

News Items From Raleigh And The State At Large

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Raleigh, N. C.—President Roosevelt has come to the rescue of Vocational Education and agricultural work in North Carolina, as in other states, by revoking a former order, action which will enable the Division of Vocational Education to proceed with its program of vocational education and rehabilitation as planned for the year. T. E. Browne, State director, announces.

President Roosevelt signed an executive order February 6th which revoked section 18 of his order of June 10, 1933, which earlier order cut appropriations to vocational education and several important agricultural agencies. His latest order "was gratifying to thousands of North Carolinians," Mr. Browne states.

Governor's Chauffeur Arrested

Nissen Aldridge, chauffeur for Governor Ehringhaus, has been placed under a \$100 bond for appearance in Albemarle February 19 to answer a charge of speeding and crashing red lights through that city some two weeks ago, while the Governor was on his way to Gastonia to speak before the chamber of commerce. Governor Ehringhaus said he was not conscious of speeding or crashing the lights. His No. 1 car was following highway patrolmen riding motorcycles and clearing the way. Governors O. Max Gardner and Cameron Merrison ran afraid of the speed laws while they were riding in State car No. 1.

Present State's Case on Highway

Governor Ehringhaus and Highway Chairman E. B. Jeffers appeared in Baltimore last week to present this State's case for location of the highway authorized to connect the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. The North Carolina delegation sought to have the highway run on the crest of the Blue Ridge for unsurpassed scenic purposes. The members feel they made a good impression.

Potato Condemns Strong Drink

Dr. William Louis Patent, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, who held up taking the oath of office as associate public utilities commissioner because he owned stock in a utilities company, and which the statutes

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World Bowling Record

CLEVELAND: . . . With three games of 238, 239 and 248, Mrs. Joan Radtke, shattered the women's world bowling record with a 775 series. The former three game high for women was 759 by Mrs. Floretta McClellan in 1927.

say a commissioner cannot do, was discussing his oft-repeated statement that alcohol has a depressing effect on the human system, in the outer Governor's office recently.

Asked about the effect of cigarettes on the human system, he quoted a noted Harvard scientist as saying, after extensive tests, that tobacco both stimulates and depresses; it stimulates when the person is below normal and depresses when he is above normal, thus tending to lower the high and raise the low, and so keeping the individual in about a normal state.

Tax Meeting to Be Held

In accordance with agitation by the N. C. Department of Revenue, a meeting of tax officials of all the states has been called by Governor Paul V. McNutt, of Indiana, to be held at Indianapolis on February 19-23 to obtain cooperation of the States in securing Federal legislation to permit the application of sales taxes to interstate shipments of goods, Director Harry McMullan, of assessments and collections, announces.

A bill has been prepared by the N. C. Department of Revenue and will be submitted to the conference for consideration. It provides that sales taxes will apply to interstate shipments, as well as to interstate shipments; that no State may discriminate against sales of property in interstate commerce or the sale of products of any other State, that such goods may be taxed only in the State of consumption, not applying to sales to merchants for resale or to manufacturers. Taxing interstate sales would be limited to states preventing counties cities and towns from levying the sales taxes.

The bill provides that contracts for interstate shipments are to be considered as made within the consuming state whenever such sales are made solicited negotiated, in whole or in part, within the consuming state. Constitutionality of such statute is supported by studies made by the University of North Carolina Law School and by other prominent authorities on taxation, Mr. McMullan states.

May Reorganize School System

Very gratifying responses have been received from scores of North Carolina organizations, educational, patriotic, historical, welfare, religious and others, to the invitation sent out by Dr. A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, to gather with the education department in Raleigh Friday, February 16, to go over plans for a complete reorganization of the educational system in the State to meet new and changing conditions.

Practically every organization addressed has responded through its officers, expressing interest and promising to have one or more representatives at the meeting, Dr. Allen states. A tentative plan has been worked out for reorganization of the educational plan in the State in recent months and Dr. Allen hopes the representatives of the various groups will take the plan outlined, study and consider it thoroughly and then at a later meeting make suggestions that will tend to improve it. A year or two will be needed to study and make changes.

Dr. Allen hopes to have all phases of life of the State represented and heard on any phase or matter they may have to offer in working out the comprehensive educational system to be followed in the State in coming years.

