

At the CAPITAL



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Fifty Senators and 130 Representatives, less one removed by death, are gathering in Raleigh this week to begin what may well be termed one of the most important sessions the General Assembly has ever held in North Carolina. Along with them are lobbyists representing every kind of interest, intent upon preventing detrimental and encouraging favorable legislation, from every point of view.

State and county government reorganization, growing out of Governor Gardner's Brookings Institution report, taxation, highways, schools, State's Prison, these are the principal general classifications of the problems that will face the 170 law-makers during their 60 or more days of deliberation.

Taxation will be the most vexatious problems, since it will be necessary for the Legislature to provide additional revenues to carry on the State's activities on the present basis, or greatly restrict the expenditures in order to balance the budget. Even with the \$2,000,000 surplus brought over from the last administration, and the 10 per cent out last year and 20 per cent cut this year in most of the appropriations, estimates place the deficit at the end of the biennium at \$1,000,000.

Governor Gardner guarantees a \$400,000 saving by a purchasing and contracting agency for all State institutions and departments, and it seems that this is striking popular fancy, to such an extent that either the agency or at least purchasing control will be established. Another \$300,000 is estimate on savings by consolidating administrative features of the three higher educational institutions into one State University, through eliminating overlapping in instructional activities.

The additional of one cent a gallon on the gasoline tax is not exactly popular, but officials see no way around it, if the State is to take over the county roads for maintenance, which now appears likely. The Prison Commission report also favors the State taking over the remaining county convict camps and assuming control over all convicts as an economy measure, along with a complete reorganization of the prison system and building a new central plant.

Only 1,430 Confederate veterans remained on the State pension rolls at the last semi-annual payment, as of December 15, at which time there were 79 negro servants drawing \$200 a year, or \$15,000 a year. The veterans drew \$253,075 in December, while the two classes of widows of veterans, the totally disabled and confined to the home, numbering 322, and those married before 1880, with a few others added by the State Pension Board who were married to veterans before 1899, numbering 3,633, received \$229,950 in December.

Moore county received a total of \$3,410 from the last semi-annual advance distribution in December, including \$1,460 for the eight veterans; none for negro servants; \$750 for the five class "A" or completely disabled widows, and \$1,200 for the 24 class "B" widows, according to the records of State Auditor Baxter Durham. When a veteran dies during the six-

month period before the check is distributed, the money goes to the next of kin. All actual veterans get \$1 a day, or semi-annual checks of \$182.50.

Death of Otto Wood, notorious one-handed lawbreaker and prison escaper, shot down by Chief of Police R. L. Rankin in the heart of Salisbury last Wednesday, removes from the front pages one of the most dangerous criminals in this state since the passing of the famous Lowrey gang of outlaws. Wood, whose list of crimes ranged from misdemeanors to murders, had been declared an outlaw after his fourth escape from State's Prison, on the ground that he was a menace to society. His daring, boldness and foolhardiness, probably coupled with his desire for publicity, brought him to his grave.

Highway construction and maintenance in the counties of North Carolina has been conducted on an un-economical basis in many instances, due in part to the fact that the county is too small a unit for economical road work, the joint report made by U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, the Highway Commission and the Tax Commission, as the result of a study during the fall, points out.

Many counties have issued bonds for road construction, supplemented the funds from current revenues, resulting in annual deficits, which were covered by short term notes and then refunding bonds, until it is impossible to find just how much has been spent for roads, the report shows, pointing out, however, that the outstanding highway bonds are far in excess of the value of the 45,090.15 miles in the county systems.

Forty-seven of the counties use convict labor on their roads, but it is evident these counties are not getting the work done at a low per mile cost, the report shows. The average tax rate for county road work is 19.3 cents per \$100 valuation, it is shown.

These three agencies do not recommend that the State take over the roads, but the Tax Commission previously recommended a six cent gasoline tax and approximately \$6,000,000 for county road maintenance by the State.

A gain of 77 churches and net gain of 10,894 members of Baptist churches in North Carolina in 1930 over 1929 is shown in figures compiled by Perry Morgan, secretary of the Department of Sunday Schools and Statistics of the Baptist State Convention. The statistics show there are 407,939 white Baptists who are members of the 2,384 churches in the State. Baptisms numbering 20,126 were reported by 1,732 of the churches. The grand total of all gifts by all the churches was \$3,403,881.27. The Baptist State convention maintains three standard colleges, four junior colleges and two preparatory schools, of which the equipment is worth \$3,534,382.17 and in which the enrollment is 3,815, manned by 223 officers and teachers, the report shows.

Mrs. Prevost and daughter, Miss Angelete Prevost of Randleman were recent guests in the home of Mrs. J. V. Farree.

Announce Prizes For Oratorical Contest

Sandhill Post, American Legion, To Choose Representative for District Meet

All of the high schools in Moore county have been sent notices of the Annual Oratorical Contest sponsored each year by the American Legion.

The subject of this year's oration is to be "The American Legion." The State Americanism Committee has prepared a list of books and papers in which the students desiring to enter the contest can get such material as they may need.

The county contests, at which each county champion is to be selected, will be held on February 20th. (Place for the Moore County Contest to be announced later). The various schools are to select their representatives by January 20th. A district contest will be held on March 6th and the winners in that will go to Raleigh for the State Contest on March 20th.

The Sandhill Post offers prizes to the first and second best orators in amounts of \$15.00 and \$10.00 respectively.

