

Raleigh, N. C.—The State Senate, after adopting almost in its entirety its finance committee's report, passed the Revenue Bill, including the three per cent. general sales tax, but on two days, when it came up for second reading, the result being that it was on its second reading Monday and third reading Tuesday in that order.

However, by the amendments adopted, including elimination of some basic necessities from the general sales tax operation, and raising rates of franchise taxes on certain corporations, railroads, telegraph and telephone, and public utilities, the Senate has brought the bill nearer the House measure and there is a possibility that the House will adopt the bill as it comes over from the Senate without necessity for a conference committee to iron out differences.

Should the House adopt the bill, it is barely possible, but not likely, that the General Assembly can complete its work and adjourn this week. Several other bills, including the school machinery measure, will require six days, reading in both houses on three separate days, before enactment, had not been introduced on Saturday, and time will be consumed with it. Adjournment, therefore, is not expected before the middle of next week, if matters run smoothly, or possibly longer, if the House should buck on the Revenue bill.

The Senate has had a hard time getting the Revenue Bill in its almost final shape. It started more than a week ago and spent an entire week getting it by its first reading. Every inch of the ground was fought over and every effort made to avoid a general sales tax. The Hinsdale luxury tax bill was offered and defeated, 27 to 21. The Clement production tax bill was defeated at least five to one. The three per cent. general sales tax was adopted by a 25 to 22 vote, but adoption of the section including it was by 24 to 23, one margin.

However, when an amendment was voted on to strike out the three per cent. general sales tax provision later, it was defeated, 32 to 18, which caused it to be conceded that the general sales tax would be finally enacted. The Senate then eliminated some of the basic necessities of life from its provisions, and added the franchise tax. The House is nearer what the House wanted and is the ground for hope that the House may accept it without delay caused by working it out in conference committee. The main points of difference now are the kilowatt hour tax on electricity and the tax on stocks of foreign corporations, which the House adopted and the Senate struck out. Also, of course, the increase from two to three per cent. on general sales.

It is generally believed that the Revenue Bill went over the weekend in about the form it will finally be enacted into law. The "beer" machinery bill, regulating sale, transportation and manufacture of 3.2 per cent. beverages, was finally enacted Thursday and the revenue department set about getting forms and blanks for license applications. The department announced that those who secure the municipal and county licenses, and make application for the State license, with the required \$5 fee, may proceed until the State license can be supplied, without it. Copies of the bill, 10,000 of them, will be printed and distributed as early as possible.

In addition to the provisions made for State institutions, other colleges and schools have been seeking thru bills introduced to prevent the sale of beer and wine right at their door. It will be prohibited in the town of Davidson College. Bills are in to prevent sale within a mile and a half of Guilford College and Oak Ridge Institute, and at Wake Forest and near Pineland Junior College. Other such bills will doubtless follow.

The omnibus board of education bill, naming boards in the one hundred counties, was passed in the Senate, with only a few changes, and sent back to the House, but several rights have been enacted behind the scenes and a few reached the floor. Other firms may come to light in the House before it convenes. The J. P. omnibus bill has also passed the House and now is in the Senate.

The House, even though it still had half a hundred bills on its calendar, took the usual "local day" Saturday and most of its members went home. The Senate held a regular session Saturday in order to work on the revenue bill.

Only nine public bills were ratified the past week, but 81 local measures were disposed of, bringing the week's ratifications to 90. So far this session 910 bills have been ratified, probably 70 of them local. During the week 109 new bills were introduced, 28 in the Senate and 81 in the House, bringing the session's total to 2039, and going above the total for the entire marathon session of 1931.

A resolution ratified last week requests Congress to retain the regional office of the U. S. Veterans Ad-

BANK OPENING IS DELAYED; 100 PER CT. SHOULD AGREE

Officials Had Expected Opening by May 1st, But Volume of Work Incident to Opening Doors Not Completed. More Than Required Number Depositors Sanction Proposals. 100 Per Cent. Agreement Better.

The Watauga County Bank, closed since the President's holiday proclamation March 5th, will not open quite as early as was expected, bank officials stated Tuesday, and said that despite the diligence of officials and others it was impossible to get everything done necessary for the opening, which they had believed would have taken place by the first of May. A great many more than the legal number of depositors and stockholders have agreed the articles of reorganization, but a unanimous consent is believed infinitely better.

The following statement was released to the press by the bank: "It was expected by officials of the Watauga County Bank that details of opening the bank would have been completed by May 1st, but despite the diligence of officials and many others, it has not been possible to get everything done that is necessary.

