

Glancing At . . . The General Assembly

High, Jan. 28.—Battle lines are forming in the Legislature. The joint finance committee of the two houses adopted recommendations of the administration for removing exemptions in sales taxes on staple foods such as flour, meat, meal and milk, which it is estimated will add from one to two million dollars annually to the State revenue, but this was only the beginning of the battle. The North Carolina Fair Tax Association was heard the following day in a vigorous denunciation of the sales tax. The North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association hasn't been heard yet.

The big argument in favor of the sales tax is that it produces revenue in large amounts. The revenue for the month of January will be close to a million dollars. Four and one-half million dollars has been collected since last July. The argument against it is that it is a tax upon the rich and the poor alike, that it rests more heavily upon the poor than the rich. Another one is that it drives business from the State as there is no tax on interstate sales, and none can be levied by the State.

Another battle is in the offing on the question of the ratification of an amendment to the Federal constitution that would permit Congress to make child labor unlawful. The Supreme Court ruled that Congress did not have the power. President Roosevelt has outlawed child labor through the simple expedient of setting up business codes by which business enterprises by their own agreement outlaw child labor. The child labor amendment was submitted ten years ago, but only a half dozen states had ratified it prior to the Roosevelt administration. Now it has become a live issue again, with the American Legion backing it and a lively fight is expected in the North Carolina General Assembly.

While it appears certain that the Legislature will reduce automobile license taxes, there will be a battle over the amount of reduction. Senator Browning, of Swain, wants to make the reduction 45 per cent, or 30 cents a hundredweight instead of 55

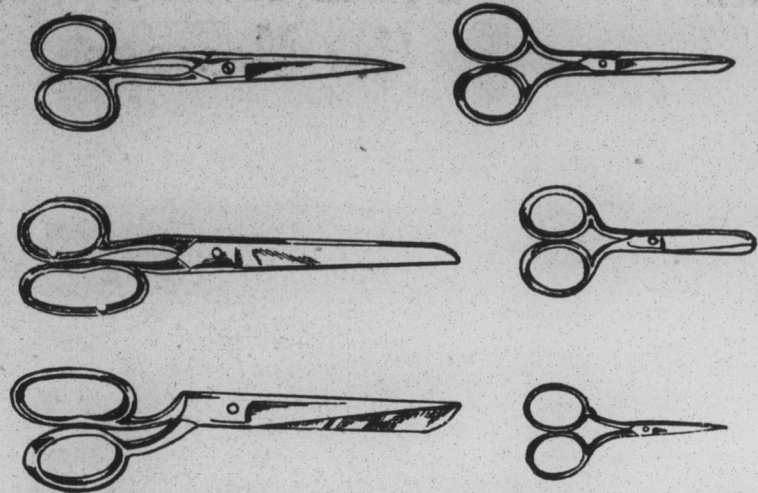
would make the reduction 40 per cent. Reduced automobile taxes was cents with a minimum of five dollars a car. Senator Carr, of Duplin, an issue in the campaigns of a number of members of the Legislature. It is a live issue in the Legislature.

There is a general sentiment in the Legislature for licensing of automobile drivers, but in order to make it effective it will be necessary to increase the number of highway patrolmen, and it will also be necessary to set up machinery for examination of drivers. While the cost can be taken care of with a license fee, it is difficult to frame an act that will not become merely the means of raising revenue. That has been the case in many cities, the 'issuing of drivers' licenses becoming merely a formality.

With nearly a thousand fatalities from automobile wrecks and accidents on the highways during the past year, or more than three a day, it has become imperative to make safety measures effective, and Senators Burrus, of Guilford, and Teague, of Wayne, propose as one means that every automobile owner shall carry a bond for a thousand dollars to make him financially responsible for damages. This has been tried out in some states with good results. The idea is that it would keep reckless drivers off the highways, as they would be unable to get insurance or legal bonds. Here again comes up the question of adequate patrolling of the highways.

The Legislature got away to a hurried start with the passage of many local bills by a suspension of rules. Seasoned legislators have learned that such a procedure is an instance of the fact that "haste makes waste," for in many cases it becomes necessary to reconsider such bills and this takes longer than it would take if the bills were referred to committees for inspection by uninterested members in the first place. In that case mistakes are usually caught before the bills are placed upon their passage. Former Speaker Harris, of Person, called attention to this fact in a speech to the House, and a halt was made. The committees now have

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WE know that sewing is an ancient and honorable art, for needlecraft made by queens has come down to us through the centuries. It would be trite to enumerate the reasons why a woman should learn to sew. One reason is enough—that the ability to sew will enable her to have more garments of better material for the money she can afford to spend.

