr. A. T. Allen, State superintendent of public instruction, states, after getting out a comparative table for the 100 counties.

The \$16,000,000 from the State would have \$922,020.66, estimated, added to it from the county funds derived from poll and dog taxes and fines and forfeitures, making \$16,922,020.66 available the next two years, in contrast to budgeted estimate of \$23,492,487.51 for the eight months of the present school year, a drop of \$6,470,774.77 in cost for the eight months term. The \$16,922,020.66 being spent this year for the pinto month, if that is eliminated, would make the cut still more, \$7,139,668.51, for next year.

While standards and teaching would be raised in more than sixty counties, they would be considerably lowered in the remaining counties, which are the larger and represent probably two-thirds of the State's population, Dr. Allen points out. Naturally the larger counties pay a larger percentage of the State fund, while, unless they are permitted to supplement, their own schools would be greatly reduced, without the privilege of spending their own funds to try to hold them up to or as near present standards as possible, Dr. Allen said.

Not considering the \$668,839.74 budgeted this year in 52 counties for the ninth month, the figures compiled by Dr. Allen show the decrease in amount budgeted for this year to that available for next year under the \$16,000,000 allotment in some of the larger counties, as follows: Guilford, \$1,162,343.52 to \$709,829.99; Mecklenburg, \$955,106.06 to \$637,413.74; Forsyth, \$893,290.58 to \$542,488.28; Buncombe, \$818,884.79 to \$476,484.12; Durham, \$639,957.95 to \$358,933.69.

Watauga County would receive next year \$84,057.69 from the State fund, \$2,991.63 from county funds, a total of \$87,049.32 for schools, as compared with \$101,935.48 the present year for eight months, a decrease of \$14,886.16, in addition to the \$1,350.00 spent on the nine months this year.

## FISHING LICENSES NOT TO BE SOLD BY DEPUTY WARDENS

Fishing license will not be put in the hands of all deputy wardens this year, as has been the custom during past seasons, but will be placed on sale at conveniently located points over the county, according to a statement made by County Warden H. Grady Farthing Monday.

Mr. Farthing urges that all deputies keep on the lookout for offenders whether they have licenses to sell or not, and states that this privilege has nothing to do with the satisfaction the warden has given his office. Some of the most active wardens, he continued, will not be asked to sell fishing licenses this season.

## W. M. U. QUARTERLY MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association will hold a quarterly meeting at Middle Fork Church next Sunday, April 23rd, at 2:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## 21 WATAUGANS TO BE RECRUITED IN FORESTRY CORPS

Relief Agencies to Begin Monday the Enrollment of State's Quota for Federal Reforestation Program. County's Quota Figured on Population and Percentage of Destitution. Working Out Details.

Watauga County will be allowed to contribute 21 men to the Federal reforestation army, it was learned Tuesday, following a meeting of the ten state district relief supervisors held in Raleigh. The percentages for the various counties were arrived at on the basis of population as well as percentages of destitution as revealed at the meeting held under the direction of the Governor's office of relief.

Applications for the jobs will be received by the various county relief directors at their offices beginning next Monday. Between now and that time, it was said, details will be completed and placed in the hands of county relief offices, it being impossible to receive applications for the jobs before complete details have been worked out.

A total of 6,500 will be recruited in the State for the Federal program, Mecklenburg County leading the list with 253. It is understood that the men will be taken strictly from the unemployed and those who have been receiving governmental aid heretofore.

## STONY FORK BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY TO BE HELD

Following is the program for the Stony Fork Baptist Sunday School rally, to be held at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, five miles east of Boone, on April 30th, 1933, as compiled by Carl Triplett, associational superintendent:

Ten o'clock a. m., Sunday School; 10:45, devotional period, Lee Church; 11:00, get acquainted; 11:15, "Our Task," Rev. B. F. Wilcox; 11:30, "Organization and Co-operation," by Roy Keller; 11:45, "Grading the Sunday School," W. M. Brown; 12:00 noon, dinner; 1:00 p. m., "The Religion of the Church and the Sunday School," Rev. R. L. Barnes; 1:15, "Weekly Teachers Meeting," Wade Brown; 1:30, "Personal Work of the Sunday School Officers and Teachers," Rev. R. H. Shore; 1:45, "Hearing and Doing," Rev. R. C. Eggers; 2:00 song; 2:10, "Christ's Command," Rev. W. D. Ashley; 2:25, a word from each superintendent; 2:45, orphange appeal by Wade Byers.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

## BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL TO HOLD FINALS NEXT WEEK

The Senior Class of Bethel High School will have their class exercises on Thursday afternoon, April 20th, at 8:00 p. m. The graduating exercises will be held on Friday evening at the same hour. Hon. Wade Williams, of Charlotte, will deliver the literary address after which Professor Smith Hagaman will speak. Diplomas will then be delivered to fifteen high school and eight seventh grade graduates.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Reverend J. L. Jenkins, president of Boiling Springs Junior College, will deliver the commencement sermon. This will be in Bethel Church.

