

STOKES PROF. MEN POORLY PAID

Doctors, Lawyers and Dentists Here Pay Less Tax But That Isn't Much Help.

Raleigh, Oct. 6. — Stokes county has a total of 5 lawyers, 3 of whom receive less than \$1,000 a year for their professional services; 11 doctors, of whom 6 receive less than that amount, and 2 dentists, of whom 1 is living on less than \$1,000 a year, according to their individual statements, made to representatives of and recorded in the Department of Revenue. The professional man who received less than \$1,000 a year for his services the year before, which, of course, includes those just beginning to practice, have to pay only one-half of the \$25 license fee imposed on those making more than that amount.

Figures compiled in the Revenue Department show that slightly less than one lawyer out of three, 30.75 per cent, or 638 out of the 2075 paying the license fee to practice, made less than \$1,000. Doctors fared better, only one out of 15, or 13.4 per cent or 268 out of the 2,000 paying the fee were entitled to the half rate. Dentists almost reached the lawyer class in compensation for their services, out of five, 20.05 per cent, or 137 of the 684 listed as paying, received less than \$1,000 a year.

The N. C. Year Book lists 2266 lawyers, the State collecting fees from 2075; it lists

2049 doctors, the State getting fees from even 2000, and lists 732 dentists, 684 paying license fees. In some cases, of course, the men are inactive, teaching or engaged in other activities.

The State Highway Commission at its meeting here this week, Thursday, will consider the recommendations of State Engineer John D. Waldrop for the distribution of the \$500,000 highway equalizing fund and the roads on which this fund is to be used, all of which roads are subject to Federal Aid. The result will be that these highways, construction work on which will amount to about a million dollars, will be included in a letting this fall.

The Commission will also act upon the low bids of \$624,077.70 submitted last week on 10 highway projects. Three of which are for widening 16-foot highways to 20 feet. All of the 10 projects except one are Federal Aid jobs, the commission seeking to utilize all available Federal Aid funds with the money it has on hand to match this aid.

One hundred or more miles is expected to be added to the State Highway System at this week's meeting, carrying the system's mileage above the 9,000 mark. The system now embraces 8,991.3 miles.

The county road systems of 96 of the 100 counties, Brunswick, Catawba, Columbus and Gaston being absent, embrace a total of 62,202 miles. Chairman R. A. Doughton, of the

State commission, has found from a survey, coming as a result of the movement to have the State take over all the county systems.

While the State's outstanding bonded indebtedness for highways is now \$107,399,600, plus \$3,250,000 in bond anticipation notes, the 96 counties have a total bonded highway indebtedness of \$86,612,280, or a total highway indebtedness of State and counties of \$200,000,000, assuming that the four missing counties have bonds of about \$2,750,000.

North Carolina's general fund collections for September just passed were \$630,278.98, as compared with \$693,351.96 for September 1929, while collections for the three months of the present fiscal year totaled \$3,083,821, as compared with \$3,162,972.72 for the same three months of the past fiscal year, the report of A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, shows. A decrease was also shown in the automatic tax collections, which amounted to \$1,213,428.65 last month and for September 1929, totaled

\$1,315,641.49. Collections for the first three months of this fiscal year were \$3,537,649.79, and for the same period last year were \$3,825,571.47. Automobile license plates for 1930 sold to September 30, brought in \$6,640,725.57, while 1929 plates in that period brought in \$6,760,712.25.

Tents are being ordered daily by wire to provide shelter for the unusually large exhibits of livestock, and agricultural exhibits are being turned down for lack of space to display them at the North Carolina State Fair, October 15-18. Manager T. B. Smith stated today. The premiums this year are valued at more than \$25,000 and exhibits are in 20 departments, each in charge of an expert from State College. The dog show is expected to have between 150 and 300 entries, while the pet show, a new attraction, is creating much interest.

The amusement program includes free acts which cost in excess of \$10,000, including the nightly presentation of "Sensations of 1930, a musical

comedy revue with 32 characters. Eight other free acts, including Wirth and Hamid, will be presented with music by Cervonne's band. The Melville-Reiss shows, with a 40-car outfit, including 17 shows and 10 rides, will be on the midway. Already 132 horses are entered in the daily races, with purses of \$6,600. The baby show, a new feature, is attracting attention.

J. Walter Lambeth, Thomasville, manufacturer and former State Senator, was named as candidate for the full two-year

term as Congressman in the Seventh District, and Hinton James, Laurinburg banker, for the unexpired term of the late W. C. Hammer. Mrs. Hammer was nominated by the Democratic District Committee for the unexpired term Friday, but declined the nomination. Colin G. Spencer, Carthage, Republican nominee for the full term, was named as a candidate for the unexpired term.

Frank W. Hancock, Jr., Oxford, nominee for the full term in the Fifth District, was also

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