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## DOINGS IN RALEIGH SINCE LAW-MAKERS QUIT

### New Chief Justice Supreme Court--Governor Issues Statement On Deficit--Order Made In Regard to State Highway Cars--Other Happenings Of Interest.

(By M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 23.—The legislative rush in Raleigh was succeeded last week by events of a nature as important as the acts of the General Assembly and was featured particularly by the reorganization of the Supreme Court, the official announcement from Governor McLean relating to the State deficit, the beginning of bus control by the State and the handling of several matters, chiefly from the Governor's office, dealing with enforcement of laws enacted at the recent session of the legislature.

The most important event of the week was the resignation of Chief Justice W. A. Hoke, of the Supreme Court, and the appointment by the Governor of Associate Justice W. P. Stacy to succeed him. To fill the vacancy created by the Stacy elevation, Governor McLean named former State Senator Lycurgus R. Varner, of Lumberton. The new associate Justice was Mr. McLean's law partner prior to the time the latter became Governor. During the recent session of the General Assembly Mr. Varner had headquarters at the Executive Mansion and has been one of the Governor's chief advisers on legislative matters. He is recognized as an able lawyer and it is believed will make a valuable addition to the high tribunal to which he has been elevated.

Chief Justice Hoke resigned because of ill health and after having devoted more than thirty years of distinguished service to the State, most of these having been spent on the bench. The new Chief Justice, Mr. Stacy, achieves with his elevation the distinction of being the youngest chief justice in American history, besides, attained to the highest judicial position within the gift of the people of North Carolina at the age of forty, after fifteen years of actual law practice. In 1909, Mr. W. P. Stacy was principal of a Raleigh public school. In 1925, it is Chief Justice W. P. Stacy presiding over the highest tribunal maintained in the State, after four years as an associate on the bench during which time he fully demonstrated his capability as a judge and became recognized as probably one of the most capable members of the Supreme Court. It is little wonder now that the call from the State University for his services a short while ago did not appeal to him. Time has shown the wisdom exercised in remaining on the bench.

Governor McLean "started the natives" on Friday with a statement showing the deficit of the State, under his system of "cash" financing, to be \$19,251,335.57 as of February 28, 1925, and its bonded indebtedness \$112,868,000 on the same date. The figures show an increase in the deficit, since last July, of approximately three and a half millions and an operating deficit for the month of February of more than \$200,000. It is recognized, however, that the deficit will be reduced when figures of revenue collections, from March 1, to June 30, the close of the fiscal year, are taken into consideration, as this is the period for the heaviest collections of revenue to take place.

The Attorney General's office is being re-organized under the recent law passed giving that official three full-time assistants at \$3,000 a year. The present assistant, Frank Nash, has been re-appointed and will continue in the office of Attorney General Brummitt. Walter L. Cohoon will continue with the State Highway Commission as another of the assistants and still another is to be assigned to the Department of Revenue. Mr. Cohoon will receive \$2,000 instead of a little more than \$1,900 which has been paid him the past few years.

The Governor also took a step the past week toward reducing the running expenses of the State when he issued his first order as director of the Budget requesting that all state-owned autos be repaired in the shops of the State Highway Commission, that all parts be purchased through the Commission's organized auto de-

partment, thus eliminating the middle-man profits on parts and repairs for State cars.

Most of the news of the week developed in the Governor's office, but not all of it. From the corporation commission came the announcement that it probably would not appoint a director of bus transportation, as allowed in the newly passed law, giving the commission control of the bus lines of the State with regulatory powers. The chairman of the commission, W. T. Lee, said the present office force probably would be redistributed so that the matter would be handled without additional expense for executives. Bus control became effective Sunday, March 22, and at the same time the commission issued regulations regarding licenses and operation under which the bus lines will operate.

The State Prison furnished its share of the news with the meeting of the old and new boards of directors and the fire and criticism directed at George Ross Poir, its superintendent, because of the fact it was discovered the superintendent of the prison and some of the subordinate officials had been charging items for their homes to the prison at various Raleigh stores. Publication of the lists of the bills containing items of rouge and other cosmetics aroused wide-spread comment as well as various materials from cloth supply stores for grades of cloth which it is claimed do not get. Superintendent Poir weathered the storm temporarily however when the retiring prison board issued a statement "exonerating him" and recommending the re-election of the Superintendent and other officials.

The new board met, also, but the advice of the old board was not followed. Instead, the new organization postponed action on the election of a superintendent, warden, chief clerk and physician until the first week in April. There was no indication whether this postponement was to canvass the situation more thoroughly and select a successor to Mr. Poir, but it was vaguely hinted about the capital that this might be the case. The close-mouthed chief executive, Mr. McLean, who is expected to have a great deal to say about the matter of the prison officials, has had nothing to say on the subject and merely reiterated that he has given the matter no consideration and has made no recommendation to the prison board. The opinion prevails that while this is not a repudiation of Mr. Poir it cannot be considered an endorsement.

