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Gov. Gardner Opposes Sales Tax

Hard upon the heels of Governor Gardner's unequivocal pronouncement against a sales tax before a joint session of the General Assembly yesterday, it was indicated that it is the administration plan to secure the recommitment of the revenue bill now before the House to the finance committee for revision that would eliminate the most controversial issue of the longest Legislative session in the history of the State.

Two months after the passage of the MacLean law pledging the State support of the six months Constitutional school term from sources other than ad valorem taxes—a project which it was recognized would require a sales tax for fulfillment, and on which the Legislature has labored, fought, and divided—the Governor broke his silence.

Explains His Silence

His explanation of his silence, that he had been occupied by matters of great importance, drew expressions of resentment from the same element in the House which a month ago sought to get him to commit himself in the face of the road bill round robin, and last week produced a demand that he appear before the Assembly and state his views.

The speech definitely aligned the Governor with the forces seeking the repeal of the MacLean law, regarded by the bearers of the real estate tax burden as the only real move toward their substantial relief, but it failed to bring any discernible striking colors among the followers of Mr. MacLean.

These forces were not unprepared for what took place yesterday. The unmistakable coolness of a part of the audience toward the Governor as he entered the House chamber yesterday indicated that he was not in unimmutably friendly territory.

Say It Changed No Votes.

Leaders asserted that the speech had not changed a vote, but on the contrary its effect would be the spurring of tax relief advocates to greater zeal and eternal resistance to scrapping, with the goal in sight, the result of two months labor and strife, and compromising upon the \$10,000,000 equalizing fund now being held forth by the organized sales tax opposition, whose strength lies largely in the Senate.

Representative Day, whose name the general sales tax bill bears, expressed frank resentment. He said he had understood the Governor would not oppose his plan.

MacLean Comments.

Representative MacLean declared that in his opinion the Governor "either ignored or failed to apprehend the fundamentals of the problem before us."

Representative Johnston, of Ashe, co-introducer of the Machinery bill passed by the House to carry out the MacLean mandate, expressed regret that the Governor had waited so long to speak, and that he could not agree with his conclusions.

Representative Lumpkin, who introduced the resolution calling upon the Governor to speak his mind, said that he conceded the Governor every credit for his "Live-at-Home" plan, but wondered how the poor people were going to live at home under a burdensome tax plan that was causing their homes to be sold by the tens of thousands.

Didn't Oppose Passage.

The Governor, told the members that while it was generally understood that he did not encourage the passage of the MacLean bill, he hoped it was equally well understood that he did not oppose it.

He based his opposition to the sales tax upon the contention that it represented too much of a major operation for the State to stand at this time, deploring the suggestion of adding to the tax burden of 2,500,000 North Carolinians too poor to own any real estate.

He termed a sales tax in violation of the principles of Jefferson, in violation of the correct basis for taxation—the ability to pay.—News-Observer.

HAYES-MOORE

Quite a surprise came to their many friends when Miss Mabel Moore and Mr. Robert Hayes were united in marriage on Monday, March 16, at 3 o'clock in Virginia. They were accompanied by the groom's sister, Miss Myrtle Hayes, Mr. Jake Dennis and Mr. Joe Whitl Hayes. The bride is the attractive and oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore and the groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hayes, both of near Louisville. They will make their destination at the home of the groom's parents. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes.

EPSOM SENIOR PLAY

"The Borrowed Wife" will be given as the Senior play at Epsom High School on Saturday night, March 28th, at 8 o'clock. This play is noted for its fun making qualities and it is claimed will "make you forget hardships". You are invited to go out.

High School League Track Meet

To Be Held at Edward Best High School April 2.

Over 100 high school students will meet at Edward Best High School Thursday, April 2 at 2 o'clock to compete in the fifth annual track meet of the Franklin County High School League according to information given out by the secretary of the League. The Edward Best High School has won this meet for the first four years, but there are several other schools in the county who claim they will put a stop to the winning streak of the Edward Best School. Both boys and girls teams are expected from Gold Sand, Bunn, Youngsville, Franklinton, Louisburg, Epsom, and Edward Best.

The events are scheduled as two separate track meets with both being run at the same time. One part of the schedule calls for four events being run in full view of the spectators—and all at the same time.

Girls will compete in the 75 yd. dash, running high jump, shot put, running broad jump, discus throw, baseball throw, basketball throw, 50 yd. dash, javelin throw, and 400 yd. relay run (four to a team). Boys will compete in the 100 yd. dash, 220 yd. dash, 440 yd. dash, running high jump, shot put, discus throw, running broad jump, pole vault, javelin throw, and the mile relay.

