

# TO THE PUBLIC!

We, the undersigned Physicians of Franklin County, N. C., do hereby give notice that after March 1st, 1929, we will not render service to any one that have not paid their bill or made some satisfactory arrangement with their attending Physician, during the past twelve months.

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## OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—The major battle of the general assembly will be fought over the issue of an honest election law. This is clearly evident and the big fight will start this week. Governor Gardner, hundreds of thousands of citizens and practically every newspaper of the state are lined up on the side of an honest secret ballot system; the peanut politicians and those others who still think an election is something to be controlled are fighting the measure and have succeeded in getting the Australian ballot bill reported to the house from committee with an amendment which would exempt counties from its terms if they desire exemption, and this will defeat the whole purpose of the secret ballot system, which is to have honest elections throughout the state. It is generally recognized that the county elections are controlled and it is planned to end this control and let the people choose their own county officers. Those who are fighting the measure, for the most part, fear the political consequences to themselves and their friends if honesty is inaugurated at the polls. There is the big fight—it is a battle between those who desire elections on the square and those who want them so that they can control them for their own purposes. The big guns in this fight will be fired this week when the bill gets to the floor of the legislature. It promises to be a record-making struggle.

Next to that will come the fight over education. There are a half dozen bills in the hoppers of the two houses providing for various kinds of educational control and the governor has still another plan. This measure will be fought by many but the others do not seem to present any real solution. Governor Gardner's plan would provide for an increase in the equalizing fund for public schools by nearly two million dollars, the money to be apportioned out to make the six months school possible without too heavy local taxation, to relieve those counties which have been carrying the eight months term without state aid and to extend the length of the term wherever possible, having in mind an ultimate eight months term without resorting to constitutional amendment. Another plan provides a 40 cent tax in each county for school purposes to assure the eight months term. This measure has beat the governor's in getting a favorable report and may be aired on the floor this week. It will mean reduction of taxes for schools in some counties and increases in others. The governor's plan however is favored by most of the legislators and probably will be victorious as it will assure educational relief without disturbing taxation systems too much, and that is the primary object of the legislature this year.

The third major question before the general assembly is the roads tax and roadbuilding plans. It is practically certain that the gasoline tax will be increased one cent but the question of what to do with this is puzzling many. A compromise bill has received committee approval and may be argued on the floor of the general assembly this week. It provides that this extra tax money on gasoline shall be set aside for use in developing county highways with the provision that county levies shall not be increased by more than ten per cent over last year. It is also provided that this fund must be administered under supervision of the state highway commission. This will keep out those who merely want the fund to be turned over to county commissioners for road work, which means that it probably will be squandered and nothing good will result. Governor Gardner is understood to be favorable now to the bill which will provide for supervision under the state of certain county roads, this being the only change from his original plan which provided for additional roads to be taken over and made part of the state system. The bill approved incorporates his ideas and while there will be a fight, his side probably will be victorious.

With the session halfway over the legislature thus far has not handled any of the major problems. Of course a great deal of work has been done in committees but to the observer it appears that a lot of work might have been done in handling local bills and lesser important statewide bills if the legislators had made up their minds to get them out of the way while the major measures were in committee. Now, many of the lesser bills must be considered in the last month of the session and also there must be considered the finance bills, appropriation and revenue measures, road bills, school bills, secret ballot bill, and others. This means that there will be an inevitable rush which may cause some important bills either to be neglected entirely or passed hastily without due study of many of their requirements.

During the week the senate tabled an important and estimable bill, one providing for pensions for widows and dependents of policemen and sheriffs slain in line of duty and assessing a special tax of one dollar on all convicted in criminal court in order to pay the bills for this fund. It passed the house but was tabled in the senate. However, it will come up for consideration again this week when it will be called from the table. Another important measure which must be considered is that providing for establishment of a state highway patrol with a state-wide licensing act for auto drivers. This measure is still in committee but is said to have a fair chance to pass at this session. Road authorities are in favor of it because they believe it will cut down materially the number of accidents on the roads of the state which are daily taking nearly two lives on the average.

An annual honor came to a Raleigh woman during the week. Dr. Della Dixon Carroll was elected president of the Raleigh Academy of Medicine. It is the first time that a woman has been so honored. Dr. Carroll is well known throughout the state and is prominent in civic club circles and women's movements. The general assembly passed during the week to honor the memory of Andrew Johnson, the man who fled from being a tailor's apprentice in Raleigh and returned later as president of the United States. Representative Oscar Haywood of Montgomery county and Judge Robert W. Winston were the chief speakers.

Seven inebriates escaped from the state asylum for insane last Friday and have never been heard from since. The men had been enroute to a dance in the asylum grounds when they overpowered the guards and escaped. The Raleigh police department is on the alert for hold-up men following four hold ups during the past three weeks. Business establishments have been the victims of the raids. Two arrests and convictions have been made, accounting for those who held up one place but the other robberies remained unsolved.

Senator Walter Clark, of Mecklenburg (Continued on page eight)

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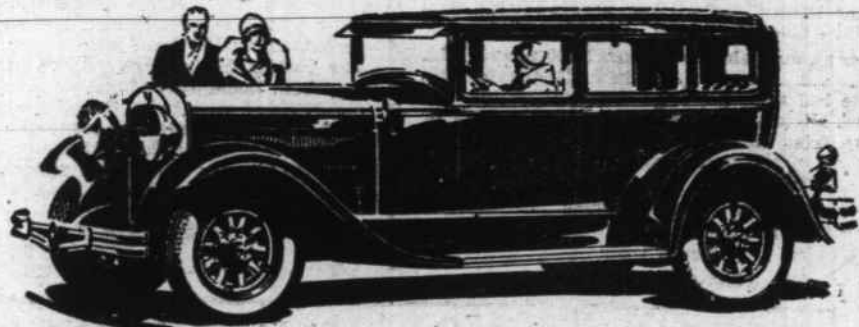
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