The State prizes are: First, gold medal and \$75; second, \$50.00; third, \$25, and fourth, \$15.

Commander A. L. Fletcher of Raleigh has written a history of the American Legion in this state, and students participating in the contest will find much informative material there.

I. C. Sledge, of Pinehurst, Americanism Officer of the Sandhill Post has charge of the contests in Moore county.

LAKEVIEW

Miss Jean Zimmerman of Cuthbert, Georgia, who was the attractive house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Warner last week, returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. H. W. Oldham and daughter, Miss Mary Oldham of Jonesboro, are spending some time with the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Caviness.

Fred Abbott of Saco, Maine, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gibbon recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Miller have gone to Rock Hill, S. C., for a visit with Mr. Miller's people there.

R. T. Woodruff and Robert Woodruff, Jr., left Monday night for New York City after spending the holidays with Mrs. Woodruff here.

Claude Matthews, who is located at Jamestown, New York, returned to his work Saturday. He was accompanied as far as Durham by his sister, Miss Vivian Matthews, trained nurse, who is located in Durham.

Mrs. H. C. Trexler and daughter, Miriam, of Somerset, Ky., have returned after a visit of several days with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wynne and daughter, Miss Margaret Wynne of Greensboro spent some days with the family of W. H. Richardson last week.

Wilton Adams and Plymouth Penn of Greensboro were visitors at the Eastwood home for a day or two last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Byrd, Miss Johnnie Eastwood and Tobie Goodwin of Raleigh were dinner guests of Mrs. Ralph Gibson at her home in Aberdeen Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherly Cook and children of Laurinburg were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Priest. Mrs. Earl Kelly and children left Monday for their home at Laurel Hill, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith.

J. R. McQueen left last week on a trip north. He will be away several days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gardner have gone to Orangeburg, S. C., where they will spend some time with the family of their son, Dallas Gardner. They will go on to Florida for the latter part of the winter.

Miss Frye and Bardin Thrower of Red Springs were guests of Mrs. J. B. Eastwood for a day or two last week.

Dunc Blue, little Miss Loraine and "Buster" have returned from a few days visit with relatives in Greensboro.

Miss Angie Newcomb is spending a week at the "Woodworth" Southern Pines—the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Upchurch and children were the dinner guests of Miss Jennie McCrimmon and her brothers, Tuesday night.

"OLD OAKEN BUCKET"

Have you had a good laugh this year? If you haven't, go to the Vass-Lakeview School building at 8:00 o'clock on Friday night of next week and see the all star cast in "The Old Oaken Bucket." J. R. Auman, head of the boys athletics, is staging the performance and you'll surely get full value for your money.

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A liquidation sale of a furniture establishment disposed of some things, among them a living room suite. Not a blemish, but it could not go into another store as new goods. You get the low price on it but it is worth as much as the day not long ago when it came from the factory to fall into difficulty at the first store.

LOOK THEM OVER

It is interesting to see the things we are finding, and it is gratifying the way the folks are securing the things we procure. To be candid the sales here at the Variety Store have far exceeded anticipation. We expect to help the folks of the Sandhills refurbish much of their houses at prices that are novel, and with equipment that is far better than any-body expected to get for the money.

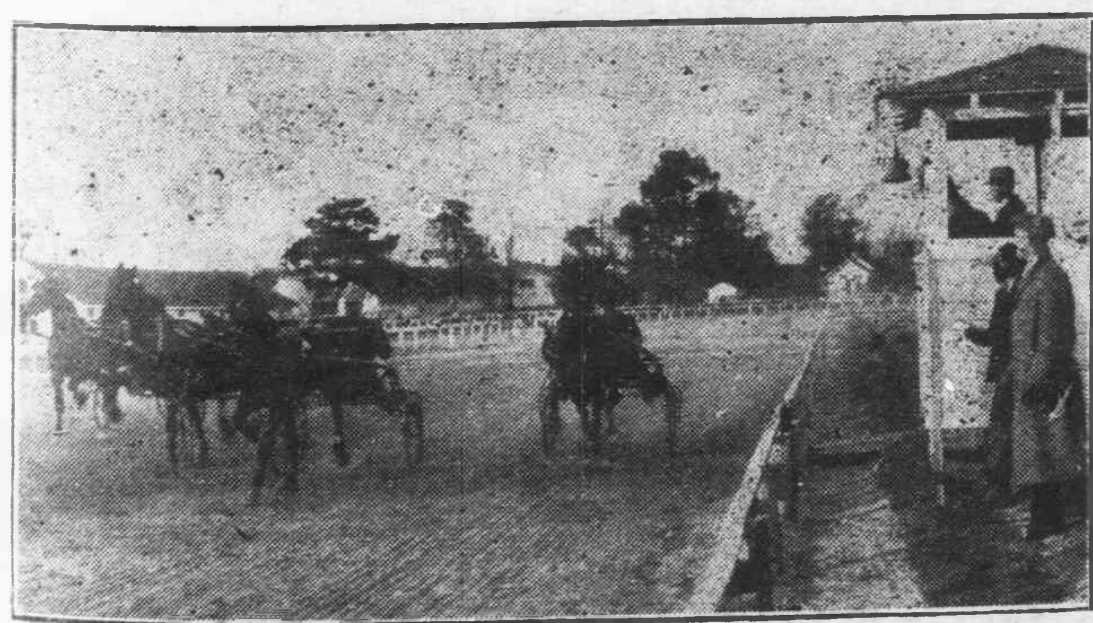
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