Saturday evening the Senior Class will present a play, "The Eyes of Love." The public is cordially invited to attend all the exercises.

## State of North Carolina Renews \$5,670,000 Note

Raleigh.—Governor Ehringhaus announced Friday upon his return from New York he had been successful in renewing for sixty days at 6 per cent interest the \$5,670,000 in North Carolina short-term notes maturing there April 17th.

The renewal was negotiated, the Governor said, without reducing the notes by \$1,000,000 as New York bankers had sought, suggesting this amount be taken from the State's sinking fund.

Ehringhaus said the note holders were "convinced" North Carolina's record of reducing its cost of government was "better than any other governmental unit in the country."

Ehringhaus also announced the State has secured renewal for sixty days at 6 per cent interest of the \$2,350,000 in short-term notes held by North Carolina banks, maturing Monday.

No move has been made to renew the \$1,560,000 in notes, held by North Carolina banks, maturing May 25th, nor the \$833,000 in notes held by New York banks and \$1,817,000 held by State banks maturing June 1.

The \$12,283,000 in short-term notes outstanding were issued during the Gardner administration to meet deficiencies in revenue.

## Jobless Enlisting in Reforestation Service Army



Herewith is pictured the launching of the recruiting drive to enlist 250,000 unemployed for President Roosevelt's Reforestation Service plan. The enlistments are for six months duration for jobless between the ages of 18 and 25 years. They receive \$1 per day and the applications are passed upon by relief committees in the respective territories. Photo No. 1 shows jobless making applications, No. 2 shows meals being served recruits from rolling army kitchens, and No. 3 shows recruits off for conditioning camps.

## Depositors Rally To Aid Of Bank; Open By First

Three meetings of the depositors of the Watauga County Bank have been held within the past few days for the purpose of submitting reorganization plans, which when approved, should result in the reopening of the bank for regular business about the first of May. Officials are highly pleased with the attendance at the meetings and the spirit of cooperation which has prevailed there. Approximately two-thirds of the depositors, it is said, have signed the reorganization agreement, three-fourths being necessary, according to law. It is believed that the other signatures will have been secured within a few days, and then final details for the

opening will be pushed to completion.

Under the State-approved plan, depositors will receive in stock in the new bank one-third of the total amount of their deposits. This increase in capital stock, together with the relinquishment of old stock and the subscription of a like amount by the original stockholders, together with other minor changes in the structure of the institution, will make of the local bank a safe and sound institution, capable of weathering any storms, in the opinion of local business leaders. Commissioner Gurney P. Hood shares this opinion.

## Local Firms Expect To Handle Beer; Legal Commodity May 1

With legal beer only ten days away in North Carolina, indications are that for the first time in the history of the city the foamy liquid is to be offered for sale at several different points within the town of Boone. Three or four local business men have already signified their intention of securing dispensing permits, and one retail establishment has gone so far as to publish advance announcement today of the coming of the brew.

Unofficial information is to the effect that the city officials will make no attempt at prohibiting the sale of beer locally other than to restrict the licensing in accordance with the State law. The new machinery act which will no doubt be ratified with

in a few days calls for the levying of a municipal tax of \$15 where beer is to be consumed on the premises, or \$10 "off premises." The county commissioners will collect the tax where permits are issued to sell brew outside the corporate limits of any town, and the State tax on barrels has been raised from \$2 to \$3, and on bottled goods the levy is dropped from 2 to 1 cent per 12 ounces.

Legal beer, which is rapidly becoming "old news" in other parts of the country, is still a main topic of conversation locally, and an occasional bottle has filtered through to residents of the town, who have pronounced the beverage good but non-intoxicating.

## Convention To Name Candidates City Offices Called; Election 1st

A convention of the Democratic voters of the town of Boone will be held in the courthouse Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, according to an official call by Chairman T. E. Moore, which is published today. The purpose of the assembly is to name a Democratic slate of candidates for Mayor and town aldermen to be voted on at an election to be held on May 2nd. It is especially desired that there be a large gathering of both men and women voters.

