

# WRITER TELLS OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS

## Assembly Goes On Record For Revaluation Postponement; Chairmen Named

### DOWN TO STEADY WORK

By M. L. SHIPMAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 19.—With a definite sentiment apparent over the State for revaluation of lands, the General Assembly has gone on record as favoring only a postponement until it can complete its work. Although Governor Gardner had recommended a delay of two years, he yielded to the popular demand for immediate revaluation. There is a very strong feeling that revaluation of lands during the peak of the war deflation is one of the causes for the present burdensome tax situation and that the sooner the State gets down to rock bottom the better it will be for all concerned. There is a feeling, too, that this is one of the things responsible for the recent epidemic of bank failures. Loans made on the basis of tax values became frozen because the land cannot be sold for what it is now carried on the tax books.

The Legislature has gotten down to steady work sooner than usual. Committees for both houses were named during the past week. Both presiding officers were fortunate in having plenty of veterans from which to name chairmen for the responsible committees, and those chairmen have been able to dispose promptly of such preliminary matters as the Neal revaluation bill. Another case of the value of experience was the disposal of the appropriation of \$50,000 for acquiring the right of way for the inland waterway between Beaufort and Wilmington. This was a bitter dose for the tax reduction devotees, but as more than a million and a quarter dollars would have been tied up without this small appropriation, it was obviously the wise thing to do.

The choice committee assignments are appropriations and finance, as they fix the fiscal policies of the State. Senator Frank Dunlap, serving his fourth term from Anson county, heads the Senate finance committee, and Representative Union L. Spence, of Moore, who might now be in Congress had his health permitted him to undertake a strenuous campaign, heads the House committee. Though not so well known as some of their colleagues, Senator Lee Gravely, of Rocky Mount, and Representative R. L. Person, of Roxboro, are both experienced business men and will fit well into the chairmanship of the appropriations committees. Both committees on education are headed by able men. Representative A. D. MacLean in the House and Senator J. H. Folger in the Senate are both veterans and able.

Familiar faces about the legislative halls in past years, who head House committees include H. G. Connor, of Wilson, who heads the committee on public roads; Will Neal, who heads his old committee on counties, cities and towns; E. R. Johnson, of Currituck, who pilots his first love, the committee on game; A. A. F. Seawell of Lee, who heads the House committee on Propositions and Grievances, a catch all committee, while in the Senate are such old timers as former Speaker Harry Grier, who heads the important Congressional districts committee; M. K. Blount, of Pitt, who heads Judiciary. There are other equally well known men who have not drawn such important committee assignments as they have devoted their time to other pursuit, such as W. M. Hendren of Winston-Salem, a prominent lawyer, who has one of the best minds in either House, and Representative John A. McRae, of Mecklenburg, who served his first term in the Legislature 28 years ago and then devoted a quarter of a century to the law.

Speaker Willis Smith followed custom in naming his two defeated opponents to important committee chairmanships. In order to accommodate all the lawyers, it has been the custom for years to have two judiciary committees, and to put on these two committees all the lawyer members. As both of his defeated opponents are lawyers, Speaker Smith made Fred Sutton chairman of one of the judiciary committees and O. B. Moss chairman of the other. This manifest diplomacy accounts for the victory won by the new Speaker.

While much cratory has been done, the proposal that has started the most talk is a bill by Senator Powell of Whiteville, to require the discharge from State employ of all women with husbands making \$100 or more a month. There are a number of such women on the State pay roll in Raleigh, and with so many single women out of jobs, there is a strong sentiment that they ought to get off the public pay roll. While that is true, there is much difference of opinion as to the wisdom of making a wholesale

cut of ten per cent in all salaries, as recommended by Governor Gardner. This last proposition is looked upon in many quarters as looking like a surrender to hysteria. It is feared that it will lead to general wage reductions, merchants see a loss in trade and others think it is bad advertising for the State. A vigorous campaign is being conducted against it with teachers and their friends being heard from all over the State.

While there is a wide difference of opinion as to the wisdom of some of Governor Gardner's recommendations in his message to the General Assembly, it was everywhere hailed as frank and sincere document. In his budget message to the Legislature he recommended a four million dollar slash in appropriations. Balancing the budget is going to be one of the most difficult jobs of the General Assembly.

Hope has been abandoned for a Statewide school term of eight months, and debate now centers on the proposal for a State supported school term of six months. Representative MacLean, the champion of a universal eight months term, is giving his attention to the problem of finances he feel that before that can come there must be a change in taxing methods. Senator Folger, who heads the education committee in the Senate, is in accord with the MacLean program. It is expected that there will be close co-ordination between the two committees.

The Legislature made quick work of the passage of the Clarkson resolution to memorialize the Federal government to remit up to 20 per cent of the tobacco taxes to the states. While it had no opposition, here was discussion as to the need of the State levying a similar tax. This will come up again, and will be a lively subject. No matter what the Federal government might do about remitting tobacco taxes, as it does now with estate taxes, there is no possibility that it would do so in time to relieve the present situation and what many legislators are looking for is relief now.

Although no definite proposals for a general sales tax is yet before the General Assembly, there is already under way a lively fight against it. The North Carolina Merchants Association is up in arms against it. Organized labor opposes it. Other interests are against it. It is probably that the proposal will also be made to tax luxuries such as soft drinks, tobacco, and this naturally

will incur the opposition of the manufacturers. The Legislature is looking for money with which to reduce land taxes and all proposals will be scrutinized and studied closely.

