

# Interesting News Items Reported From Raleigh

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Raleigh, N. C. — Sixty-odd field workers for the State Department of Revenue, after attending a school for three days last week, girded up their loins and have gone out into the State with the avowed purpose of collecting \$2,000,000 in sales tax during the next two months, May and June, by the end of the fiscal year.

When they left they were armed with complete lists of all merchants who had paid there \$1 for license to do business in the State, and had names of others that had not secured the license, along with the information as to which of them had paid the sales tax and which had not for the several months since last July. They checked their lists with those in the office and had the latest dope.

Records in the sales tax office show that of the 31,000 merchants licensed in the State for this year, only 16,000 of them have made returns during the entire month of April for their sales in March, leaving almost half that had made no returns. Some of them are not due to report each month, but many of the number supposed to report had not done so, and the boys will go after them.

"This merchant swore to me that he had paid his sales tax up to date, and here is the record which shows he has not paid it in six months," one of the field men stated while going over the lists in his area. Reports are that many merchants are "laughing up their sleeves," because they have not been caught, and many people are saying that the sales tax is not being collected. The sales tax forces have been lenient, giving the merchants an opportunity to report, but are now going after those who have not made their return voluntarily.

Governor Ehringhaus addressed the group and asked them to "get the money, boys," as it is needed to balance the budget and pay for the services the State renders the citizens, in schools, roads and other features. Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, Assistant M. C. S. Noble Jr., Directors Harry McMillan and George G. Scott, addressed the boys and advised them of methods. They spent two days listening to the instructions and another day checking and listing merchants in their area.

While there has been talk recently that the general fund would be short \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, belief is now expressed that with the intense work of the field forces and in other ways, the budget will be balanced.

### Motor Sales Increase

North Carolinians bought more new motor trucks last month than they had ever bought before in any month in history, and bought more new passenger cars than in any month since September, 1929, purchasing more than three times as many cars and almost three times as many trucks as in the month of April, 1933.

In April just passed they bought 4,950 new passenger cars and 1,164 new trucks, as compared with 1,601 cars and 394 trucks in April, 1933, and with 2,930 cars and 582 trucks in last March. For the year the new sales have been 11,532 cars and 3,287 trucks, as compared with 5,169 cars and 1,225 trucks in the same four months of 1933. Director L. S. Harris, of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, reports.

### Telephone Rates Lowered

Telephone rates will be lowered from 50 cents to \$1 on the telephone all over North Carolina, else the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company will show cause, on May 17, why the lower rates should not be made effective, as for Raleigh, and at the same ratio, based on telephone population, in all of its exchange in the State, an order issued by Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne provides.

The rates to be used are those in effect in Raleigh, but the commissioner orders that the rates be reduced throughout the State on the company's exchanges on the telephone population basis, the basis to be determined by the commission at the hearing called, unless the company can show cause why they should not be.

"It appears to the commissioner

### Arizona Kidnapping



TUCSON, Ariz. — Above is June Robles, 6, daughter of a wealthy Arizona family, who was kidnapped as she left school and held for \$15,000 ransom. It was in this town that John Dillinger and gang were captured last year and it is thought by some this was a Dillinger planned revenge on local police.

that the income of the company is in excess of a fair return upon a fair valuation of its properties and that its exchange rates are unreasonably high in the city of Raleigh, and throughout the State and should be reduced." Commissioner Winborne states, after making a careful investigation of the company's properties and the rates charged for service.

### Tax Figures

North Carolinians, persons, firms and corporations paid \$247,018,125.89 in taxes, State and Federal, in the first 16 months of the present fiscal year, ended April 30, in addition to county, city and town and district taxes, reports of Federal Collector Charles H. Robertson and State Collector A. J. Maxwell show. This is \$55,907,956.75 more than the \$192,110,169.14 paid in the same period of the preceding year. It is also at the rate of \$78.23 for every man, woman and child in the State (1930 census) with two months yet to go.

In the Federal district the tax was \$308,945,443.14, which was \$47,312,303.76 more than was collected in the same ten months of the preceding year. This is largely tobacco tax, the bulk of it on cigarettes, which indicates a healthy increase in tobacco consumption, the 10 months showing only slightly less than the entire 12 months of the preceding fiscal year. Cost of collection was only 5.35 cents for each \$100, which is more than 16 per cent less than the much-heralded record of Gilliam Grissom, Republican, which was 6.42 at lowest.