It is generally understood that Mayor Moretz and Aldermen H. B. Perry, Brantley Duncan and R. L. Clay would, if their services were demanded, accept the city posts for another term, and it is considered likely that they will again be nominated. However, there is considerable talk of other proposed tickets, but no candidates have come forward to ask for either of the nominations.

Saturday is the last day to register for the city election. J. B.

## CAUSE OF TYPHOID AT BANNER ELK IS FOUND; REMEDIED

Information from Banner Elk Wednesday indicates that the cause for the epidemic of typhoid, which made the closing of the college there necessary, has been found, and is being speedily removed. State Board of Health officials discovered that the illness came from a temporary pollution of Elk River, and information is that the epidemic is now thought to be under control, no new cases having developed in the past six days. About thirty cases of the malady are said to have been contracted in that community.

Steele is the register, but those who have previously voted in a city election are not required to re-register.

## HOMICIDE CASE DRAWS SENTENCE OF 7 TO 10 YEARS

General Brown Must Serve Time in Penitentiary for Killing Father-in-Law. Was Last Case on Criminal Docket. Ten Civil Cases Have Been Tried and Numerous Continuances. Court to Last Remainder of Week.

General Brown, of Zionville, was sentenced by Judge T. B. Finley in Superior Court last Wednesday afternoon to a term of from 7 to 10 years in the State Penitentiary for the slaying of his father-in-law Dillon Pennell, the fatal shooting having occurred in last November. The defendant's testimony, it was generally agreed, was damaging to his case, and it had previously been thought that a plea of self-defense might result in acquittal. The encounter was precipitated when Pennell came to the home of Brown in an alleged intoxicated condition and started an argument. The prisoner, however, stated in his testimony that he shot his wife's father in the back.

This was the last case on the criminal docket, other judgments of the court having been published last week. The Recorder's Court had taken care of most of the criminal actions.

Court is expected to adjourn by Friday afternoon. Ten civil cases have been disposed of, and judgments in several others. Perhaps fifteen remain yet for trial, not counting a number which have been continued.

Of paramount interest this week was the case of A. L. Triplett vs. Deep Gap Tie and Lumber Company, which involved 200 acres of land from which the plaintiff did not wish to be ejected as a result of a tax foreclosure. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff which was set aside by Judge Finley as "contrary to the greater weight of the evidence."

## SPROLES BUTLER PASSES TUESDAY

Well Known Young Man Dies from Fever. Had Been in Ill Health for Some Time. Funeral Wednesday at Mountain City.

Sproles Butler, 22 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donley Butler of Banner Elk, died at his home there Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. Typhoid was said to have been the immediate cause of death, although he had been in poor health for a number of months.

Funeral services were held in Mountain City, Tenn., Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment followed in the community cemetery. A number of Boone people were present for the obsequies. Surviving are the mother and father, an aunt, Mrs. Jim Rivers, resides in Boone.

Deceased was born and reared at Butler, Tenn., and was a student at the Boone college for two years, when he resided at the home of an aunt, Mrs. J. A. Sproles. Later he attended the Teachers College at Johnson City for a term, and was enrolled at Lees-McRae when his parents moved to Banner Elk a few months ago.

Young Butler was quite as well known in Boone as in his home community, was a bright, congenial youth, and made a wide circle of friends throughout this section.

## Henry Yates Badly Injured by Motor Car

Mr. Henry Yates, of the Valle Crucis section, was seriously injured Friday afternoon, when he was struck by an auto driven by Mr. Perry Moody, of Sugar Grove, the accident taking place opposite the courthouse in Boone. Mr. Yates was thrown to the pavement, the left leg broken above the knee, and three ribs fractured. He was rushed to the hospital by Mr. Moody and was later removed to the home of his son, Mr. Bob Yates, in this city, where he is showing satisfactory improvement.

The accident occurred, it is understood, as Mr. Yates stepped from behind a parked auto into the path of the oncoming machine. The driver used every means to avoid the impact, and no blame is placed on him for the unfortunate accident.

## Seed Loan Office Will Close on April 25th

The Federal Seed Loan Office, which has been in charge of Mr. S. C. Eggers since its opening, will close on April 25th. Mr. Eggers is very anxious that all farmers of the county, who yet have business to transact, do so at their earliest opportunity, in order to avoid congestion on the last day or two.