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Difficulties Confront Appropriation Measure Now Before Assembly

REVENUE SOURCES NOW DEPENDENT UPON THIS

Expect Sales Tax Will Be Ultimate Outcome 1933 Session

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, April 5.—The appropriations measure is due for a stormy finish. The House sent to the Senate a measure which the latter tore to pieces, bringing out a greatly increased appropriation, on almost every item. In addition to raising the appropriations to departments, institutions and agencies, the Senate adopted an amendment, signed by 27 of the 50 senators, calling for \$16,000,000 for operation of an eight months school without ad valorem tax. The question of whether the charter districts could or could not levy ad valorem tax for supplement to the school fund arose, but was not definitely answered, the statement being that it would be left to the school machinery bill.

The House appropriations embraced a reduction of about 44 per cent from the appropriations of two years ago, and the Senate measure as finally worked out sought a cut of about 32 per cent. Senator A. J. H. Gwyn, Rockingham, made an effort to reduce the appropriations approved by the Senate so as to bring about salary cuts of about 40 per cent, as a compromise between the House and Senate figures, but without success. The House, immediately after receiving the measure Friday, refused to concur in the Senate changes, and conference committees were named. A deadlock may be expected, which may let the General Assembly adjourn in two weeks, but more likely will not.

The House and Senate got together on the revenue machinery bill. The House agreed with the Senate not to tax stocks in foreign corporations, and Senate agreed with the House to place no limit on the amount of reduction counties may make in their assessment of property for taxation. The Senate had passed a provision to limit the reduction of 33 1-3 per cent.

The two houses also got together on the N. C. Bar association measure to take from the Supreme Court and place in the hands of a lawyer commission the examinations of applicants for licenses, provides for disciplining and for disbarring lawyers for unethical practices, but with right of appeal to the courts. The finance committee decided to remain in continuous session over the week end, in efforts to arrive at some basis for a revenue bill, which, however, must depend largely on the result of the appropriations bill conference. It now seems certain that the two houses cannot lower appropriations to the point of getting along without a sales tax, or some new form of revenue. And that will mean another fight. Two weeks more is considered a minimum for the completion of the legislative work—but observers predict a month is more likely, feeling the factions cannot agree in any reasonable time.

Thought of the drain on the legislative pocketbook was taken Friday when Senator Hinsdale, immune from its benefits, introduced a bill to permit the county commissioners to pay actual expenses, not in excess

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May Secure "Gym"

Plans whereby it is hoped that a gymnasium may be secured for the Beaufort Graded School was discussed last Thursday evening by the trustees at their meeting in the office of the superintendent at the school. Plans and specifications for the proposed athletic annex were looked over by the trustees. Should the "gym" be constructed at the school, it will be large enough for all gymnastic activities.

Robert L. Fritz, who has been superintendent of the focal school during the past seven years, was re-elected for the 1933-34 school term by the trustees at the same meeting.

Governor's Wife To Wear Cotton



MRS. J. C. B. EHRLINGHAUS

RALEIGH, Apr. 6.—The State's First Lady is behind the movement for further popularization of cotton, North Carolina's second money crop and one of its chief manufactured products. Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus is serving as honorary chairman of the committee in charge of the State-wide Cotton Ball to be held in Raleigh Friday evening, May 19, as a grand finale to North Carolina's first State-wide Cotton Festival.

In addition to the ball, the Festival will include a gala street parade and a fashion show, and ties in with the National Cotton Week Observance. All-cotton ensembles will be worn by the ladies to the ball.

UNBALANCED MIND CAUSES FAMILY DISTURBANCE

Insane Streak Brings Bettie Man Before Judge Webb

One of the most pitiful and heart-rending cases tried here in recent years came before Judge Paul Webb Tuesday morning when Arnold Kanutson, of Bettie, was tried for trespass upon the property of Wilson Golden, violent cursing, disorderly conduct, and transporting a quantity of intoxicating liquor. The defendant pled guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct through his attorney, E. Walter Hill. C. R. Wheatly appeared for the private prosecution. From the testimony of the various witnesses it was learned that Mrs. Arnold Kanutson is the daughter of Wilson Golden, the prosecuting witness. Mrs. Kanutson was ill at the time at the home of her parents, and has since given birth to a child at the Morehead City Hospital. She had been ill for several weeks there and her husband had been coming and going at will.