"Stockholders and depositors have for the most part co-operated in a very fine way, more than eighty per cent. in amount of both stockholders and depositors have agreed to the plans of opening, however, it is desired by the State Bank Commissioner that it shall be made as nearly unanimous as possible. It is better for the bank and all concerned that a hundred per cent. co-operation shall be had if possible. All details not yet completed are being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible."

ADVENT OF BEER WITHOUT INCIDENT

Only One Local Establishment Ready With Brew When It Became Legal Monday Morning. Two County Licenses Have Been Issued.

The legal 3.2 per cent. brew came to Boone and found the town tapping, for no place of business was open to dispense the beverage at 12:01 Sunday night at which time the bone dry era in North Carolina ended. Monday morning, however, the Watauga Drug Company opened with a good supply of lager, and thirty citizens eagerly partook of the suds. Sales are continuing good, it is stated, and most of the comment is to the effect that the brew is good but "new."

Beer did not make a sensational entry locally, the imbibers going about quenching their thirst with the same sort of spirit shown over glasses of soda pop the day before. Old timers do not recall whether or not beer was ever retailed in Boone until Monday.

Advices from the court house indicate that besides the Watauga Drug Company only one other county license has been issued, that one to Ed S. Qualls, manager of the Princess Cafe, who offers the brew at his Blowing Rock restaurant. The Boone Trail Cafe has secured municipal license, but has not stocked beer. Several others are expected to handle brew in the county, some of them waiting until they may secure certain brands which they prefer. At present information is that retailers must be choosy, and are fortunate if they keep supplied. The retail price locally is 20 cents a bottle.

LOCAL B. & L. IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Association Meets Examining Requirements for Membership in Home Loan Bank Line of Credit Established for Local Benefit.

Mr. W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building & Loan Association, has received information from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Winston-Salem, to the effect that membership in that system has been granted the local institution. The letter directed to Mr. Gragg is published today.

It is explained that membership in the Home Loan Bank is granted only after an association has stood a most exacting examination and investigation, and that only those whose standing is unquestioned can hope to enjoy the benefits of this membership. Local officials are being congratulated upon having met these strenuous tests, and a line of credit is thus established which will revert to the financial advantage of the Association, and to the benefit of the home owners of this section.

Everything Looking Up As European Envoys Sail Home



"Everything seems to be looking up" ... was the gist of comment, semi-officially and otherwise, as Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of England, right, and Edouard Herriot, France's envoy, left, waved adieu and agreements were reached which will considerably advance the prospects of success of both the Disarmament Conference and International Economic Conference within the near future. It is hoped that steps have been taken under which a free international gold standard may be restored.

BUILDING & LOAN LEAGUE TO MEET AT BLOWING ROCK

Annual Convention Called to Meet in Neighboring Resort Late in June. Mayview Manor Will Be Convention Headquarters. Date Selected With View to Avoiding the Rush Tourist Season.

The North Carolina League of Building and Loan Association will hold a convention at Blowing Rock June 28th, 29th and 30th, according to an announcement which has been recently made public.

The executive committee selected Mayview Manor at Blowing Rock as convention headquarters and in making the choice it was decided to hold the meeting prior to the rush season in the mountain resort area also at the most attractive season in the mountains. In arranging the dates it was thought that many who attend the convention may want to remain over for the week-end. The convention will end on Friday, permitting a day or two of recreation for those who wish to remain over.

Special arrangements are being made for the ladies, who will be offered amusements and entertainment, including bridge and other pastimes. The program for the meeting will be completed shortly. One of the principal features of the convention will be the annual banquet.

Through the efforts of W. H. Gragg, secretary of the local Building and Loan Association, the convention was brought to Blowing Rock.

Robbins Again Elected Mayor of Blowing Rock

G. C. Robbins was re-elected mayor of Blowing Rock in the election held there Tuesday by a majority of 24 votes, while A. M. Critcher, N. C. Greene and Herbert Stewart were chosen by the electorate for city commissioners. The vote cast in the mayoralty contest totaled 202, practically twice the number voting in the election of two years ago.

In Blowing Rock a citizens ballot composed of two candidates for mayor and seven for city commissioners was offered the voters. An elector voted for one candidate for mayor, of course, and for three for commissioner. The complete result of the balloting is as follows, the three highest in the commissioners race being elected:

For Mayor: G. C. Robbins 113; D. P. Coffey 89; for Commissioners: A. M. Critcher 140, N. C. Greene 148; Herbert Stewart 122, W. B. Castle 77; F. B. Hartley 66, J. N. Suddreth 41, and L. F. Coon 36.

