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STATE AND NATION

Political Birdseye Views Of The Two Capitol Hills—What The Law-Makers Are Doing For The Good Of The Country.

S. Gilmer Sparger, of Danbury and Fred Folger, of Mount Airy, arrived safely in Raleigh Monday—so a telephone message tells us—and are on the job of helping to save the State.

Sparger, as you recall, is representative in the lower house from Stokes, while Folger is Senator representing this county and Surry in the upper house.

Our friends attended the Democratic caucuses Tuesday night at which Robert Grady Johnson of Pender county was elected Speaker of the House, and Paul D. Grady of Johnson county was named as president pro tem of the Senate.

The General Assembly convened at high noon Wednesday for what will perhaps be one of the most important sessions in the history of the State.

The most reliable data the Reporter can get points to the reenactment of the general sales tax, but without exemptions and the increase of pay for school teachers.

It is moreover, reasonably certain that the surplus of the State Highway Commission will not be diverted to other purposes.

Where the needed money is to come from is in doubt, but one legislator said by eliminating the exemptions from the sales tax and by paying for better business.

The sales tax has helped so tremendously to enable the State to balance its budget, and to have good money left in the treasury after the experience of the depression when State bonds were below par and the credit of the State was in jeopardy. This argument insures the permanence of the sales tax.

It will be several days yet before the body gets down to serious business.

AT WASHINGTON

Big things are happening in congress. The President has sent in his budget message in which he asks for 800 more million dollars for relief until his giant public works, social insurance, and other programs get into full swing. Congress will give Mr. Roosevelt the money, and there will be no suffering among the unemployed this winter and spring.

The President recommended in his message the appropriation of several hundred million dollars with which to bring the navy up to treaty stipulations. This will put America in first class position for defense in case of war.

Unemployment and old age insurance are also favored and recommended, and both these are being.

It is believed that Congress will be in session until July.

REVENUE TAX RECEIPTS INCREASE

GAIN OF 42 PER CENT. IN FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 REPORTED BY TREASURY — TOBACCO LARGE PART.

Washington, Jan. 8.—A most welcome increase of 42 per cent. in internal revenue taxes collected by the government in the fiscal year ended last June 30, was announced at the treasury today.

Collections amounted to \$2,300,816,308, a gain of \$680,977,081, or 42 per cent. over the fiscal year 1933. This was exclusive of agricultural adjustment taxes, which totaled \$371,422,885.64 during the year. The gain in general revenue reflected additional levies and increases in collections on old ones.

Nearly 20 per cent. of the government's tax revenues during the fiscal year ended June 30, last, was derived from tobacco, levies on which returned a total of \$425,168,897, it was disclosed today by the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue.

Tobacco tax receipts, the commissioner revealed, increased \$22,429,838, or 5.57 per cent. over the collections for the previous year.

An increase of 6.47 per cent. in the consumption of small cigarettes was responsible for the greater part of the increased revenue, the cigarette tax returning \$349,661,945, a gain of \$21,243,532 over the fiscal year 1933, the report showed. More than 82 per cent. of all tobacco tax revenues were derived from this one levy.

Increases were also reported in collections of other tobacco taxes, receipts from the levy on large cigars increasing by \$328,330 large cigarettes by \$616,229, and snuff by \$383,191. The only decrease were \$151,711 in receipts from manufactured tobacco and \$712 from small cigars.

North Carolina, with 2.57 per cent. of the country's population paid 9.74 per cent. of all taxes collected by the federal government during the fiscal year ended June 30, last, it was reported today by the commissioner of internal revenue.

Total collections in the state of \$260,405,991 represented, on the basis of the 1930 population of 3,170,276, a per capita payment of more than \$80 and comprised nearly 10 per cent. of the national collection of \$2,672,293,194, the report showed.

Residents of the state paid \$12,957,991 in income tax during the fiscal year, which represented 1.59 per cent. of the national total of \$817,025,339, but the collection of \$217,674,867 in miscellaneous taxes, approximately half of which was represented by the levies on tobacco, brought total internal revenue tax collections to \$230,632,858, which was 10.02 per cent. of the country's total of \$2,300,816,309.

In addition, there was collected in the state \$29,773,133 under the agricultural adjustment taxes,

(An Editorial.)

ELKIN TO LEAKSVILLE THROUGH STOKES —A LOGICAL, PRACTICABLE HIGHWAY

The State Highway Commission has a surplus on hand of 10 or 12 millions, due to its "depression" policy of close economy, and the consequent practical cessation of highway construction.

For two or three years federal aid to North Carolina road-building has been withheld, as it has also been withheld from other States. This policy of the government also proceeded from governmental economy in order to divert funds to immediate relief of unemployment. Now we learn that the federal aid to States is to be resumed, and North Carolina will at an early date receive several million dollars to augment our home appropriation for highway building.

Now is the time for citizens of Stokes, co-operating with Pilot Mountain, Surry county, and Stoneville, Rockingham county, to get busy to secure the extension of hardsurface highway No. 268 from Pilot Mountain through the heart of Stokes and intersecting with the Winston-Salem-Martinsville hardsurface at Stoneville.

This is decidedly the most important, logical and practicable road on the map of prospective highways for this county. Its tentative route has long been agitated before the State Highway Commission, and it has been very favorably considered by the late lamented chairman, Mr. Jeffress, and had his tacit endorsement.

The advantages of this highway cannot be overestimated to Stokes county. Tapping the western rim of the county at Pilot Mt., it comes directly eastward, touching the Rock House, a point of great historic and sentimental interest. Crossing No. 661, State hardsurface highway near Reynolds school, it will go directly by Vade Mecum (where there is a promise of \$100,000 endowment with a good road), directly by Moore's Springs, Cascade and connect with No. 89 hardsurface at Piedmont Springs.

