

At the CAPITAL

By M. R. Dunnagan, The Pilot's Raleigh Correspondent

The most glaring and most expensive error made as a result of the discoveries following the recent hectic General Assembly session, involving about \$100,000, although glaring, will not be expensive at all, unless some technicality prevents the North Carolina bottlers from making a gift of about that much money to the State of North Carolina during the next two years.

The tax on bottlers, about \$100,000 for the biennium soon to end, was to be doubled for the next two years. Then the luxury tax measure entered and its 10 per cent caused the tax on production machinery of the bottlers to be put back to the figure of the past two years. When the luxury tax failed, the tax was again doubled by the conferees, but this revival failed to get in the revenue act as ratified. The Revenue department discovered the omission.

Admittedly, the State needs the money and will probably find a way to accept it, since the bottlers are willing to pay. Also, it is one of the best publicity stunts imaginable. Moreover, it will probably save the bottlers from having to make up the difference two years from now, and still more.

The State Highway Commission, announcing that all local road matters are to be taken up through the local engineering staff, as contemplated by the road law in making the commission a State-wide body, has divided the State into five divisions, with headquarters at Asheville, Salisbury, Greensboro, Fayetteville and Tarboro, and each of these divisions is later to be divided into five districts. Chairman E. B. Jeffress announced after the meeting last Thursday.

Sam D. Scott, Wayne county, was named director of county highways. Further organization to handle the 45,000 miles of county highways will be made later.

A. A. F. Seawell, Sanford, representative from Lee county and author of the Seawell banking act of the recent session of the General Assembly, has been appointed Assistant Attorney General by Attorney General D. G. Brummitt, to succeed Frank Nash, who, in turn, has accepted the post of clerk of the N. C. Supreme Court, succeeding Edward Seawell, whose term has expired. The new appointee is considered an able lawyer and well suited for the post. He is expected to become a candidate for the Attorney Generalship to succeed Mr. Brummitt, a prospective candidate for Governor.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be saved in the operation of schools in North Carolina through abandoning hundreds of small one- and two-teacher elementary and high schools and consolidating them with nearby larger and more efficient schools, according to LeRoy Martin, secretary of the State Board of Equalization.

Many of these schools should have been abandoned earlier, but were continued because of local feeling and politics, Mr. Martin said. Now that the State is operating the schools, these important economies can be made effective and the pupils will be given better instruction in better buildings. A compilation of figures shows that, exclusive of the six larger counties not participating in the equalizing fund, 615 elementary schools, 414 white and 201 colored, have been operating with less than a daily average attendance of 22 pupils, and 225 high schools, 187 white and 38 colored, have been operating with a daily average attendance of less than 50 pupils.

Moore county, the report shows, had one white and five colored elementary schools with a daily average attendance of less than 22, and two white and one colored high schools with a daily average attendance of less than 50 pupils.

The State board last year aided 24 counties in white rural school supervision, paying \$23,499 of the total cost of \$67,000, and aided 37 counties in colored rural supervision, paying \$17,213 of the total cost of \$46,457, Mr. Martin has found.

Considerable discussion has developed around the action of President E.

C. Brooks, of State College, in recommending and his board in following his suggestion of abolishing the office of dean of the graduate school, held by Dr. Carl C. Taylor. Charges of personal dislike on the part of Dr. Brooks, objection on the part of North Carolina textile men to Dr. Taylor's speeches and actions, and others have been made since the action was taken last week. The incident gives promise of still more airing.

LAKEVIEW

Miss Alice Littlefield left Thursday night for a visit at her old home at Saco, Maine.

W. F. Walters of Raleigh was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ray.

Miss Rebecca Gardner is spending this week at Dunn, the guest of her sister and family, Mrs. R. P. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffey went to Southport Tuesday, where they will spend several days.

George Graves, Jr., of Charlotte is spending some time with the families of Henry Graves and Worth Miller.

Miss Effie McCallum of Southern Pines, is spending an indefinite time in Lakeview.

Miss Helene Dougherty has gone to Rocky Mount for an extended visit to Mrs. Milton McCrossan.

Little Miss Carol Graves was the week-end guest of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dunlop of Pinehurst.

Mrs. Bob Page, Jr., was hostess to the Contract Club last Friday at the dining room of The Lakeside Inn.

The Rev. A. R. McQueen of Dunn was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McQueen Tuesday night.