Highway Patrolmen On Lookout for Beer

Four State highway patrolmen were in the city Sunday evening looking out for motor trucks coming across the Tennessee line with beer, to the end that there would be no evasion of the State tax. Only one truck was reported to have passed through loaded with beer, and it dodged official examination. Two patrolmen had gone on the Jefferson road, two to the State line at Zionville, and during that period the vehicle came down Valley Mountain from Elk Park, passed through town and was never overtaken. Two officers were in town Tuesday evening on the same mission.

BD. OF EDUCATION CAN'T FUNCTION; WITHOUT POWERS

The members of the old Board of Education met at the courthouse Monday for the purpose of transacting usual business matters. As soon as they gathered, however, one member offered as a point of order that there is no Board of Education in Watauga County or in North Carolina, due to the fact that the omnibus bill, appointing the boards, has not yet passed the Legislature. Therefore, those who have composed the Board adjourned themselves for want of authority to act on any public matter.

County Superintendent Smith, however, is still an official, his term having not yet expired. It is further stated that a Superintendent shall serve until his successor is named, so there can be no vacancy in the office because of legislative or other delays.

Members of the former board, Will C. Walker, J. B. Horton and T. H. Coffey Jr., are named in the omnibus bill to succeed themselves.

SATURDAY MARKS BASEBALL START

Watauga League Will Swing Into Action this Week-End with Three Games Scheduled. Seven Clubs Post Their Deposits.

Managers of seven local baseball clubs met in Boone Monday evening and posted with Secretary C. M. Critcher ten dollars each, as a guarantee that their teams would help complete the first season of the Watauga Baseball League. The teams represented were: Vilas, Oak Grove, Mabel, Bamboo, Elk, Blowing Rock, and Boone, and it was ruled that outside players would not be tolerated in the strictly Watauga County organization.

Opening games of the season, it was announced, will find Vilas playing Mabel at Mabel, Blowing Rock meeting Bamboo at Bamboo, Elk playing Oak Grove at Oak Grove, all games being played Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

As there are only seven teams in the league, it was decided to play all games with Boone on Wednesday, unless another team can be persuaded to enter later in the season.

Recorder's Court Has a Light Docket

Only three cases were disposed of in Judge Sudderth's recorder's court Tuesday, as follows:

Everett Story, drunkenness; suspended sentence of six months on roads is invoked.

Adam Hodges, violating prohibition law, 12 months on roads.

Shobe Sanders and Ella Sanders, keeping disorderly house; judgment suspended.

FISHING GOOD

Local anglers report that trout streams are in exceptionally good condition, and that they are beginning to strike "just right." J. D. Council, who some folks say "gets 'em where they ain't," displayed a creel filled with twenty-one fine brook trout Monday afternoon.

DR. O. J. CHANDLER DELIV'RS INSPIRING SERMON AT A. S. T. C.

Churches of City Cancel Services in Order that Congregations Might Hear Former Pastor Sunday Evening. Large Crowd Present for Baccalaureate. Text Taken from Sixteenth Chapter of Matthew.

"It is not the crowd that leads the world, but those few brave spirits that have the courage of their convictions," declared Dr. O. J. Chandler of Asheville, as he delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating classes of Appalachian College on Sunday morning. "Prosperity is spiritual adjustment," said Dr. Chandler, who continued that we cannot prosper and hop juice together and make a nation rich."

Taking his theme from the 16th to 21st verses of the gospel by Saint Matthew, the eminent divine preached an uplifting and inspiring sermon, picturing vividly the beauty, opportunities and happiness of youth and applying the lesson to the man of the text. He told the students that "all the choices we make in life either strengthen or weaken our character," and urged the graduates to ask themselves, "shall I be a positive or a negative force in this life?" In his only reference to prohibition, Dr. Chandler declared that "prosperity is spiritual adjustment and that soap-suds and hop juice could never make a nation rich."

The college auditorium was packed with students and with townspeople, and the Methodist and Baptist churches cancelled their usual services in order that the members might be privileged to hear Dr. Chandler, who was formerly pastor of the M. E. Church here, and who is known as one of the most able sermonizers in the entire conference.

The seniors were attired in caps and gowns, and the program began with a piano prelude, followed by the singing of "Come, Thou Almighty King." Rev. P. A. Hicks of the Baptist Church said the invocation, "The Awakening Chorus" was rendered by the College Glee Club, and Scripture readings and announcements preceded the sermon. The benediction was also pronounced by Rev. Hicks.