Each school is allowed to enter two contestants in each event. Many of the events will require both preliminary and final contests.

The date was previously announced as April 3 but was changed to April 2 on account of a conflict with the debating contests conducted by the University of North Carolina.

No Prize Winners Selected

Winston-Salem, N. C. March 21.—The appearance of a number of fake telegrams falsely notifying individuals in various sections of the country that they have been awarded one of the prizes offered by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in the Camel cigarette contest, led officers of the company to issue this statement today.

"We have learned through numerous letters, telegrams and newspaper articles that practical jokers in some sections of the country are sending telegrams purporting to come from us notifying individuals that they have won a prize in our \$50,000 Camel Cigarette contest," the statement said.

"We regret the appearance of these hoaxes and wish to assure contestants and the public generally that no prize selections have yet been made. In fact it will be several weeks before the Judges and their staff can possibly make selections.

"Approximately a million answers were received in the contest. Obviously a fair reading of so many letters requires a considerable period of time. Every letter is being given a careful reading. Those with special merit must be studied.

"We want to thank all who entered the contest and to ask them to be patient. Several more weeks must elapse before the judges can render a decision. The names of all winners will be included in our formal announcements just as quickly as the letters can be examined and selections determined."

DEATH OF A FORMER GRADUATE

Sad news came to our school March 21, when a messenger told that Evelyn Gardner was dead as a result of blood poison. Surely the passing of any former graduate could not have brought more sorrow to the hearts of school mates and friends.

Evelyn was the daughter of Mrs. Fuzalla Gardner who made her home at Cedar Rock until three years ago when the family moved to Rocky Mount. When the family moved Evelyn remained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings to be able to complete her school year. That she did with honors. During the school years 1924-30 she was a student at North Carolina College for women where she made a splendid record in her work.

During Evelyn's school days at our High School there was not a more intelligent and talented girl among us. The fact that she was valedictorian of her class bespeaks her capability. The highest honor yet that we can pay her is to say that she was a Christian and won scores of friends.

YOUNG WOMEN OF SAINT PAUL'S GUILD AT WORK

The young women of Saint Paul's Guild with Mrs. E. Joyner Lewis, Pres., are holding regular weekly meetings. They are sewing for an orphan child, and assisting the Auxiliary with their sewing. They, too, are making aprons and laundry bags for a nearby bazaar.

These aprons are practical house-keeping aprons and will be sold reasonably. They will be glad to take orders for maid's aprons and caps (white) in advance of bazaar.

Methodist Revival Receives Red Cross Relief

The meeting at the Methodist church this week is arousing considerable interest. The pastor has offered two prizes for the best essays on "Why I Go to Church". The essays are limited to 100 words. One is offered to people of High School age and over. The other to children below the High School grade. He also offers a prize to the person of any age who secures the largest number of answers to the question "Why Don't You Go to Church?" The reports of these contests will be made at the Friday night service.

The Junior choir will sing also on Friday night. Sermon themes—for Thursday and Friday are "The Spirit of Gambling" and "The Spirit of Pleasure". The meeting closes Sunday night.

Edward T. Alston Dies at His Home

Henderson, March 20.—Edward Thorne Alston, Sr., 69 years old, died at 11:50 p. m. Saturday at his home in the eastern part of the county near Amos Mill. He had been ill since last July, and had had several operations prior to his death, which was not unexpected. His condition had been critical for several weeks, and for several days prior to his death was unconscious.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, in charge of Rev. P. D. Woodall, pastor of Shocco Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Alston had been a member for the past 16 years and most of the time a member of the board of stewards. Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, assisted in the services. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery of this city.

RESOLUTIONS

When we first learned that the Soul of Mrs. Matthew Stuart Davis had entered into the "Life More Abundant", it was, at the time, and still is impossible to make a just estimate of her beautiful character. Always quick and unobtrusive, yet always steadfast and wise we did not realize how heavily her loss would be felt.

For ten years she had made her home in Warrenton, but she never severed her connection with our Society and at the time of her death was not only the senior member, but the one member who had been of our number since our organization came into existence.

She gave to her Church and its mission work the deep interest and enthusiasm of her young womanhood and as long as her home was among us, whenever she was well, we could always count on her presence at our meetings, where we realize now, it was a benediction.

She sought no leadership, but shrank no duty, and on all the movements discussed her views were not only wise, but tempered with a sweet charity that made them a controlling power.

We are glad to know that her Society delighted to honor her in life. She had been made a life member and one of our Bible women in Korea bears her name; Louisa Hill Davis represents our little band of workers in that far away land. May our Father bestow His blessings on her labors, that their good results may go on and on throughout Eternity.