Those attending the funeral of Mrs. T. J. Smith of Vass, who was interred at old Cypress were W. H. McNeill, Mrs. J. R. McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, J. O. Blue and daughter, Miss Pauline, Dunk McCrimmon, Miss Jennie McCrimmon, Mrs. D. S. Ray, Mrs. Loula Taylor, Johnnie Eastwood and George Dyer.

CAMERON

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. Jackson Keith, on Route 1, last Wednesday afternoon, with Miss Mamie Arnold presiding. After the scripture reading, Mrs. J. M. Guthrie offered special prayer for the Jews, as they were the topic for this month. Mrs. Loula Muse gave a paper on the "Scattered Nation." Miss Mamie Arnold gave a splendid account of the General Assembly at Montreat, which she attended. The Bible study from James was conducted by Mrs. Loula Muse, followed by prayer. Invited guests were Mesdames Shaw and J. W. Atkins of Southern Pines, Mary Agnes Hobbs of Fayetteville and L. B. McKeithen of Cameron. The hostess, assisted by Mesdames Shaw and Atkins served refreshments.

Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Auxiliary met Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Snow, Miss Kate Hunter, presiding. Mrs. Wycoff of Carthage gave a most interesting, instructive and inspiring talk on her work in far away India. Mrs. Wycoff was born in India and worked there for thirty years, mainly teaching in the schools. Guests of the circle were Mesdames Sallie Smith of Vanceboro, Wycoff of Carthage, W. G. Parker and Loula Muse. The hostess served refreshments.

Miss Flora Morrison of Eagle Springs is spending several days in town visiting friends.

Miss Mary Hentz of Spartanburg, S. C., is visiting Mrs. Alex McPherson, but will go to Wake Forest for summer school.

Miss Minerva Thompson is guest this week of Misses Thurla and Lillian Cole.

Miss Mary Emma Thomas left Monday to attend summer school at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ferguson and children, Jean, Nancy and Kenneth of Chicago, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McPherson.

Mrs. Paul Joyner and children of Fayetteville spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wooten. Martin McFadyen made a business trip to Philadelphia last week.

Misses Minnie and Jacksie Muse, Eva Hendrix and Mesdames Janie Muse and A. J. McRae were shopping in Jonesboro Friday.

Miss Frances Matthews spent Sunday in Wilmington with her brother, Roger who has been in the hospi-

tal for several days is reported improving.

Russell Thomas was operated on for appendicitis Monday and is doing nicely at the Moore County Hospital.

Mrs. Janie Muse visited Mrs. Mollie Graham on Route 1 last week.

The Rev. J. N. Dixon, who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Eldon Adams of Carthage, preached in the M. E. Church Sunday evening.

Mesdames Mary Agnes Hobbs and O. J. Mullonix of Fayetteville are guests of Miss Mamie Arnold and Mrs. M. D. McIver this week.

Misses Mary McKeithen, Mrs. Margaret Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKeithen and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caldwell of Aberdeen were guests of Miss Mollie McKeithen Sunday.

Miss Katie Harrington is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Burt of Biscoe.

Mesdames J. E. Snow, N. C. McFadyen and Bruce McFadyen spent Wednesday in Fayetteville.

Joe Thomas of Aberdeen was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thomas Sunday.

H. C. Cameron of Olivia was in town Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Pearl Thomas.

Andrew Muse Hemphill is confined to his room with "ye old time measles" this week.

Cameron feels proud of her two young girls, Misses Margaret McLean and June McIver Hemphill who won prizes on their cotton dresses at Carthage on "Achievement Day."

Prof. and Mrs. J. Clyde Kelly and four children of Harmony were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ever Kelly of the White Hill section Monday. They were in town calling on friends and left for White Lake in the afternoon, where they joined Mrs. John Thonton of Dunn, sister of Mrs. Kelly for a week's outing.

The town appreciates the work done on its main street very much, and while the road is greatly improved, the housewives are battling with

loads of red dust which cover their porches and windows; they are wondering if this can be remedied.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Birthday Party in the church next Sunday evening, June 21, at 8 o'clock. A Mission pageant will be presented, which will be instructive and informing and all members of the auxiliary and of the church are urged to be present. Members of our sister churches are most cordially invited. The offering this year goes to the school in Africa.

Miss Ruth Wooten, who has been a patient at the Moore County Hospital for ten days, returned home greatly improved.

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