Revival Begins Sunday At Henson's Chapel

Revival services are announced to begin at Henson's Chapel Methodist Church next Sunday evening, May 7th. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Graham, is to be assisted in a two-week series by Mrs. C. L. Steidley, a general evangelist of High Point, N. C.

Rev. Mr. Graham and his congregation have expressed great gratification in being able to have the services of Mrs. Steidley at this season. She is one of the best known and most popular evangelistic leaders in Western North Carolina. Her methods are not, however, in any sense sensational, but quiet, reasoned and constructive. Mrs. Steidley is a professional evangelist and works with pastors in all types of churches, but specializes on the work in rural communities.

Beginning with Tuesday, May 9th, services will be held twice daily at an hour to be announced for the mornings and at 8 o'clock each evening. The public is cordially invited.

DEMOCRATS WIN SIGNAL VICTORY IN CITY ELECTION

Administration Forces Triumph Over Citizens Ticket Headed by Mayor Moretz. Majorities Range from 130 to 137 in Heaviest Voting Known in Municipal Election. Four Hundred and Twenty-three Voters Cast.

The Democratic ticket headed by J. Frank Moore as candidate for Mayor, and carrying the names of H. B. Perry, R. L. Clay and C. B. Duncan as candidates to succeed themselves for aldermen, strode to an easy victory over the Citizens ticket, with Mayor Moretz a candidate to succeed himself, and with T. B. Moore and E. N. Hahn as candidates for Aldermen. Four hundred and twenty-three votes were cast in the election, an all-time high record, less than a hundred having been cast two years ago.

Final tabulations early in the evening indicated that J. F. Moore had amassed a lead of 137 over J. M. Moretz, the vote standing: Moore, 280; Moretz, 143. For town commissioners, C. B. Duncan, with no opposing candidate on the Citizens ticket, led in the balloting, receiving 339; H. B. Perry, running opposite T. B. Moore, had a majority of 132, receiving 283 as against Moore's 151; R. L. Clay had a majority of 130 over Edw. N. Hahn, who received 139 as against 269 for Clay.

The Democratic ticket was selected at a convention held last week at the courthouse, and the slate of candidates nominated without discord. After the meetings, however, allegations that the meeting was "packed" and that the balloting was not altogether orderly brought about dissensions thought to have caused the Citizens ticket to be nominated at a later convention. This ticket was believed at the outset to have been fully backed by the Republican organization, but the returns from the balloting would indicate that many Republicans who appeared at the polls voted for the Democratic nominees. Considerable activity was noted throughout the afternoon hours, and many onlookers predicted a closer result than was indicated at the count-out. Political lines were drawn and the interest created spread throughout the county.

OBSERVE MAY DAY AT STATE COLLEGE

Miss Virginia Hunt of High Point Crowned Queen Under Sunny Skies Before Audience of 1,500. Sponsored by Y. W. C. A.

From her throne banked high with evergreens and flanked by over 100 court attendants, Appalachian State's May Queen held festival on the south campus here Monday afternoon for more than an hour. The fete began at four o'clock. Clear skies and a beaming May Day sun greeted the 1,500 people who had assembled for the occasion.

Miss Virginia Hunt, of High Point, was crowned Queen of the May. Heralded by messengers of the court, and attended by Miss Pauline Bunch, maid of honor, and twelve special attendants, the Queen approached the throne and down the center aisle of the roughly arranged amphitheatre. During the processional the college Glee Club sang, "Hail, Glad May Queen."

The theme of the fete was "May Day in Many Lands." After receiving the crown from the hand of the maid of honor, the Queen locked on white troupes, dressed to symbolize the various nations, danced for her amusement. Each troupe numbered about fifteen dancers. France, Switzerland, Sweden, Ireland, Russia, England, America and Greece were thus represented.

The May Pole dance followed, with five May Poles about which the entire Court danced. The attendants stood at attention during the recessional, flanking the passageway of the Queen and her train from the court.

Sponsored annually by the college Y. W. C. A., this May Day fete has come to be regarded as one of the outstanding occasions of the spring season in this section of the State. Miss Dolly Le May and Miss Marjorie Jackson directed the dances, while Miss Virginia Wary, director of the college Glee Club, was in charge of the music.

ROCK QUEEN STREET

A large force of hands Tuesday completed racking that portion of Queen Street between A. W. Smith's residence and W. H. McGhee's residence. The work constitutes a nice improvement to the city's thoroughfares.