

At the CAPITAL

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Revaluation of property, machinery for which has been set up and in many counties is in operation, will be postponed at least until March 15, according to action taken by both houses of the General Assembly, which devoted the last two or three days of its session to this subject.

Although revaluation probably has been the most important matter up, consideration has been given to reduction of salaries 10 per cent of all state, county and municipal employees, a Constitutional Convention in 1933 to rewrite the State Constitution, and reorganization of the administrative division of the State government, bills on all of which are now before the body.

Three bills on revaluation, in view of the four-year revaluation law, were introduced, one to postpone it for two years, another to allow counties so desiring to keep their present assessments and another to postpone the revaluation until the present General Assembly gets further along on its own fiscal policy. The House passed the Neal bill postponing until April 1, but the Senate changed it Friday to March 15, and the House is expected to concur when it reconvenes this week.

The argument of many, including the N. C. Tax Relief Association, is that values were inflated at the last property assessment four years ago, the reply to which is that they are depressed now, and if the valuations were too high then, they will be too low now. It is argued that the machinery is ready to go on with the revaluation work now and that to stop, even temporarily, will be expensive, to which is the answer that the machinery apparently is too costly anyway and may be reduced. Many inequalities exist now that should be evened up and much personal property should be uncovered, enough to reduce the tax on real estate, proponents of revaluation say.

Governor Gardner states that a revaluation now which would reduce the taxable valuation to anything like the figures sought by many would endanger the bonds outstanding against practically every unit and make harder refunding some of the bonds which are falling due and which the units will be unable to pay during the next few years. He proposed the two-year postponement and is satisfied with the temporary postponement which is apparent.

The 10 per cent salary cut, proposed by Governor Gardner and included in the budget's general appropriation bill, presented last week, is meeting with some opposition, largely on the ground that it will demoralize labor in industry and result in general cuts over the state. It is agreed among lawyers that salaries of the constitutional officers, including seven in the executive branch, 25 Supreme and Superior Court judges and the 170 legislators, cannot be cut during their terms of office, but if the bill is enacted, they are not likely to face criticism by not returning 10 per cent of their salaries. Opposition is expressed by State employees in Raleigh and elsewhere, teachers and city and county employees, all of whom would be included, unless their remuneration had been cut to that extent within a year or they receive less than \$50 a month, the cut to become effective next July 1 and for two years only.

The Constitutional Convention proposal of the Governor is before the General Assembly in the form of a bill introduced by Representative Victor V. Young, Durham, providing that the proposal be submitted to the people at the next general election, November 3, 1932, the delegates to be elected in the same manner and the same number as members of the House of Representatives, 120, to meet in the House of Representatives at noon on Wednesday after the first Monday in May, 1933, remain in session not exceeding 30 days for receiving suggestions, adjourn for 60 days and reconvene, the total time in session not to exceed 60 days. Apparently the proposal is meeting with favor, the legislators realizing the inadequacy of the amendment-laden constitution adopted in 1868.

While the Educational Commission's report, calling for an eight months' school term, elimination of many charter districts and consolidation of control and purchases to effect economy, is receiving commendation, a trend is seen toward the State taking over and operating the six-month constitution-

term now provided. A bill to that effect has been introduced and many think this can and will be done, while others believe the State should meet the cost of the eight months term. The State operating the six-month term may be a compromise measure, if the eight-month term bill fails of passage.

The sales tax, long feared by the merchants of the state, hit the General Assembly square in the face at the brief session Saturday, when one bill, introduced in both houses, would seek to raise revenue for the six months school term by a gross income sales tax, based on the West Virginia law, and another, introduced in the House, would place a tax on gross retail sales for the same purpose. A third bill, based on the South Carolina law, was promised for Monday night.

The first bill, introduced simultaneously in both houses by the Harnett county legislators, Senator Battett and Representative Young, places a tax, collectable quarterly and within a month, on mining, quarrying, timber operations, manufacturing, real estate dealing, wholesalers, jobbers, banks, steam and street railways, telegraph, telephone, express, electric light and other public service corporations, contractors, all kinds of amusements, all professions, and any other business not included in the list, at rates ranging from 1-20th of 1 per cent to 1 per cent. It exempts mutual savings banks and building and loan associations, educational, charitable, religious, fraternal, labor, agricultural and community trade or commerce bodies, organized for mutual benefit and not operated for profit.

The second, introduced in the House by Representative Day, of Onslow county, would require every retail merchant to pay a graduated annual gross sales tax, ranging from 1-20th of 1 per cent for annual sales up to \$400,000 to 1 per cent on annual sales above \$900,000, the tax not be in lieu of any special State license or occupational tax.

Retail trade organizations are already, have been for some time, in fact, lining up their forces to oppose such measures, and lobby activities will be greatly increased during the coming weeks of the session as a result of these bills.

COUNTY DENTAL CLINIC IS NOW IN PROGRESS

The Moore County Health and Welfare Association is sponsoring a dental clinic in the public schools of Moore County extending over a period of sixteen weeks, beginning December 29th, 1930, according to a statement of H. Lee Thomas, Superintendent of Moore County Schools. The work is being conducted by Dr. G. E. Pigford, who is connected with the State Board of Health.

All school children under thirteen years of age are entitled to receive free treatment for a wide variety of defects. Economics in time and money are being effected through a scheme of moving the clinical outfit from school to school. This plan saves cost and time used in transporting the children to some central point. Already several hundred children at Cameron and Hemp have been treated. For the next few weeks the work will proceed at Highfalls and the Quaker School on the north side of the county and move southward as the needs demands.