Poultrymen to Discuss Code

Nine regional meetings to discuss the new code of fair competition with poultry breeders and hatchers are being held at as many places this week by C. F. Parrish and C. J. Maupin, extension poultrymen at State Col-

lege. Local committeemen are to be elected to aid in seeing that the code is complied with and they will cooperate with Mrs. F. B. Bunch, of Statesville, named State chairman at a meeting in Greensboro on January 22, in administering the code.

All persons engaged in the custom hatching of chicks or who offer more than 500 chicks for sale annually will be compelled to operate under the code and it is important that these, or others interested, attend one of the meetings.

Watauga County poultrymen are expected to attend the meeting to be held at the courthouse at Marion at 10:30 o'clock February 15.

Second-Hand Dealers to Pay Tax

Used car dealers, used furniture dealers, used radio dealers, and dealers in other kinds of second-hand merchandise, are due to collect and pay the three per cent general sales on such sales, Harry McMullan, director of assessments and collections of the Department of Revenue, states.

Mr. McMullan has been informed that second-hand dealers in such merchandise have not been collecting or reporting the sales tax on second-hand articles, but announces that such dealers will be checked for liability on such sales. From check-ups already made it is disclosed that the liability of two dealers had not been collected or reported, he announces.

The only instance in which a sale of a second-hand automobile or other second-hand merchandise is not taxable is in case such second-hand or used article has been taken in part payment for the sale of a new article of merchandise and the full tax paid on the sale of the new article," Mr. McMullan says. "In such case the merchant must keep an accurate record of the second-hand articles taken in trade, name of the customer, date acquired and when sold, the date of sale. Otherwise, the sales of the second hand articles will be subject to tax.

Dealers in motor vehicles who sell the cars or trucks used for demonstration to their salesmen, are liable for the sales tax. Dealers who sell the demonstration cars or trucks to outsiders, after being used for demonstration purposes, become liable for the sales tax in making such sales. The fact that an automobile or any other property has been used does not prevent it from being liable for the sales tax if sold by the dealer," Mr. McMullan states.

Veterans Get Back Compensation

Back compensation for World War veterans in the amount of \$2,649,833 and monthly increases of \$707,75 a month in pensions of 21 veterans were secured during January by the Veterans Bureau of the North Carolina Department of Labor, Commissioner A. L. Fletcher reports.

Major Fletcher reports that F. A. Hutchinson, State service officer, and Jack P. Lang, assistant, handled 329 old cases and 104 new cases for veterans in January, in addition to securing the increases noted above.

Highway Signs May Be Destroyed

If highway signs on private property, often described as eyesores, can be classed legally as nuisances, then there is no question of the authority of the police power of the State to destroy them, but when the main idea is destruction unless a privilege tax is paid, the question of taking property without due process of law is raised.

Therefore, A. A. F. Seawell, assistant attorney general, advises a test suit to establish the authority granted in the statute to destroy such signs as are not labeled as having had the tax of \$1 each paid thereon, in a letter to Charles Ross, general counsel for the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

"You have called my attention to Section 151 of the Revenue Act of 1933, authorizing the removal of advertisements and signs along the highway, when the State revenue tax has not been paid thereon. The question presented to me is whether the employees of the State Highway and Public Works Commission may remove or destroy such signs, on which the tax has not been paid, either upon the 'right of way' of the State highways, or from private property along the road adjacent to the highways.

"There is no question, of course, as to the right of removal when the offending sign is on the right of way. But the authority of this statute might be questioned when we come to the summary destruction or removal of signs erected or established on private property by contract between the owners of such property and the advertiser.

"If the advertising matter is treated as a nuisance, and is the removal or destruction of the signs could be sustained, to the exercise of the police power there could be no question. To what extent the statute may involve the exercise of police power is, however, a matter of serious consideration, inasmuch as it appears to proceed only upon the idea of the collection of revenue. Still, instances are not wanting where laws have been upheld, which authorize the destruction of property involved, where there have been a failure to pay a privilege tax. The question here is whether or not private property can be invaded for such purpose. It raises the question as to whether or not this would be taking property without due process of law.

"Where the mandate of the statute

President's Mother in Typical Roosevelt Greeting



NEW YORK: . . . Herewith is shown a most unusual and most interesting picture of the President's mother, Mrs. James D. Roosevelt, in a typical Roosevelt greeting. The picture was taken at one of the three birthday parties which she attended here in honor of her son's birthday and for the Warm Springs Foundation fund. With Mrs. Roosevelt, as host, is shown Maj.-Gen. Dennis E. Nolan.