Be it now resolved that a copy of these lines be sent to The Raleigh Christian Advocate and The Franklin Times for publication.

Be it further resolved that as a loving tribute to her memory, we place a copy of these lines on the minutes of our Society, send a copy as an expression of our deepest sympathy to her family, and we pray that her influence may continue to live with us leading us ever upward into that brighter world above.

The Womens Missionary Society, The Louisburg Methodist Church, Mrs. William B. Barrow, Mrs. Joseph W. Mann, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, Committee.

REV. MR. HAINES TO PREACH

High Church Official to Visit St. Matthias Episcopal Church (Colored).

The Rev. Elwood L. Haines Executive Secretary of the Diocese of North Carolina will visit our church Sunday afternoon March 29, at 3:30 P. M. This is quite a treat to our community to have Rev. Mr. Haines come to us. He is a young white Priest of fine Christian character and ability. Sunday being Palm Sunday in the church, services will be as follows: Morning Prayer, 11:00 A. M.; Church School 2:30 P. M.; Services and Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Haines at 3:30 P. M.

We extend a very cordial invitation to both our white and colored friends to hear him. The offering will be taken for the Forward Movement fund.

GEORGE C. POLLARD, Missionary in charge.

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Recorder's Court

Only a small number of cases were before Judge J. E. Malone in Franklin Recorder's Court Monday. They were disposed of in short order. Only one case received judgment on Monday a week ago.

Luke Williams was found guilty of distilling and drew a fine of \$25 and costs.

W. E. Williams, reckless driving, continued.

Sam Hawkins and Estelle Littlejohn, were found guilty of violating prohibition law. Estelle was required to pay cost, Sam was fined \$5 and costs.

Willie Bell, larceny, transferred to Superior Court.

W. A. Lewis, unlawful possession of Whiskey, found guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

On Monday, March 16th, Luke Williams and W. E. Williams, charged with distilling and reckless-driving respectively were continued.

In the case of E. A. Rogers, operating automobile intoxicated, judgment of a fine of \$50 and costs was entered.

Mr. Furgurson A Medical Student

Information received in Louisburg recently is that E. W. Furgurson, Jr., has been appointed one of fourteen first year students to the Medical school at Duke University. There are 2600 in this school which requires that all appointments be made on basis of (1st) scholarship record in college, (2nd) aptitude tests, (3rd) personality and background. Admitting only those whose previous record shows a character, determination and application evincing a real ambition for life.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Quite a number of people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perry Sunday March 22, to celebrate the birthdays of the following in the Perry generation, all whose birthdays come in the month of March: Mr. W. H. Perry and son George, Mr. Oliver Perry and little daughter Virginia Francis, Mr. Wesley Strange and son Royal, Mr. A. B. Perry and Miss Edna Earle Perry.

As they all began to arrive about eleven o'clock, the living rooms, and halls were thrown en suite to receive them before huge log fires.

At one o'clock, the guest were received in the dining room, where a huge long table awaited them with a three course dinner, to be served. The visitors for the occasion were Rev. and Mrs. Barnette and children of Wake Forest College, and Miss Fannie Underhill of Louisburg College.

There were about forty guests present to participate in the occasion. About three o'clock, they all left, wishing them many more happy birthdays.

MR. PHIL PIERCE DEAD

On February 18, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Phil Pearce and took him away to live in a better home. He was 86 years old and was a deacon of Bethlehem Baptist church. He was a faithful member, never absent from church or Sunday school, only when sickness prevented him. He was a devoted father always ready to help each one of his children when ever he could. He was a good neighbor and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those who needed him. Mr. Phil as every body called him was especially popular among a large number of friends and possessed a genial disposition that assisted him greatly in increasing the large number of friends. He was a member of the Junior Order being one of the first to join the order when organized. His funeral was conducted by Rev. Lucian Evans, his pastor, and his body was laid to rest in Bethlehem cemetery. His wife preceded him to her grave seven years ago. He leaves to mourn their loss four children, Furney, Zoilie, Dollie and Mrs. Minnie Baker all of Zebulon, N. C. Route 3., and twenty-one grandchildren and one great-grand child.

REV. MILLER SPEAKS TO ST. PAUL'S AUXILIARY

On Monday the regular weekly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's church was held at the rectory. The women have been studying India since the beginning of the New Year. A large number of members and visitors were present to hear Mr. Miller Monday and heard with interest his informing and entertaining address on India. Lenten service followed at the conclusion of the auxiliary program.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Miller, rector St. Paul's Episcopal church, announces services for next week as follows: Sunday at 11 o'clock in the morning. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Thursday at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 2 to 3 o'clock p. m. All are invited to attend each of these services.