In preparation for the clinic the health and educational authorities have worked together to impress the parents, teachers and pupils of the schools with the importance of oral health. Dr. Ernest A. Branch, Director of Health Department, completed last Friday evening a series of fifteen illustrated lectures in the county Parent-Teacher, school and community groups, on the care of the teeth and its relation to general health and school progress. There was a hearty response on the part of all groups, more than five thousand persons in the county having heard the splendid lecture. The clinic was made possible by a donation of \$2000.00 to this worthy cause by Mrs. Frances T. Keating of Pinehurst.

HINDU TO SPEAK AT CHURCH PLATFORM HOUR

Prince Seesodia of India, Jehan Warliker, will speak at the Platform Hour Sunday evening at 7:30 at The Church of Wide Fellowship. Mr. Warliker is a Hindu, educated in England. He is an authority on the Far East and gives a vivid word picture of the India of today.

Buy Hatching Eggs at Home, Urges Mayfield

Also Announces Courses in Poultry Work to Be Held at Vass and Pinehurst

As the season for brooding baby chicks approaches, R. L. Mayfield, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Vass-Lakeview High School, urges that every poultryman in the county buy his eggs at home, have them hatched at home and thereby build up a home industry. A large number of baby chicks were purchased outside of the county and state last year, according to Mr. Mayfield, and he does not consider this at all necessary as he is of the opinion that all varieties of pure bred poultry as good if not better than can be had by ordering can be obtained in Moore county.

Either Mr. Mayfield or County Agent Garrison will be glad to put anyone interested in chickens in touch with Moore county breeders who can supply eggs from well bred and well mated flocks, and there is a hatchery at Pinehurst, set up for custom hatching, where these eggs may be hatched.

Mr. Mayfield also announces that the Vass-Lakeview Poultry Association is sponsoring six weeks' courses in poultry work to be held at Vass and Pinehurst. Vass, Lakeview and Cameron poultry men are requested to attend the school in Vass which begin on Wednesday evening, January 28, at 7:00 p. m., and continue on each Wednesday night for six weeks. Those from Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Eureka will attend at Pinehurst, beginning at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday January 29 at the school building. A course will be offered at Carthage to take care of the western part of the county.

SCHOOL MASTERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

The School Masters' Club of Moore County met in the reading rooms of the Pinehurst High School library on Thursday evening, January 15th, with a good attendance. The schedule of the county high school basketball tournament was discussed and referred to the committee on athletics. Dr. Henderson, of Pinehurst, was guest of the club and speaker of the evening. He discussed the dental clinic, which is being conducted in the public schools of the county, through the aid of the Moore County Health and Welfare Association. He outlined plans for an annual dental clinic to begin and end with the beginning and the ending of the school term, which would touch all the school children in the remotest precincts of the county. He spoke in a forcible manner of the possible influence of such a program in eliminating the causes of school failure and checking retardation.

MANLY

Mrs. C. D. Morse and small son left Sunday for a visit of several days with relatives in Rose Hill and Wilmington, N. C.

Crawson Cameron from U. N. C., Chapel Hill, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Alex Cameron.

News reached Friday of the death of Charlie Elmore, which occurred at his home in Pee Dee, N. C., from pneumonia. Mr. Elmore and family lived in Manly for several years. Our sympathy goes to the bereaved family.

Miss Margaret Cameron visited Miss Hazel Windham Sunday afternoon at her home in Aberdeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Keith and small son, from Aberdeen were visitors at Mrs. Pattersons' Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wooley and Miss Sarah Patterson attended services at the Community church at Pinehurst Sunday.

Mr. Irman McDonald is quite sick at his home here.

Mrs. Pickard from Sanford is spending a few days in town with her daughter, Mrs. Graham Andrews.

Messrs. C. D. Ellis and Graham Andrews were in Sanford Monday on business.

Services at Presbyterian church. Preaching 11 a. m. by the Rev. M. D. McNeill. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m., led by Mrs. L. L. Wooley. Everyone invited to attend these services.

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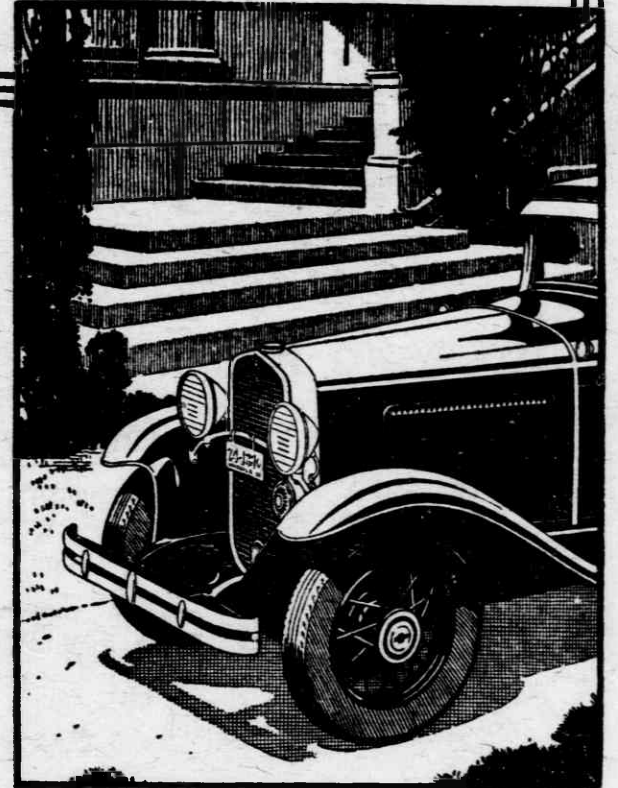
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