From Danbury the logical route would cross the Dan, touch Hartman's, Sheppard's Mill and cross the Pine Hall-Sandy Ridge highway, turning at a point a mile east of Sandy Ridge directly to Stoneville.

From Stoneville there is already a fine hardsurface turnpike to Leaksville.

Pilot Mt., Sandy Ridge and Stoneville can well afford to join Danbury and other Stokes county communities in pulling for the early construction of the road. It would be a great builder for Pilot and Stoneville, while the citizens of the Sandy Ridge section embracing a wide area of the county would find themselves in quick and easy access to the railroad and a tobacco market.

Possibly the greatest advantage to the county as a whole would be the development of that section between Pilot Mt. and Piedmont Springs, hitherto without decent communication with its county seat or the markets.

The section lying between Nos. 661 and 89 highways is a fine country and of unsurpassed scenic beauty, rich in mineral waters, timber and agricultural resources.

Stokes has fared badly at the hands of the State Highway Commission, and has not shared liberally in the advantages of hard surface mileage as have its neighbor counties. Now that the Commission must soon revive its programs of highway construction, let our people be prepared and determined to demand their rights.

Toby Booth In Winston Hospital

Toby L. Booth, county game warden, was carried to the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem Saturday, suffering with blood poisoning due to a slight injury to his right hand.

He is reported as improving now.

representing 8.02 per cent. of all collections of \$371,422,885, it was stated.

Methodist Church

Services next Sunday as follows:

Davis Chapel 11 A. M.

Danbury 7:30 P. M.

Let us start the new year off right by going to church.

Reports from local flour mills in Union County indicate that more than 2½ times as much flour has been ground from home-grown wheat as compared with previous years.

HANCOCK AND WARREN ALERT

THESE CONGRESSMEN URGE ANOTHER CROP PRODUCTION LOAN TO ASSIST THE SMALL FARMER—ASK FOR \$50,000,000.

Representative Frank Hancock and Representative Lindsay Warren Wednesday conferred with farm credit administration officials, and urged another crop production loan. Following this conference the opinion was expressed that the farm credit administration would favor a bill calling for a \$40,000,000 appropriation with a limitation of \$250 to each borrower. The interest rate will be 5 per cent., but the administration will ask that the farmers pay an inspection fee of \$2.00.

Mr. Hancock said that it was absolutely necessary to continue the crop production loans, as the small farmer could not get any benefit from the production credit associations.

"To ask him to buy stock in a corporation equivalent to 5 per cent. of his loan is out of the question," Mr. Hancock said. "The production credit associations are good for the landowners and big farmers, but we must continue the crop production loans to take care of the small tenant farmer."

Salmagundi Circle

The Salmagundi Circle met Friday night with Mrs. Jessie P. Christian. Members present were as follows: Mrs. Thurman Martin, Mrs. Odell Palmer, Mrs. N. E. Pepper, Mrs. N. E. Wall, Mrs. Lydia Martin, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. J. R. Lenke.

HIT-AND-RUN DEATH NEAR COVE

TERRY SMITH'S SON

Killed By Unknown Auto Driver Who Sped On—Affair Happened Two Miles North Of Walnut Cove On Madison Highway—Burial Of Smith Tuesday At Piney Grove.

Sparger Smith, 25 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smith, was instantly killed by a hit-and-run driver two miles north of Walnut Cove on the Madison highway Sunday night.

The young man was walking on the highway when he was struck by the passing car. Witnesses saw the automobile stop, back up to the prostrate body, and then speed away. Officers searching for a clue as to the driver of the death car have not yet been successful.

Young Smith was buried near the old home of his parents at Piney Grove, above Danbury, Tuesday.

Dr. J. L. Hanes and Thos. Preston, of Pine Hall, visited Danbury Monday.

AT WALNUT COVE JANUARY 30

PRESIDENT'S BALL

Program Of Dancing, Entertainment And Refreshments Being Formulated—Tickets Will Sell At \$1.00, And Proceeds Will Go To Charitable Purpose.

For the benefit of President Roosevelt's hospital in Warm Springs, Ga., for crippled and paralysis stricken children the entire country is putting on an entertainment and ball on the night of January 30, the president's birthday. These functions will take place simultaneously in the various cities and counties of the nation as a tribute to President Roosevelt and the institution which he established for the treatment and cure of infantile paralysis. Thirty per cent of the proceeds go to this institution and the remainder goes to charitable causes in the various communities. Last year the hospital realized one million dollars from this program.

A committee composed of many of the leading men and women of Stokes county are now busily engaged in formulating plans for carrying forward this program by arranging for a dance and entertainment at the school gymnasium at Walnut Cove on Wednesday night January 30 from eight to one o'clock. One of the best orchestras obtainable has been secured for the occasion and in addition to the fox trot, waltz and other modern steps the old fashioned and stately Paul Jones and the well known and popular Virginia reel and breakdown as well as folk dances and clogs will be participated in. Several of the schools of the county are expected to contest in the various marches and drills and a general good time is anticipated. The refreshment committee is busily engaged in arriving at a formula in keeping with the occasion.

The ticket sales committee are to begin soliciting patronage this week. The tickets will sell for \$1.00 and this will admit a couple. All of the net proceeds will be used for charitable purposes. It is hoped to make the President's Birthday Party an event in keeping with the spirit which prompted the establishment of an institution close to the heart of Mr. Roosevelt.

Sparger Is Made Chairman Of Important Committee

S. Gilmer Sparger, of Stokes, was Wednesday appointed to the chairmanship of the committee on privileges and elections in the House at Raleigh.

A survey in Currituck county shows an average of over nine prospective consumers per mile for the rural electric lines being planned. Each consumer has promised to furnish his share of the poles needed.