The Week in Washington

Washington, D. C.—If these weekly reports on the state of the nation seem somewhat one-sided, the answer is that there is only one side to the picture presented here. Everything bears the Roosevelt brand, and that goes for Congress as well as for all the long list of alphabetical commissions, bureaus and "administrations," beginning with AAA and running down to PWA.

Thus far there has developed only one disagreement, and that a comparatively slight one, between the President and the Congress. Congress wanted to keep the CWA going and the President wanted to "taper off" this Government-supported employment of millions of men and women in what are vaguely termed "Civil Works."

Voice of the Voters

The word that comes to Senators and members from the folks back home is that while business men generally don't think much of CWA and many farmers are complaining that they can't hire help at reasonable wages because they (the farmers) want men to do real work and not merely look at a shovel for 30 cents and hour, the voters are for it.

But while Congressmen do not want to vote against anything which might cost them votes next election, they are still less eager to take an attitude which would certainly cost them their seats. And they are convinced, practically every man Jack of them, Republicans and Democrats alike, that to oppose the President's policies in any respect would do just that. Let any one of them, even a Republican from a rock-ribbed Republican district, or what used to be regarded as such, open his mouth in criticism of the Roosevelt program, or vote against a Presidential measure, and the mails and telegraph wires make his life a burden for the next week.

They Wait on F. R.

Men with long experience, among them some of the foremost leaders in Congress, who usually can tell in advance what is going to happen next are utterly at sea. All they can say, in answer to questions as to the legislative problem, is, "We haven't heard yet what the President wants." Thus, a short time ago it was being predicted by no less a personage than Speaker Rainey that there would be no legislation to regulate stock and commodity exchanges, at this session. Since then Mr. Rainey has talked with the President. Now he thinks there will be some such bill. Congress is not drawing it up, however, it is waiting for the Administration officials to draft it and send it to the Hill.

All attempts to organize opposition to the Administration and the Democratic Party have proved futile so far. Former Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills is the only important voice that has been raised in protest. Mr. Mills' speech was expected, by old-line Republican party workers, to be a sort of rousing cry which would bring an instantaneous response from the four corners of the Nation, and crystallize Republican sentiment into something like effective Opposition. It had no such effect.

The very men who were relied upon to back up Mr. Mills and encourage the effort to reorganize the Republican party not only failed to come to the rescue but some of them thought it was ill-advised for Mr. Mills to make such suggestions at this time.

Eyes on Pennsylvania

Nothing could illustrate better how is so clear, however, we do not feel that we can conscientiously advise that its provisions may not be carried out. I think this matter ought to be decided by a test case brought for that purpose, and I will be glad to talk this suggestion over at your convenience."

far the fortunes of the Republican party have hung in National affairs than the belief, which is growing here among the most cold-blooded political observers, that Pennsylvania will elect a Democratic Senator next November. Pennsylvania has always given a majority of anywhere from a million votes upward to the Republican party. It sounds incredible, but it really looks as if those days were gone forever.

There is beginning to be talk among those who, while admitting Mr. Roosevelt's complete supremacy, are not in accord with the policy of making the individual subscriber to the government, of a completely new party organization, to be built not alone on the ruins of the Republican party, though some of the most pliable of that old timber would be used, but upon the ancient principle of individual right and, especially, the rights of the taxpayer.

Those who are active in promoting the new party also point out that the great "middle class" of small business men, small property owners, independent and undistressed farmers, professional men and the like, is being ground beneath the nether millstone under the New Deal. The benefits are all directed toward the down and outers on the one side, and the big financial and industrial interests on the other, to hear some of these folk talk.

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New Party and Meantime

How far this movement for a "Centrist" party will get is anybody's guess. Many pooh-pooh it, many think it has a chance, a few are enthusiastic. It will take organization and it will take money. Money is hard to get for anything, and organizing talent is rare.

Meantime, Washington is greatly encouraged by the real signs of increasing prosperity which have followed the fixing of the price of gold at \$35 an ounce, making the international dollar worth 59.04 per cent of the old gold dollar.

This practical stabilization has removed many of the fears of capital, which is beginning to come out of hiding and look for investment. Gold is flowing back to America from Europe. There is a sounder, deeper feeling among business men that we are really on the road to recovery.

It is Mr. Roosevelt's hope that by the first of May business and industry will really have taken up most of the slack of unemployment. It is also his hope that Congress will pack up and go home about that time.



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