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State Takes Over The Maintenance Of Louisburg Road

The State this week took over the maintenance of the Warrenton-Louisburg road designating it as Temporary Route No. 59. This route leads over the distance to Raleigh by several miles.

Citizens have been trying for a number of years to have a road constructed by the State from Warrenton to Louisburg, pointing out that it would not only open up a fertile field for development, but would also shorten the distance from Richmond to Raleigh by many miles. Such a road has been promised for several years and in recent months two surveys have been made. Engineers are expected to return to Warrenton about the first of April to complete the latest survey, it was learned from a road man here yesterday.

Work on all highways in the State with the exception of government aid projects is being delayed, it is said, due to the fact that the Government has limited its emergency loan fund to a short period and the State authorities are trying to participate in this fund as much as possible.

The present road from Warrenton to Raleigh is a Federal aid road. The proposed Louisburg road is not. Efforts may be made to have this road made a Federal aid project, it is said.—Warren Record.

Astonished

The following from the News-Observer relative to the feelings of a mass meeting in Fayetteville, is true in other communities even though no outward expression was given: Here is an extract of the resolutions adopted at the Fayetteville mass meeting of farmers yesterday when the meeting learned of the Governor's position:

"We are astonished, crushed, and sorely tried at the position of the Governor, this day discovered to the people, in which he throws the great weight of his office and influence against the only relief measure arising from and reaching to the vast multitude of tax burden sufferers, and we deny his right as the people's servant, in this great crisis of his people to join hands with those who would not only nullify the the MacLean bill, which is the law of the State, but by such nullification, substitute a miserable subterfuge in the form of an equalization fund, and thus enable the powerful corporations to perpetuate their hold upon the State and avoid their equal share of taxation in the future as they have in the past.

"We are now all the more convinced that at his distance, he does not know the temper of the people and the tendency of the times, and we call upon him to point out (if the power, tobacco, and other powerful groups, are not to begin to bear their share of taxation) what source is to be drawn upon to supply the deficiency caused by the destruction of land?"

MISS LETTON ENTERTAINS

The members of the Current Literature Club met with Miss Lillie Letton on Tuesday, March 24th. After the meeting was called to order the minutes were read and approved. Musical magazines were then passed to each member. After hearing the report of the program committee a discussion followed, each member expressing her choice as to the subject of study for the next term. It was decided to have as their topic, "Other People's Lives".

At the conclusion of the business meeting the following program was given:

The first reading, The Washington Square Players, was by Mrs. Stuart Davis.

The Club was then favored by a solo, "June in my heart", very sweetly sung by Miss Ruth Cather, accompanied at the piano by Miss Burnadette Woodlief.

A humorous reading "The Clod" was then given by Miss Letton followed by current events by Mrs. McM. Furgerson.

During the social hour the hostess served a sweet course.

The Club had as its guests Messdames, Hortense Wood, Janie White, H. H. Johnson and Miss Shade.

FOOTBALL STAR LEADS CLASS IN PROHIBITION PLEDGE

The Christian Science Monitor reports that under the leadership of Mil Stroupe, star tackle on the varsity football team of North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, the sophomore class of that institution at a called meeting outlawed the drinking of liquor by any of its members. Stroupe is a former member of the United States marine corps. The class unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"We, the class of 1933 of North Carolina State College, put ourselves on record as outlawing drinking liquor among the members of our class.

Discussing the action of his class under his leadership, Mr. Stroupe said: "I am no angel, but I am here to say that drinking liquor is not the manly thing to do. By our action we mean to do it we can prevent the use of, and traffic in liquor, and to have nothing to do with it ourselves."

MRS. BETTIE AYSCUE DIES

Mrs. Bettie Ayscue, mother of Mr. H. G. Ayscue, of Ingleside, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Burgess, in Vance County, at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, March 19. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at Liberty Christian church at Epsom. Interment was in the church cemetery, the pastor, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, conducting the services. Mrs. Ayscue was a member of Bethel church, in Warren County, most of her life. The deceased had lived at the home of her daughter where she died, the past two years. Her husband, the late Charlie Ayscue, preceded her demise by 38 years.

Surviving are three children, H. G. Ayscue and Miss Maggie Ayscue, of Ingleside, and Mrs. Walter Burgess, of Vance County. She is also survived by an only sister, Mrs. Fannie Jackson, of Warren County.

DR. ADA ARLETT TO SPEAK

Mrs. J. F. Mitchner, President, announces that the next meeting of the Franklin County Parent-Teachers Association will be held at Franklinton, Wednesday afternoon April 8th. Dr. Ada Arlett, National Chairman of Parent Education, sent by the Rockefeller Foundation, will address the meeting.