

Luxury Tax Doomed on Verge of Passage

Senate Refuses To Accept Conference Report With Adjournment in Sight

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The North Carolina Senate refused to accept the conference committee report Monday night just before midnight by a vote of 25 to 24, thus for probably a dozen times voting down the so-called luxury tax on selected commodities.

This means that the General Assembly cannot adjourn in less than a week, if it finishes the Revenue bill before going home. It also means that the Revenue bill, containing the luxury tax measure to make effective the MacLean six months State supported school term, must go back to conference committees of the two houses, according to parliamentarians. Whether it will be the same or new committees from either house or both, has not been decided.

Several times the Senate has voted against the luxury tax and the general sales tax and adopted the Folger-Grier plan of a \$10,000,000 equalizing fund for schools. However, the Senate conference committee could not agree to submit that plan to the House conference committee. Now it seems, that is the proper course for the Senate committee, submitting the plan that has been adopted by the Senate. The House committee might or might not accept it in order to bring it to a vote in the House again.

When Senator Rivers D. Johnson, of Duplin, saw he had failed Monday night to get the majority he thought he had, he tried to force adjournment, then when that failed, introduced an amendment to the report the general sales tax plan first sent to the Senate by the House. Through a filibuster, by securing the floor and refusing to yield it, he demanded that the amendment be read, which would have taken two or three hours. President R. T. Fountain, in apparently siding with Senator Johnson, caused much criticism and beliefs were expressed that he had hurt his chances for the Governorship by arbitrary and unjust rulings.

The General Assembly is now back where it was more than two weeks ago, due to the great floods of telegrams and pressure from "back home" against the adoption of the luxury tax, which includes a tax on deeds, mortgages and notes, anything but luxuries. The deadlock may be worked out on the basis of the \$10,000,000 equalizing fund. Otherwise, it seems hopeless.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS

At the April meeting of the Young Woman's Bible class of the Baptist Church in Aberdeen, held with Mrs. W. W. Olive, new officers were added, the following being the list as it stands for the year:

President, Mrs. J. A. Lineberry; 1st vice president, Mrs. Colin Osborne, 2nd vice president, Mrs. W. T. Huntley; 3rd vice president, Mrs. W. W. Norris; secretary, Mrs. W. W. Olive; treasurer, Miss Alberta Rivers; reporter, Mrs. Herman Spooner; teacher, Mrs. Claude Johnson.

This class is doing splendid work, one of its activities being cottage prayer meetings for shut-ins, two of these being held recently. A normal class is also to be held by the class, to be taught by Mrs. W. W. Olive.

SANATORIUM NURSES TO HEAR ABERDEEN PASTORS

Mrs. W. T. Bost, State commissioner of public welfare, will be the principal speaker at the graduation exercises on May 21 at the N. C. Sanatorium Training School for Nurses.

On the Sunday prior to the graduation exercises, the Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the six members of the graduating class. The Rev. Watson Fairley, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. W. C. Ball, pastor of the Aberdeen Methodist Church, have been invited to take part in the graduation exercises. Miss Virginia Hufty will sing several songs. Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the Sanatorium, will present the diplomas, and hospital pins will be presented by Dr. S. M. Bittinger, assistant superintendent.

Tentative plans have been made for a second "Made in North Carolina Week" in September. Emphasis will be placed in June on wearing apparel, hosiery and piece goods; and in September on furniture, house furnishing and processed foods.

Don't forget Mother on Mother's Day, next Sunday.

Mink-Coat Visitor Brings Own Meal With Her to Boarding House in Carthage

Clad in Finest of Fur, Newcomer Makes Her Own Arrangements for Breakfast and Mrs. Baker is Hoping She'll Check Out Before Long

Clad in the finest of mink fur—no imitation, but the real article, if you please—a new boarder appeared at the boarding house of Mrs. J. W. Baker in Carthage early Tuesday morning. New boarders are not so unusual, for Mrs. Baker's place is quite popular, but this one created much interest, not only on account of her fine apparel, but because of her very singular preference as to food, also. She brought her first breakfast along, in order not to inconvenience her new landlady, but how Mrs. Baker is to provide for her in the future—and it seems to be her intention to stay indefinitely—is not known.

Mrs. Baker was in her kitchen early in the morning. She heard a noise in the pantry and the thought occurred to her that her cat was catching a rat. She went ahead with her work. Presently, one of the children called excitedly for her to look,

and there on the porch, having just emerged from the pantry, was a mink with a rat in its mouth. Miss Mink made her way into the kitchen with her breakfast and leisurely walked around.

By this time Mrs. Baker had recovered from her surprise sufficiently to call a neighbor boy who was near, and he came in, thinking to lay hands on the new boarder. But he didn't. She directed herself to a room—a small hole in the wall—and proceeded to make arrangements for having her breakfast served there. The boy caught the rat's tail as it was about to disappear, but Miss Mink won in the tug, that is, she got all of the rat except the tip of its tail which the boy held between his fingers.

Mrs. Baker feels a bit uncomfortable with her new boarder in the house, and is hoping that she will check out soon.

At the CAPITAL

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The Assembly ratified Saturday the bill which leaves in the discretion of county commissioners and municipal officers the postponement of sales of land for taxes from May to November for this year only. Advertisements was due to start this week for sale of land for 1930 taxes, but, under the act, officials of counties or municipalities may postpone advertising and sale to November. The measure, now a law, was opposed on the ground that it will very adversely affect the sale of bonds or notes of any suit postponing the sale and that it will throw final collection periods of this year and next too close together.