The novice may look on sewing as a formidable undertaking because she has not learned the "tricks of the trade." With most of us sewing must of necessity be limited to an incidental place in the routine of our lives and anything that will add to its comfort, convenience or speed is of vital importance. In this series I am going to try to pass on to you things that years of experience have taught me, in the hope that you may be spared the necessity of traveling that same tedious route.

One can't sew without tools and among these scissors are outstanding. I'll start with scissors.

It's real economy to buy good scissors. They give the best service and will last a lifetime. (I have a pair two generations old!) You should have the various sizes and shapes that will best do the various jobs. A household with but one pair of scissors is just about out.

There should be a large pair of shears for cutting. Don't try to cut out a garment with small scissors. I've sketched two kinds—one with long straight blades and the other "bent." These "bent shears," as they're called, raise the material very little while cutting and prevent the under layer from slipping when two layers are being cut.

Cutting shears should be seven to nine inches long. Don't use these for cutting paper, cord or anything but fabric. Use cheap scissors for their jobs. And by the way, if you happen to be left-handed buy left-handed scissors. You'll find them a great convenience and they cost no more.

For some less straightforward cutting jobs six inch scissors with slender sharp points are ideal. A pair of ordinary four inch scissors are entitled to a place in your sewing basket or apron and a three inch pair with very sharp points will be found indispensable, especially at cutting material from under lace or along any edge where there is a chance of cutting too much.

Nothing can spoil the sewing day and ruin the disposition as surely as dull scissors that chew their way along on one cylinder or scissors with a nick in the blade that suddenly come down with the McCoughs' scissors that succumb to intermittent attacks of lockjaw. Keep your scissors sharp, don't let the screw cause them to bind and oil them occasionally with good machine oil.

E. S. Norman Dies

Mr. E. S. Norman, died Wednesday night at 11:10 o'clock at his home on North Broad street. He had been ill since September 14th.

Mr. Norman, familiarly known as "Sheriff" had a host of friends in the Albemarle. He served as sheriff of Chowan County for a long time, being succeeded about 20 years ago by the late Sheriff G. W. Goodwin. He was a prominent member of the Baptist Church, being a member of the Board of Deacons of the Edenton Baptist Church.

Surviving him are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. D. M. Warren.

News of Mr. Norman's death came as the Herald was going to press, and no information was available as to the time of the funeral.

more work to do, and they are meeting frequently.

While the joint finance committee of the two houses is making a record in getting down to work, the joint appropriations committee is likewise making a record in hearing appeals of the various State institutions for more funds. Formerly it was the custom for sub-committees to hold these hearings, but all this has been changed since the budget bureau was established. Now both committees—the finance and the appropriations—are provided at the beginning of the session with tentative revenue and appropriations bills, so that they have something to begin with.

Taking his cue from the Roosevelt administration that Federal office-holders must resign party positions, Senator Allsbrook has introduced a bill requiring party chairmen to resign before running for office. They would be permitted to run, if they resigned their party positions before the beginning of the year in which they run for office. The idea is to prevent their having an unfair advantage through the control of party machinery.

With comparatively young men in charge of the important committees of both houses, there is much speculation as to how the leadership will stack up as compared with that of previous sessions. Speaker Robert Grady Johnson is an experienced legislator, and he knows how to keep an organization running smoothly. The committee chairmen are likewise experienced legislators, but they have not heretofore held chairmanships. They have started out with vigor, and there is plenty of evidence that they mean to push things along. So far there has been a general disposition to go along with the administration.

With the expectation that the sales tax will be continued, there is already evidence that there will be a fight to increase taxes on corporations that have had their taxes lightened through abolition of ad valorem taxes by the State.

Mrs. Mollie Privott, who has been quite ill at her home on East Queen street, is showing very little improvement.

Roanoke Institute Seeks To Clear Debts In Drive

The Roanoke Institute is now launching a campaign in the entire district comprising Norfolk County in Virginia, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Dare, Chowan, Gates, Washington, Martin, Beaufort, and Tyrrell counties in North Carolina to raise \$5,000 to clear the Roa-

noke Missionary Baptist Association of its indebtedness.

Rev. J. E. Tillett, of Edenton, is director general of the campaign, and is sending thousands of pamphlets to the churches outlining the program.

District 7, which comprises Chowan County is asked to raise \$362.50 as part of the goal. Churches asked to participate are Center Hill Chapel, Gale Street, St. John, Warren's Grove, White Oak Chapel, Welch's Chapel, and Ryan's Grove. The committee in charge includes: Revs. J. E. Tillett, W. H. Davis, James McNair, E. R. Cooper, Daniel Lamb, C. S. Burk, and Frank Holley.

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