

Flood of Letters Swamp Contest Judges



MORE than 1,000,000 letters were received by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company at Winston-Salem, N. C., in the contest for \$50,000 cash prizes in connection with the new cellophane wrapping for Camel cigarette packages. The photograph shows one mountain containing more than 500,000 unopened letters as they were delivered to the judges. Several weeks will be required to read letters and select winners.

Our Raleigh Letter

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, March 30.—The Senate will have its inning this week with the controversial revenue bill and other major legislation, and there is no telling when the Legislature will adjourn. It is evident that the members want to go home and they will make a herculean effort to complete their labors in time to spend Easter with the home folks. While this is true, there was no assurance at the beginning of the week that the Legislature will get through this week much as everybody desires it.

After battling all the week with the revenue bill, the House had only advanced it to its second reading. As the Senate was expected to turn down the general sales tax there was the possibility of a deadlock, but experienced parliamentarians predicted that the final outcome would be a compromise on the so-called Hinsdale luxury sales tax, but even with the sales tax out of the way, there will be the job of providing for extra revenue from other sources, if the MacLean school act is not repealed, and while the Senate may vote for its repeal, there is no indication that a repealer could be put through the House.

The Legislature could adjourn without balancing the budget, as there is such a wide divergence of opinion over what the new taxes it will levy will produce, and leave it up to Governor Gardner to call a special session at a later date. Such talk has been common around the capitol, and in fact some supporters of the MacLean act advocate such a course. The difficulty in the way now is that with the MacLean act in force the counties cannot legally levy taxes for the support of a six months' school term and it might result in the closing of the schools in some counties.

Never before in recent history has there been so much confusion over revenue. It is very evident that the State is going through a revolution, even if it has not already gone through one, and so many varying opinions are expressed by the leaders that nobody can predict what may happen. Instead of clarifying the situation with his address in opposition to sales taxes, Governor Gardner only added to the confusion, for the House flatly refused to follow him. It was in an ugly mood because it was looking for the way out, the folks lack home are clamoring for continuance of the MacLean act, and he did not show them the way to go home. The Senate was in more hospitable mood. His views were in accord with those of the Senate leaders, who want to provide a ten million dollar equalization fund, repeal the MacLean act, and go home.

Not only did the majority of the House resent the Governor's slap in the face, but many members were also angered by what they felt was the unwarranted intrusion by Senator Morrison with his congratulatory message to the Governor. Some of the legislators thought that he butted in at the wrong time. If he had spoken at the beginning of the session they might have welcomed his advice, but already committed as they were to the MacLean act they did not relish being told that they gummed up the works. From the reports that came in they have the impression that the folks at home are counting on them to stand hitched, even if it means a general sales tax.

Every legislator wants to be in good standing when he returns home, not only with the farmers, the home owners, the working men, but also with the power and tobacco interests, but how to do it is the question. On every hand they are met with the stern request to be lenient in levying taxes, for the depression has hit everybody, but schools can only be maintained with money and where to get the money is a puzzling problem. It only somebody would answer the question and solve the problem, he could be the next Governor of North Carolina or have anything else in political honors that are available.

But while the House was in an ugly mood toward the Governor when it came to sales taxes, it did not let its resentment prevent the passage of the administration bills providing for a personnel commission and for a purchasing agent. The Governor said he could save the State four hundred thousand dollars a year with a purchasing commission and that looked mighty good to the Legislature, which is for anybody or anything that means cutting down taxes. It also would like for a personnel commission or some other agency to take still further steps toward cutting down expenses.

While the House struggled along with the revenue bill, the Senate let the Governor's bill providing for a State banking commissioner sleep peacefully in a pigeon hole. There is promise of getting it to the floor this week, but strange enough it is the Senate, which was so hospitable to the Governor's opposition to a sales tax, that threatens to kill it. All of which is a tribute to the effective lobbying work done by the Corporation Commission and its attaches. The Commission doesn't want to be slapped in the face and is unwilling to take the blame for the large number of bank failures. At the beginning of the week it was in doubt as to what would be the fate of the bill, which has been sleeping in committee for most of the session.

Another bone of contention between the House and the Senate is redistricting the State for Congressmen. With the Revenue bill out of the way, the House shoved all discussion aside and put through a bill to split up

The Amateur Gardener Starts His Spring Exercise By Albert T. Reid



TEN AND TWENTY YEARS AGO

Items of Interesting Happenings taken from the columns of THE FRANKLIN TIMES this week ten and twenty years ago:

March 31, 1911.

Right much interest was aroused in Louisburg on last Friday morning when the rumor began to float that the First National Bank and the mattress factory had changed hands the night before. However it was soon learned that the rumor was true and that Mr. F. B. McKinne, Secretary of the hardware and general supply business, of McKinne Bros. Co., had sold his interest in this well known enterprise and had purchased the interest of Mr. R. G. Allen in the First National Bank and that Mr. K. F. Hill, one of Louisburg's most successful horse dealers, had purchased the Tar River Manufacturing Co.

The Board of Directors elected Mr. F. B. McKinne President.

Bunn High School is fortunate in securing Josephus Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, to deliver the annual address at the close of that school on Friday, April 21st, at 11 a. m.

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the "Younger Set" Bridge Club was held at the residence of Mrs. Edward Best Wednesday afternoon.

Louisburg has something few other towns can boast of—a negro photographer.

E. C. Perry has taken a position with the Raleigh Electric Company. He spent Sunday with his people in Louisburg.

J. W. King informs us that he has shipped over 1350 orders for King's Improved Cotton Seed to States South of here in the past two weeks.

A fence is being erected across the front of the old Shaw lot on Main Street, occupied by Chief D. C. High. This helps the looks of the place a great deal.

April 1, 1921.

Announcement has been made that Rev. L. S. Massey, President of Louisburg Female College, will preach the morning sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club met this week with Mrs. W. H. Ferguson at her home on Kenmore Avenue.

The stockholders of the Louisburg National Farm Loan Association met in the Court house in Louisburg on Saturday to hold an adjourned meeting from January, the regular annual meeting.

Cotton sold for 11 cents a pound in Louisburg yesterday.

Mr. F. N. Spivey is fitting up a portion of the old building on Main Street next to the Union Warehouse where he expects to sell ice.

Two whole page advertisements were run in this issue by L. Kline and Company, Louisburg, and H. M. Sledge, Mapleville.

Sheriff H. A. Kearney and Deputy Sheriff E. H. Evans captured a double header still outfit with the exception of one kettle, on Tar River below Margaret on Tuesday afternoon, and destroyed eight tanks of beer and two furnaces setting side by side. The stills were 60 gallon capacity and the officers captured three worms.

Lawyer—And just how bad do you want this divorce, Mose? Mose—It only cost me a string of fish to get married, suh, but, please Gawd, Ah'd give a whale to git rid of her.

Customer: Ah, Mr. Wopser, it's the old story—the woman always pays.

Shopkeeper: Well, if you 'ad a look thru my books you'd find that some of 'em don't.

Profits from onions, a new crop in Avery County last season, has led to increased plantings this spring.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

It is with pleasure that I can announce to my customers and the people of Louisburg and Franklin County that I have leased the interest of Mr. McIlwain in the LOUISBURG DRY CLEANERS business and will continue to run it under the same name and giving the same high class work as heretofore. I am giving especial attention to improving the service to my customers and can assure you entire satisfaction on all work entrusted to me.

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