### Children Return to School

Nearly 49 per cent of the children from 14 to 16 years of age who were turned out of textile mills in North Carolina by introduction of the code in August, 1933, returned to school, Commissioner of Labor A. J. Fletcher reports, based on a close check in the ten leading textile counties. Major Fletcher's office had issued permits to 2,171 children of that age to work in textile mills during the 13 months preceding the introduction of the code. His report showed that 58 per cent of these boys and 52.6 per cent of the girls returned to the schoolroom. In the 14-year-old group, 59.6 per cent, and in the 15-year-old group 45 per cent returned to school. Of the 319 children checked who did not go to school, 116 were tired of school and not interested, 87 were not able financially to attend, and the remainder had various reasons, some keeping house, some married. Major Fletcher cited that child labor increases with prosperity and unless the Federal Child Labor law, which North Carolina once rejected, is adopted, children will flock back to the mills after the codes expire in 1935. This law will be up again in the 1935

### legislature.

#### Probation Officers Named

Three Federal probation officers, one for each Federal court district in the State, have been recommended by the respective judges to look after both adult and juvenile probationers handled by the courts. Those recommended are Gilliam Grissom, former internal revenue collector and Republican candidate for Governor, by Judge I. M. Meekins, for the Eastern District; Wade Reavis, Yadkinville, a former representative of Yadkin County in the General Assembly, by Judge Johnson J. Hayes, for the Middle District, and Edgar W. Pharr, former speaker of the House of Representatives, by Judge E. Yates Webb for the Western District. These appointments have not been completed by the Department of Labor.

#### More Birth Control

The North Carolina Conference for Social Service, in session in Raleigh last week, adopted a resolution asking for repeal of the Federal law which prohibits the mails from carrying literature on birth control, after a representative of Mrs. Margaret Sanger, leading exponent of birth control, had addressed the group. It also adopted resolutions for contin-

uation and enlargement of the present eight months school term, operated by the State without use of ad valorem taxes.

#### Editors to Meet at Banner Elk

The North Carolina Press Association will hold its annual summer convention July 11-13 at Banner Elk, Avery County, with that organizing genius, Edgar Tufts, the executive committee decided at a meeting in Raleigh Saturday.

#### To Refund State Notes

Governor Ehringhaus and State Treasurer C. M. Johnson visited New York City last week to check up on possibilities of an early and profitable refunding of the State's \$12,230,000 in short term notes. Belief is that the market will soon be in shape for a satisfactory turning of the notes into bonds. Already it is sure that they can be handled at an interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent and possibly less. The State is now paying an average of about 4.32 per cent on its outstanding bonds.

#### The New Constitution

Intimations are that the fate of the proposed new Constitution will not be left in the hands of politicians who are afraid a definite stand

for or against it may mean political suicide, but belief is that leading citizens of each community, as contrasted with politicians, will interest themselves in seeing that the people are informed as to its merits. Many amendments to the present Constitution have been killed by fear of politicians that they would be hurt politically if they took sides, and not being informed, the voters cast their votes against any charges. State Senator Capus M. Waynick, for, and Attorney General D. G. Brummitt, against, staged a joint debate on the proposed Constitution before the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Asheville last week.

#### Fish Eggs Purchased

Fish eggs numbering 3,400,000 and costing \$1,945 were purchased during the recent season for stocking the pools at the State fish hatcheries, in addition to those spawned at the hatcheries, and when they reach the proper size will be distributed to the streams and ponds over the State. Those purchased are all trout eggs, including 1,500,000 brook, 1,200,000 rainbow, and 700,000 brown trout.

#### Terrapin Business Expands

The diamond-back terrapin, once a night club luxury in pre-Volstead

days and almost depleted in North Carolina, is due for a come-back as an important State industry with the taking off of the lid in most states and a great increase in the supply in this State in recent years. No diamond-back terrapin taking was permitted in North Carolina from 1924 to 1929, and restrictions are continued during spawning time, April 15 to July 31. Meanwhile, an enlarged program of propagation was started at the Beaufort laboratories, reaching its peak in 1932, when 11,086 were produced and released in North Carolina marsh lands. In 1933, 10,960 were produced, 5,730 of which were distributed in North Carolina.

#### EMMA DEPARTS

New York.—Emma Goldman—she of the red, red radicalism of four decades ago—paid wistful farewell one day last week to the country for which she has always had a strange mixture of affection and hatred. She slipped away from New York City early in the morning for Toronto, a few hours ahead of the expiration time of her 99-day visa which permitted her to come back for a visit for the first time since her deportation in 1919.

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