Another important measure enacted the past week places the payment for automobile license plates, as well as other road motor vehicles, on a weight basis, rather than on horsepower, as at present. The minimum rate for automobiles and small trucks is 55 cents per 100 pounds. The Senate changed the rate to 60 cents, but had to come to the 55 cent figure of the House. By that change the revenues will be about \$200,000. Because of this prospect of loss in revenue, bills have been introduced to make the minimum license plate cost \$12.50, rather than \$12, and to remove the refunds, or part of them, provided on gasoline tax

for farm tractors and mining machinery.

Another automobile measure ratified the past week permits the use of mechanical or electrical devices in addition to hand signals, to give notice of turning to right or left or stopping.

The farmers of North Carolina are requested, in a joint resolution of Mrs. B. Frank Mebane, of Rockingham, also ratified, to reduce the acreage planted in tobacco. Another farm measure, also enacted, fixes the rate of interest and discount that agricultural credit corporations and associations, organized under North Carolina laws, may charge on loans for agricultural purposes, at not to exceed eight per cent.

A new act makes it unlawful for officials of counties, cities, towns or other subdivisions to award construction contracts until competitive bids have been received on such construction. An amendment has been enacted to the law defining and regulating group life insurance. Another enactment was a joint resolution on the death of Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, native of this State and former president of the State University.

To Observe "Made in North Carolina" Week

State-Wide Exposition of Articles Manufactured Here Planned for June 1st

The second annual observance of "Made-in-North Carolina" week, will be centered during the period of June 1-6, officials of the State Department of Conservation and Development have announced.

In effect, according to the conservation officials, the program will be a State-wide exposition of articles manufactured in North Carolina, featured by special displays by retail and wholesale merchants and manufacturers; by style shows demonstrating cloth and other products of the state; by radio addresses and civic programs, and by a number of other methods.

The movement is primarily for the purpose of familiarizing the public of the state and elsewhere with its manufactured products and to create additional interest in the industrial development of North Carolina.

Governor O. Max Gardner, conservation officials said, has given his endorsement to the movement which is being promoted as a companion project to his "Live-at-Home" program for agriculture.

The department emphasized the fact that no effort is being made to prejudice buyers against products manufactured in other states, but rather the movement is an educational feature to advertise North Carolina-made goods to the state and nation and to stimulate business and industrial activity.

Last year hundreds of North Carolina merchants featured North Carolina-made products during the "Made in North Carolina Week," and reports revealed that results were highly pleasing. Assurances of cooperation in the program have been received from Chamber of Commerce, merchants, manufacturers and others throughout North Carolina.

Consider Revaluation at Meeting Monday

County Commissioners Discuss Ways and Means for Complete Property Listing

The Board of County Commissioners at its meeting in Carthage on Monday appointed an adjourned meeting to Monday of next week at which to consider the question of revaluation of property in the county. This action was taken to accord with any legislation that the present week might bring forth on the question of taxation as related to county matters. At the meeting on Monday it appeared that the sale of lands for taxes would be deferred until fall, and doubt as to the valuation scheme as well as to the whole machinery of assessment and tax gathering was so much in the air that it was not regarded as wise to take any action on these lines until the new laws have been made clear.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Lawrence and children left Tuesday for Fall-land, where Mrs. Lawrence and the children will spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Crisp.

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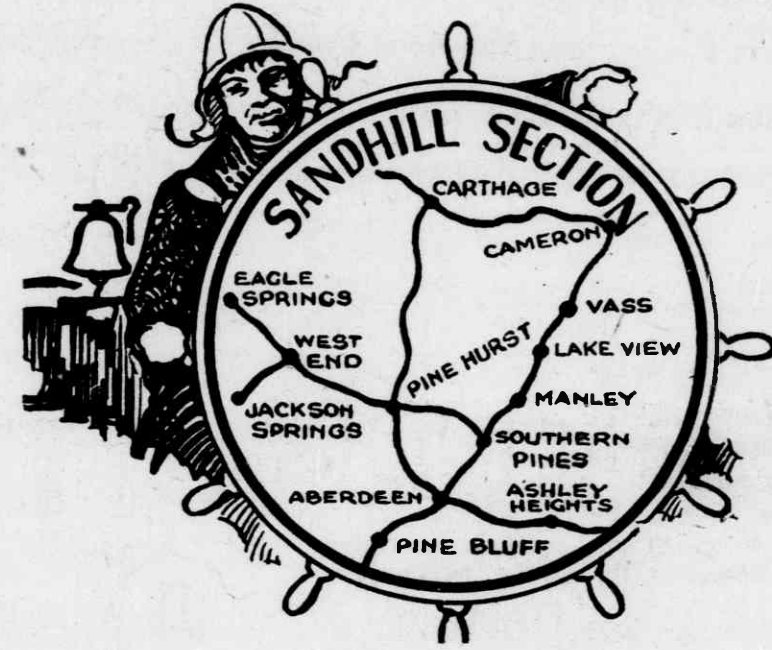
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MORE TAXES PAID BY MOTORISTS IN 1930

Motorists of North Carolina paid \$19,369,196 in motor vehicle taxes in 1930, according to figures made public by the Carolina Motor Club. The figures were based on official compilations of the research department of the American Automobile Association, but they do not include city and county personal property taxes or levies for municipal driving permits and license plates.

The 1930 total of \$19,369,196 was an increase of \$344,697 over the figure for 1929, which was \$19,051,499, the club's statement pointed out.