On the morning of March 27th Arnold Kanutson, who is twenty-four years old, left the home of his father-in-law and told them that he was coming to Beaufort after medicine for his wife. Between three and four o'clock that afternoon he returned to the Golden home without the medicine, but in what Wilson Golden testified was an intoxicated condition. He also had a fruit jar in which Mr. Golden stated was a pint or pint and a half of whiskey. Mr. Golden got the jar but later gave it back to his son-in-law. It was testified that there was considerable violent cursing and disorderly conduct on the part of the defendant and he was ordered by Mr. Golden to leave the property. He soon after complied with this mandate.

Kanutson returned to the Golden home about eight o'clock that evening in the absence of Wilson Golden and for upwards of a half hour continued to create a disturbance. This evidence was given by various witnesses who happened to be there to see how Mrs. Kanutson was getting along. After a time, Mrs. Sarah Sprangle, the sister of the defendant, managed to get the crazed man to leave. At this point Attorney Hill moved for a nonsuit of the liquor and trespass charges, but Judge Webb overruled the motion.

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RELIEF WORK WILL SUSTAIN LARGE CURTAILMENT

Relief Leaders Advise Planting of Food of All Kinds

The discontinuance of work projects on anything like the present wide spread scale throughout the county and a marked curtailment of R. F. C. activities in the immediate future is seen by County Superintendent Allen in a letter received Tuesday from Dr. Roy M. Brown, Technical Supervisor of the R. F. C. in Raleigh. Mr. Allen said yesterday that he did not expect the curtailment suggested by Dr. Brown to go into effect before April 12th or 15th and that the foremen would receive definite instructions in writing from his office as to what changes should be made and when. However, he sent a copy of Dr. Brown's letter to the foremen throughout the county with the request that they assemble the men under them and read and explain Dr. Brown's letter to them. He has also requested that publicity be given by this paper to Dr. Brown's letter which reads as follows:

"The problem of primary importance immediately confronting us is our Farm and Garden Program. In my opinion the effectiveness of relief work in any county for the next six months may be pretty accurately measured by the success or failure of this program. Success means that every farm relief family, whether tenant or owner, SHALL PRODUCE ENOUGH FOOD FOR A FULL YEAR'S CONSUMPTION.

"In order to stress the importance of this program, you are directed to notify every farm family on relief that so far as they are concerned all work projects will be suspended after the eighth of April. This should apply also to village dwellers who can possibly make arrangements for land to cultivate.

"It will be necessary, of course, to give direct aid to some of these families pending their making arrangements for land to cultivate. They should understand, however, that the new arrangement for aid while they are bending their energies toward planting and cultivating a farm and garden food crop sufficient to care for them for a year, depends upon their finding a way thus to aid themselves.

"A careful survey should be made of those persons engaged in the necessary maintenance of highways in order that whenever possible farmers may be replaced by non-farm laborers and the highway maintenance work not crippled."

Beaufort Taxpayers Receive Reductions

The bill allowing certain discount in the principal of delinquent taxes in the town of Beaufort was finally ratified a few days ago by the General Assembly. This bill has the exact same wording as the one ratified about ten days ago concerning the County of Carteret and the Town of Morehead City, with the exception that the Town of Beaufort is substituted for the former names.

During the remainder of this year the taxpayers of the town of Beaufort will be relieved of the payment of all penalties and interest on all delinquent taxes paid; that is, those for 1931 and prior years. In addition to this, a reduction of four per cent off the face value of the certificates will be allowed during the month of April. This percentage reduction off the face value will be reduced one half of one per cent per month until no reduction from the face value will be allowed after the thirtieth of November.