Gaston Borglum, Stone Mountain's deposed sculptor, submitted to Governor McLean a plan that he re-erect models for the confederate memorial and place them in the charge of a committee headed by the Governor until such time as the United Daughters of the Confederacy form a national organization to take over the Memorial from the Stone Mountain Monumental Association and complete it. The plan is to get rid of the dissenting factors and to take away from the city of Atlanta the practical domination which it now exercises by control of the Executive committee. Governor McLean lauded Mr. Borglum's motives, but withheld acceptance of the plan until he could give it deep consideration.

The chances are that the North Carolina Executive will decline to become involved in the controversy, although deeply interested in seeing this mammoth undertaking prosecuted to a successful conclusion.

## Modern Recipe

Take one reckless, natural-born fool; two or three drinks of bad liquor; a high-powered, fast motor car. Soak fool in liquor, place in car and let go. After due time, remove from wreckage, place in black, satin-lined box and garnish with flowers.—The Uplift.

If ever Christian nations adopt Christianity, they can cut expenses about 80 per cent.—Bridgeport Star.

## ASHBURN QUILTS AS DRY SLEUTH

### Former Sheriff of Surry Hands In Resignation Saturday—He Indicted Blair—Says That the High Officers "Winked" At Selling.

Elkin, March 23.—Information has reached here that former Sheriff Arthur Ashburn, of Surry county, last Saturday turned in his resignation as a member of the federal prohibition forces. Ex-Sheriff Ashburn gave testimony in the case of a ship run runner in Norfolk some time ago to the effect that Commissioner Blair and other high up republican officials "winked" at liquor selling in the national capital upon a certain occasion. At the time Ex-Sheriff Ashburn gave his testimony papers all over the country carried his story word for word. It got to the Washington officials and probably made them "hot under the collar." Last Saturday it is said Ex-Sheriff Ashburn appeared in Salisbury and turned in his resignation. Whether or not it had been asked for was not learned here today.

## News and Personals From King, N. C.

King, March 23. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Westwood, of Shooks, were among the visitors here Sunday.

The Red Goose ball team defeated the Paroid team in a game here Saturday on the Red Goose diamond. The score stood fourteen and thirteen.

Mr. O. L. Pulliam, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. W. C. Stewart, aged forty years, died at her home near Tobaccoville Saturday after a short illness with pneumonia. The interment was conducted from Macedonia church yesterday at eleven o'clock A. M.

Mr. Clyde Moore, of Mount Airy, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. Grady Pulliam, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pulliam, who reside on West Main Street.

The Monaxian circle will have an auction sale of dresses, hats, shoes, etc., donated by the merchants of King and Winston-Salem, in the afternoon of Saturday before Easter. Miss Crystal Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Caudle in Walnut Hills.

Mr. Claud Stone, of Pinnacle R. F. D. No. 2, and Miss Alverta Pulliam, of King, were quietly married yesterday. Rev. Henry Mickey officiated.

Messrs. J. Thomas Burge and John Burge are visiting their brother in Georgia this week. They made the trip in an automobile.

The Perch nine defeated the All Stars of King in a game of ball here Saturday. The score stood sixteen and fifteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt White, of Winston-Salem, spent the day Sunday with relatives here.

Rev. Paul Herman Newsom preached to a large congregation at Brim's Grove church Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Hooper, of Winston-Salem, is among the business visitors here today.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobs, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Beasley in Walnut Hills.

Work on Mr. Chas. Carroll's new home on West Main Street is being pushed along at a rapid rate.

Mr. Ernest Hendrix made a business trip to Winston-Salem today.

However, the aircraft probe has disclosed no shortage of air.—Dallas Journal.

## To Beautify Cemetery At Brim's Grove

Brim's Grove, March 21.—Brim's Grove organized Sunday School last Sunday with Mr. E. R. Sams superintendent.

Rev. Paul Herman Newsom, of King, preached a very interesting sermon at Brim's Grove Sunday.

It is requested that the people of the community meet at Brim's Grove on Friday, April 3, 1925, to beautify the cemetery. Everybody is invited to come and take part, and especially those that have relatives buried there.

## M'LEAN ACTS TO MARK STATE CARS

### Distinctive Letters On Doors Of Autos Recommended By Governor—Seeks To End Waste.

Raleigh, March 17.—The first official act of Governor A. W. McLean as director of the budget, an office created by the general assembly of 1925, was in the form of a request today to the heads of the various departments and institutions of the state government, asking that all state-owned automobiles be plainly marked with the name of the department and the letters "N. C." and that all supplies purchased and repairs necessary for such automobiles be made at the central shops of the state highway commission at Raleigh, or at one of the nine district depots of the commission.