Prospects of strenuous searches for new sources of revenue have brought to the Capital an army of lobbyists including numerous former members of the Legislature. Naturally every interest is anxious to avoid having its tax increased, this not being a time in which any interest feels that it can afford tax increases, and the hotels are thronged with men who are busy building fences to prevent their particular interest from being the goat.

Senator Lawrence has introduced a bill to remove from counties all prisoners in Capital cases, his idea being to prevent lynchings. He wants to continue the record of a State without lynchings. The record was marred last year.

The Legislature paused for a few minutes from discussing taxes to hear Mark Sullivan, a Nationally known syndicate writer, discuss parliamentary government at a joint session. While his address was full of meat, he talked so fast that many of the legislators had difficulty in hearing him. They prefer his writing to his speaking. He addressed the editors at Chapel Hill.

While practically all attention in the Capital is now centered on the Legislature there was considerable interest in the announcement that Federal Judge Meekins had ordered a termination of the receivership of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Association and a distribution of \$612,732 to the 40,000 members. There had been a feeling for quite a while that it was time for the receivers, who have been drawing a thousand dollars a month salary, ought to finish up their work. It has taken them five years to do it.

F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, was in Raleigh on the eleventh anniversary of prohibition and issued an optimistic statement as to the outlook. He is as militant as ever and fired a general broadside at all Wets.

The Tax Commission of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, meeting in Raleigh, called for taxation of the intangibles of foreign corporations the same as domestic corporations, as proposed by Attorney General Brummitt, and it is probably that the proposal will also be made to tax electric power. These will be storm centers in the Legislature.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Frances Jones, deceased, late of Warren County, N. C., this I to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them, properly verified, to me on or before December 12, 1931, or this notice may be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This December 12, 1930.  
J. EDWARD RANSOM,  
Administrator

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### SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

In the Superior Court  
North Carolina,  
Warren County.  
WARREN COUNTY, Plaintiff  
Vs.  
Nannie Carter and husband.

The defendants, Nannie Carter and husband, are required to take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Warren County, for the purpose of foreclosing the lien of a certain certificate of tax sale, which was executed and delivered to the plaintiff, Warren County, by the Sheriff of said Warren County, N. C., on June 3, 1928, against certain land in Nutbush Township, Warren County, North Carolina, listed in the name of the defendant, Nannie Carter, as of May 1, 1928, and described as "33 acres Phoebe Creek," and the said defendants, Nannie Carter and husband, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Warren County, at the Court House in Warrenton, N. C., not later than thirty days after the 23 day of January, 1931, and answer or demur to the complaint, filed in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 30 day of December, 1930  
W. K. NEWELL,  
Dpty. Clerk of the Superior Court

### SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

In the Superior Court  
North Carolina,  
Warren County.  
WARREN COUNTY, Plaintiff  
Vs.  
W. M. Haskins and Mary C. Haskins.

The defendants, W. M. Haskins and Mary C. Haskins, are required to take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Warren County, for the purpose of foreclosing the lien of a certain certificate of tax sale, which was executed and delivered to the plaintiff, Warren County, by the Sheriff of said Warren County, N. C., on June 3, 1928, against certain land in Nutbush Township, Warren County, North Carolina, listed in the name of the defendant, Nannie Carter, as of May 1, 1928, and described as "33 acres Phoebe Creek," and the said defendants, Nannie Carter and husband, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Warren County, at the Court House in Warrenton, N. C., not later than thirty days after the 23 day of January, 1931, and answer or demur to the complaint, filed in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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In the Superior Court  
North Carolina,  
Warren County.  
WARREN COUNTY, Plaintiff  
Vs.  
L. A. Brown and wife,  
T. W. Brown and Louise Brown

The defendants, L. A. Brown and wife, T. W. Brown and Louise Brown, are required to take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Warren County, for the purpose of foreclosing the lien of a certain certificate of tax sale, which

was executed and delivered to the plaintiff, Warren County, by the Sheriff of said Warren County, N. C., on June 3, 1928, against certain land in Nutbush Township, Warren County, North Carolina, listed in the name of the defendant, L. A. Brown, as of May 1, 1928, and described as "A lot of land listed for 1928 taxes in the name of L. A. Brown, containing 75 acres," and the defendants, L. A. Brown and wife, T. W. Brown and Louise Brown, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Warren County, at the Court House in Warrenton, N. C., not later than thirty days after the 23 day of January, 1931, and answer or demur to the complaint, filed in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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W. K. NEWELL,  
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North Carolina,  
Warren County.  
WARREN COUNTY, Plaintiff  
Vs.  
Pauline Alston.

The defendant, Pauline Alston, is

Mrs. L. V. Haskins, adjoining the N. C.-Virginia State line, Mabry, Patsy Kearney, E. A. Watkins et al," and the said defendants, W. M. Haskins and Mary C. Haskins, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Warren, at the Court House in Warrenton, N. C., not later than thirty days after the 23 day of January, 1931, and answer or demur to the complaint, filed in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 30 day of December, 1930.  
JOHN D. NEWELL,  
Clerk of the Superior Court.

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Warren County.  
WARREN COUNTY, Plaintiff  
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The defendant, Pauline Alston, is

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W. K. NEWELL,  
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