Other than the penalties and interest accruing, no reduction will be allowed on delinquent taxes paid during December. Beginning January 1, 1934, the delinquent taxes will be collected according to the laws then existing. For further information concerning the allowances and discounts relevant to the payment of delinquent taxes in the Town of Beaufort, the Beaufort News refers its readers to T. M. Thomas, Jr., clerk of the Town of Beaufort.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Fannie E. May to Daisy R. Hatsell, 1 lot Ocean View Cemetery, for \$10.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

Edgar Weaver, drunkenness, given five days.
Alonzo Fulford, colored, drunkenness, given five days.

MYSTERY SHROUDS DEATH OF MAN WEDNESDAY

Discover Willie Best Dead on Highway At Mansfield

Willie Best was found dead on the south shoulder of the highway near Mansfield about six o'clock yesterday morning by the driver of the News and Observer delivery truck. He informed the officials of this and Sheriff Elbert M. Chadwick and Coroner George W. Dill went out there about six thirty and made an investigation. It was found that the man may have been dead between two and three hours when they arrived. He was on the south shoulder about two and a half feet from the hard surfaced road with his head in an eastward direction. His car was in the ditch headed westward. It is said that when the accident happened the car was being driven toward the east. The car had evidently rolled sideways into the ditch and in so doing had thrown the driver out. When Mr. Best was catapulted from the vehicle, his head struck the hardsurfaced road and traces of hair here and there on the road could be seen by the coroner.

The dead man's head was punctured in three places—each was sufficient to cause death, it was said. There was a puncture over both eyes and one under the left eye. When he was examined it was said that a goodly portion of the blood from his body had flown out on the shoulder. It is said that the dead man purchased two gallons of gasoline from his brother, Offie Best, who runs the Lone Pine Filling Station. This transaction was said to have taken place about 1:30 Wednesday morning. Willie Best told his brother he was going to his mother's home about two miles up the highway. Coroner Dill stated, and this was the last time he was seen alive from what has so far been disclosed.

Although the accident occurred near the homes of two colored families at Mansfield, no one seems to know anything about what caused it. Developments of a newsy nature are looked forward to within the next few days, but so far no developments have taken place. Owing to the seeming absence of witnesses or others that may know anything about the accident, no coroner's jury was held. Coroner Dill told a News reporter, but if anything develops a jury will be sworn in and the matter gone into thoroughly. No foul play entered into the accident, believes Coroner Dill.

For the past several days the wife of the dead man has been critically ill in Morehead City, Three children, one of which is an infant, survive Mr. Best. Funeral services were conducted from the late home between Wildwood and Mansfield this afternoon at three o'clock and interment was in the Wildwood cemetery.

Commissioners Give Oil Company Permit

All members of the board and the mayor were present at the regular monthly meeting of the town board of commissioners Monday evening in the Town Hall. Commissioner Parkin offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glover to adopt a resolution inviting the Sinclair Oil Company to build an oil storage and filling station on the lands located on Front Street to be leased from: W. A. Mace. Unanimously carried.

ECONOMY MEASURE CUTS VETERANS DRASTICALLY

\$400,000,000 Will Be Annual Saving From Veteran Pensions

Washington, April 1.—In the most sweeping economy move in the history of American government, President Roosevelt decreed late today an annual saving of \$400,000,000 in veteran expenditures.

Effective July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year, the order was made possible by the drastic law authorizing the President to pare deeply into payments to veterans, their widows and dependents, and to cut federal salaries. The salary slash was ordered earlier in the week.

In issuing the diminished schedules of allowances, the President in a statement said "I do not want any veteran to feel that he and his comrades are being singled out to make sacrifices."

"On the contrary," he added. "I want them to know that the regulations issued are but an integral part of our economy program embracing every department and agency of the government to which every employe is making his or her contribution.

All Are Sharing

"I ask them to appreciate that not only does their welfare but also the welfare of every American citizen, depend upon the maintenance of the credit of the government and that they also bear in mind that every

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Francis Beer Bill Became Law Wednesday Allows Sale of Beverage May 1st.