## COUNTIES SHARE IN SCHOOL FUND

### State Lends Its Credit To the Counties For Educational Purposes.

Raleigh, March 21.—Ninety-six of the 100 counties have shared in the \$10,000,000 school loan fund, provided by the state to aid in the erection of new school buildings in rural communities. The amounts of the loans run from \$8,000 in Tyrrell county to \$365,000 in Guilford.

Under the plan by which the loan fund operates, the state lends its credit to the counties, issuing bonds at 4.5 per cent and thereby supplying money which would cost the counties probably five per cent or more. The 19 millions now out on long-term loans to the counties, was provided by the 1921 and 1923 legislature, each session authorizing a bond issue of \$5,000,000 for that purpose. The 1925 session made a similar authorization, but no loans will be available under it until after January 1, 1926.

The amount of loans made to the counties under the issues outstanding follows:

- Alamance, \$119,000; Alexander, \$75,000; Alleghany, \$28,700; Anson, \$110,000; Ashe, \$1,000; Avery, \$79,000;
  - Beaufort, \$79,000; Bertie, \$57,500; Bladen, \$81,500; Brunswick, \$18,000; Buncombe, \$183,000; Burke, \$89,000;
  - Cabarrus, \$119,000; Caldwell, \$110,000; Camden, \$15,000; Carteret, \$38,500; Caswell, \$60,000; Catawba, \$149,000; Chatham, \$17,000; Cherokee, \$67,000; Clay, \$36,000; Cleveland, \$142,000; Columbus, \$48,000; Craven, \$175,000; Cumberland, \$121,000; Currituck, \$60,000;
  - Dare, \$12,500; Davidson, \$121,300; Davie, \$104,000; Duplin, \$121,000; Durham, \$149,000;
  - Edgecombe, \$157,000; Forsyth, \$209,000; Franklin, \$156,000;
  - Gaston, \$208,000; Gates, \$60,000; Granville, \$165,000; Greene, \$96,000; Guilford, \$395,000;
  - Hallifax, \$194,000; Harnett, \$180,000; Haywood, \$85,000; Henderson, \$105,000; Hertford, \$14,000; Hoke, \$28,000; Hyde, \$42,000;
  - Jackson, \$96,000; Johnston, \$270,000; Jones, \$81,000;
  - Lee, \$204,000; Lenoir, \$135,000; Lincoln, \$121,000;
  - Madison, \$115,000; Martin, \$127,000; McDowell, \$54,000; Mecklenburg, \$247,000; Mitchell, \$64,000; Montgomery, \$136,000; Moore, \$65,000;
  - Nash, \$184,000; New Hanover, \$112,000; Northampton, \$49,000; Onslow, \$82,000; Orange, \$105,000;
  - Pamlico, \$85,000; Pasquotank, \$79,000; Pender, \$68,000; Perquimans, \$60,000; Person, \$94,500; Pitt, \$160,000; Polk, \$60,000;
  - Randolph, \$142,000; Richmond, \$94,000; Roberson, \$175,500; Rockingham, \$180,000; Rowan, \$178,000; Rutherford, \$125,500;
  - Sampson, \$25,000; Scotland, \$129,000; Stanly, \$123,000; Stokes, \$67,500; Surry, \$147,000; Swain, \$65,000; Transylvania, \$80,000; Tyrrell, \$8,400;
  - Union, \$88,200; Vance, \$88,900; Wake, \$213,200; Warren, \$95,000; Washington, \$50,000; Watauga, \$23,000; Wayne, \$165,000; Wilkes, \$132,000; Wilson, \$165,000;
  - Yadkin, \$33,000; Yancey, \$58,500.
- E. R. Nelson, county superintendent of roads, was in town Tuesday.

## TOBACCO CO-OPS SOON MOBILIZE

### To Hold Mass Meetings At All County Seats Saturday, April 4th.

Members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association will take the first steps in the election of their directors for 1925 on Saturday, April 4. Mass meetings of the organized tobacco farmers will be held at the Court Houses of all important tobacco growing counties in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina on that day.

At these meetings members of the Association will nominate the delegates to vote in the election of their directors for another year. Shortly after these meetings, ballots containing the names of these electoral nominees will be mailed to all members of the Association who are authorized to select half of the names on the ballots or to insert new names in accordance with the desire of each individual member. The final casting of the ballots will take place on May 9th, and each member is instructed to mail or bring his ballot to the Court House of his county seat, by noon of that day.

The directors of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association are carefully following the democratic method of election by which every member of the association is accorded the right of naming the delegates who will represent him in the election of the director from his district.

