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TAXES REDUCED MILLIONS; McDOWELL CUT \$70,209

Raleigh, May 30.—Tax reductions of nearly \$10,000,000, or \$9,667,186 to be exact, will result to the land-owners of North Carolina for each of the years 1931-32 and 1932-33 under the revenue bill according to a table of figures prepared by the state tax commission.

This table shows that on the assessed valuation of \$2,978,710,226 for the year 1930 in the whole state, the 100 counties had a total tax levy of \$14,135,244 for current expenses of schools. On the same assessed valuation at the proposed 15-cent tax rate the total levy will be \$4,468,058, by which it is seen that the levy for the next two years will be 9,667,186 less than in 1930.

This amount, it is pointed out, will be reflected appreciably in the tax bill of the individual taxpayer in every county in the state.

The property tax in McDowell county under the 15-cent levy on 1930 valuation will be \$30,089, a reduction of \$70,209 from last year.

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RECORD SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE

Many Measures Affecting State Pass Assembly—Attempt to Pass Racing Bills Defeated.

Raleigh, May 27.—The longest continuous session of the North Carolina General Assembly in the history of the State adjourned sine die tonight.

The session extended 141 days. The 1868-69 reconstruction assembly stretched over a period of 148 days, but took a 12-day recess for Christmas holidays—making the total length 136 days. That was the longest until this one.

A total of more than 1,150 bills were passed by the two Houses during the session.

Revenue Bill Finally Passed

The biennial revenue bill was finally enacted into law by the Senate and both Houses adopted the conference report on the \$28,706,900 biennial appropriations bill.

This paved the way for the end of the 141 day session—81 days longer than the 60 days for which the legislators are paid \$600. They received no pay for their extra time.

Some of the high spots of the 1931 North Carolina General Assembly.

Adopted the principle of the MacLean school law providing for state instead of county operation of the six months schools. As an emergency measure counties will aid State with a 15-cent ad valorem levy for two years.

Gave State supervision and control of 45,000 miles of county roads and some 4,000 convicts to be used in maintaining them.

Created an eleventh congressional district but failed to redistrict for the State senate or reappropriation for the house.

Created central purchasing agency Created personnel commission.

Consolidated North Carolina State College and North Carolina College for Women with University of North Carolina.

Provided \$400,000 for erection of a new central prison.

Created local government commission and gave it control over all local government finances.

Record Revenue Bill

Organized a new State system of bank supervision.

Enacted largest revenue bill in history, estimated to raise about \$26,000,000 annually including a 15-cent county ad valorem tax.

Enacted largest appropriations bill in history, estimated to spend about \$28,500,000 annually. All State salaries cut ten per cent.

Defeated repeated attempts to enact a sales tax.

Killed three attempts to legalize pari-mutuel betting.

Created a constitution commission to study a redrafting of the State constitution.

Appointed a committee to investigate charges of alleged bribery and corruption of senators which reported no senator was found to have violated his oath of office.

Provided postponement of sale of land for taxes until November, discretionary with county commissioners.

Provided for postponement of revaluation until 1933 but recognized revaluations already made by allowing a ten per cent "adjustment" in the discretion of the commissioners.

Reorganized the state board of agriculture, the state department of labor, the state board of health, the state parn commission and the state highway commission.

Authorized the issuance of no bonds, state or county, not previously issued or allowed. Power to approve the issuance of bonds for certain purposes was vested in the local government commission.

Changed divorce laws to allow either party to a five-year separation to sue for divorce instead of only the "injured" party.

Enacted child labor legislation. Enacted Blount Bill to permit regulation of public service corporations.

Changed basis of licensing automobiles, increased gasoline tax one cent per gallon.

LAKWOOD HEIGHTS

Nebo, June 1.—Mrs. Lillie Hill and son, Charles Scoggins, and their friend Miss Nelle Marsh, of Salisbury, spent the week-end with Mrs. Hill's brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Warner.

Mrs. Henry Warner and daughter, Miss Ola, and friend, Miss Neal, of Hickory, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Patton and several friends of Asheville spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schillers and family, of Chicago, Ill., spent Sunday night here.

Wear something made in North Carolina during "Made in North Carolina Week", June 1-6.

There are 284 native minerals found in North Carolina, a greater number than in any other state.

JURORS DRAWN FOR JULY SUPERIOR COURT

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners Monday, jurors were drawn for the July term of court as follows:

First Week—John H. Brown, Spencer Harrison, G. Manuel Clark, Ben F. Horton, J. Lee Early, E. A. Beaman, Marvin M. Seagle, V. L. Knupp, Rom M. Hollifield, Ivey C. Crawley, W. S. Burgin, C. A. Setzer, Robt. O. Lanning, Samuel L. Copeland, Charlie Cox, Forrest F. Smith, A. L. Elliott, Fred C. Conley, Wade T. Davis, Robert Richardson, Chas. M. Huskins, Amos M. Seagle, Sam M. Holland, J. L. Thurman, J. M. Whitmer, Joe A. Hensley, Pearson W. Hollifield, Mills J. Carter, Geo. W. Johnson, Walter E. Rowe.

Second Week—Chas. A. Medford, Robt. B. Moses, Freeman G. Morgan, Lewis W. Noblett, Crawford Morris, Clyde Smalley, John H. Walker, J. Bryan McNeely, S. V. Effer, D. Wilburn Walker, I. Hamp Allison, Garland Suttles, Keener Payne, Hubert C. Martin, Reuben Silvers, G. R. Roland, Leo Good, Francis Dail, Horace Hendley, Albert L. Shirlen, B. Martin Denny, Walter W. Davis, B. Y. Rector, John M. White, James M. Maner, Rufus L. Brooks, Ed Sneed, J. H. Eller, O. S. Franklin, B. H. Laughridge.

Third Week—Chas. S. Henline, Will J. Crawley, Sam E. Collins, Jno. E. Melton, Jake M. Seagle, N. P. Anderson, Grayson Snipes, James H. Smith, James R. Gray, H. Cleveland Arrowood, James R. Patterson, Wayne G. Condrey, L. C. Wilson, F. H. Stevens, Arthur Brown, Ernest Brooks, Melvin A. Davis, Frank Kelly, Joseph M. Vaughn, Fred G. Brown, C. F. James, Will L. Bradley, Tom C. Day, A. W. Grayson, Will R. Parker, Bruce B. Potent, J. L. Ledbetter, Jr., Geo. Grindstaff, Rufus G. Brown, C. C. Byrd.

SCHOOL BUDGET REDUCED

Charlotte, June 2.—Mecklenburg county's board of education has acted to reduce its budget in accordance with recent legislation by eliminating the home economics classes in all schools, thus saving \$10,000 a year. No salaries will be cut but ten teachers will lose their positions.

Argentina has approved the construction of 1,200 miles of toll roads from Buenos Aires to Bahala Blanca and to Corboba by way of Rosario.

MEETING MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION JUNE 15

All ministers living in McDowell county are members of the association and everyone is urged to attend these meetings. The Association is called to meet in the Methodist Hut Monday morning at 10 o'clock, June 15th, instead of June 8th.

J. C. Story, Chairman.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have sold my interest in the Star Cafe at Gray's Corner, run by Young and Wyatt, to Ed Boone. I will not be responsible for debts or other obligations incurred after May 16, 1931

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