Beer Bill Author



SENATOR ROY FRANCIS.

The attention of both wets and dries in North Carolina have been focused upon Senator Roy Francis since his bill legalizing the sale of 3.2 per cent beer was started on its eventful journey through the legislative mill during the past ten days. This Haywood County lawmaker stands high in the opinion of his colleagues and is considered one of the ablest men in the Senate. The Francis Beer Bill has brought him forcefully before the people of the entire state.

Although his beer bill has been one of his chief passions, Senator Francis is prouder yet of his successful efforts to have constructed a modern highway from Dellwood to Soco Gap, an eight-mile stretch in Haywood county leading into the primeval woodland of the Great Smokies National Park.

Construction of the road will begin April, and it will be this State's main entrance into the park. It was made possible through Senator Francis' amendment to the bill eliminating highway construction in North Carolina during the next two years.

His pet avocation is boosting Haywood county, where he has spent his life.

Senator Francis is personally a dry, a Baptist, an active member of the American Legion, and a member of the Junior Order and Knights of Pythias. He has been practicing law in Waynesville since 1922, when he was graduated from the University of North Carolina.

COMPLETING HUT

Bishop Makes Annual St. Paul's Visitation

The Right Reverend Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina, made his annual visitation to St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday morning, the subject of his sermon was "Be Not Weary in Well Doing." The service was well attended. Exceptionally good music was furnished by the full choir.

Bishop Darst administered the rite of confirmation to a class of thirteen, followed by the sacrament of holy communion received by a large number of communicants, perhaps the largest in the recent history of the church.

Completing Hut

The log hut that has been under construction for some months on Turner Street by the Carteret Post 99 of the American Legion is now nearing completion. The space between the logs has been filled and the finishing of the inside is being rushed now.

A benefit dance will be given by the Legionnaires at the hut Easter Monday evening. This will be the first time the hut will have been used for dancing or any other form of entertainment. About two weeks ago a Legion meeting was held there, but that was even before the outer walls were completed.

Charles Baxter and his Moaning Low Boys will furnish the music for the Easter Monday evening dance.

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LIGHT WINES ARE INCLUDED ALSO IN BILL

RALEIGH, April 4.—Beer today was legalized in North Carolina effective May 1.

The house passed the Francis bill on final reading after making minor changes in the measure and the senate concurred in all the amendments.

Senator Francis, introducer of the act legalizing sale of alcoholic beverages in the state for the first time since 1908, asked adoption of all the house changes. This was done without discussion.

The mere formality of ratification kept the bill from being a law of the state.

Ratification is a ceremony and nothing more. The speaker of the house and lieutenant governor sign the bill, which neither can refuse to do, and it is law. The governor of North Carolina has no veto power. The bill will probably be ratified tonight or tomorrow. The house vote on final reading was 75 to 27, not including pairs.

As amended the bill legalizes the sale of beers and wines of 3.2 per cent alcoholic content May 1. The principal house change in the measure provided that no alcoholic beverages may be sold to a minor under 18 years of age, instead of under 16 as the senate had voted.

Provision that the beverages may be advertised on bill boards as well as in newspapers and by radio stations was made in an amendment adopted when offered by Representative Murphy of Rowan.

Representative Martin of Buncombe sought to have the bill changed so as to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday but was voted down.

A clarifying to provide that all local and private laws conflicting with the terms of the beer act be repealed, was adopted on motion of Representative Boyd of Mecklenburg.

There was practically no debate on the measure this morning, introducers of the amendments merely explaining what they provided.

STATE BEER BILL FORMALLY RATIFIED

Raleigh, April 5.—The Francis beer legalization proposal formally became a law of North Carolina today.

The speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor, presiding officers of the branches of the legislature, signed the bill to permit the sale and taxation of 3.2 per cent beers and wines in North Carolina after midnight April 30 for the first time since 1908.