There has been much interest on the part of the organized tobacco farmers in the election of their directors in past seasons, and as they are being urged to take a very active part in choosing the governing body of the Marketing Association this year, large gatherings of the co-operating farmers are looked for next week at the County Seats of the tobacco growing area of the Carolinas and Virginia.

## N. C. INCOME TAX TOTAL INCREASED

### Grissom Reveals Addition Of \$437,551 To That Collected Last Year.

Raleigh, March 17.—Federal income tax collections in North Carolina from March 1 to March 17 totaled \$3,982,387.79, an increase of \$437,551.00 over the corresponding period of 1924, according to a statement given out tonight by Collector William Grissom. The collections in 1924, March 1, to March 17, totaled \$3,544,836.79.

In commenting on the increase Collector Grissom stated that there had been a much larger number of fully paid returns this year than last. The increased collections occasioned some surprise in the collector's office, however, as the income tax last year, and tax payers allowed to make their payments in four quarterly payments.

An increase in state income tax collections is also reported from the office of Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton. The collections for 1925, as was announced today, total \$2,561,194, as compared with \$2,519,983 for the same period in 1924. This shows an increase this year of \$41,211.

## BUS OWNERS ACT TO GET LICENSE

### Officers of Eighty-Two Lines to Present Application to Corporation Commission.

Raleigh, March 17.—The formal petitions of approximately 82 bus lines, involving about 300 busses now in operation in the state, for licenses to operate over the highways of the state, will be presented to the corporation commission this week, according to a local attorney of the North Carolina Bus Owners' association. Attorneys and bus owners will confer here tomorrow for the purpose of completing application plans.

## Shaven and Shorn

A tax on shingles is proposed. Thus reversing the quotation about tempering the wind to the shorn lamb.—The London Humorist.

## IMPROVING HOMES AT WALNUT COVE

### Several Persons Ill With Influenza—Other News and Personals Items.

Walnut Cove, March 24.—There are a number of citizens here who are making additions to their homes and adding much attractiveness to them. Geo. H. Fulton has just finished work on his while A. T. Rothrock, W. Wall and J. Zimmerman are working on theirs at present.

Miss Velma Burge is confined to her room with a severe ear rising. Dr. B. N. Jones, of Winston, is giving her treatment.

Miss Dollie Fulton, who is teaching at Burlington, was at home for the week-end.

Mrs. Harry Sanders, of Asheville, was the guest of Mrs. R. A. Hodgecock Friday.

Mr. E. G. Gilmer, of the venerable plant here, is ill at a Winston-Salem hospital.

Mrs. John Burton is recovering from a case of grippe.

Miss Myrtle Burge, of the Walnut Cove Drug Co., is out again after being confined to her home with influenza.

Mrs. W. D. Woodruff and small daughter, Martina Sue, of Hayes, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodruff, last week.

Mrs. Nannie V. Blackleg, of Lansing, Mich., was a recent guest of Mrs. S. C. Rierson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Matthews spent the week-end at Stoneville with relatives.

Mr. J. S. Davis, a civil engineer, who has been surveying on the road from this place to Yadkinville, has been transferred to Yadkinville.

Mrs. Anne Fulton Carter and little daughter, Anne Hollingsworth, of Mt. Airy, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn, of Winston-Salem, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vaughn Sunday.

Mrs. Eugene Dodson returned today from a visit to her father, who has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Snow, of Elkin, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. George Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rierson, Jr., and Miss Estelle Rierson, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end here with their parents.

## NEARLY \$80,000,000 FROM GASOLINE

### Practically Entire Revenue From This Source Collected Last Year Went Into Road Building.

Washington, March 21.—Motorists in 35 states and the District of Columbia last year paid \$79,734,490 in gasoline taxes, of which sum \$48,714,233 was used in state road maintenance and construction. Much of the remainder collected was turned over to county and local roads funds.

The department of agriculture is announcing these figures tonight, estimated that only half of the motorists in the country contributed to the fund, although all but 13 states levied a gasoline tax. The average amount paid annually where the tax was imposed was \$10.30 per vehicle.

California, with a 2 cent tax, collected \$14,693,222, of which \$5,966,411 was applied to state roads. Pennsylvania collected \$9,082,541, the second largest sum, with a 2 cent levy, but the department had no record of what part of it was used for highways. Wyoming's one cent tax brought only \$200,310, all of it being used for roads. The state has increased the tax to 2 1-2 cents per gallon.

Arkansas' 4 cent tax, the largest of all states, brought the state \$2,768,535, of which \$2,268,535 was applied to road work.

## Court Clothes

"I want you to make the outfit for my trial."

"Let me see," mused the experienced modiste. "You'll want a direct testimony suit, a cross-examination gown, and something dainty and clinging to faint in."—Hoywood Advertiser.

You can't dodge puzzles. If you don't care for cross-words, there are the parking ordinances.—Key West Citizen.