

# At the CAPITAL

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The North Carolina Supreme Court has before it the first constitutional problem arising from the actions of the 1931 session of the General Assembly and one of importance to many of the 100 counties and 432 municipalities in the state. Two test cases are before the court, one from Duplin, the other from Durham county, and were heard by the court last Saturday, in order that the problem might be disposed of as soon as possible.

The question is this: Many units of government have issued anticipation notes to pay current expenses and to be repaid by revenues later. Some of these units failed to realize the revenue sufficient to meet these notes. The 1931 Local Government Act permits the funding of these notes by issuance and selling of bonds, the interest and principle being payable "from an unlimited tax upon all taxable property" of the unit, placing it as a tax for a special purpose.

The Supreme Court is to decide whether such funding is for a special purpose, in that the present economic condition make it an emergency, as is provided in the Local Government Act, and such bonds retired by special tax levies; or whether such tax would be for general current expenses and, therefore, against the constitutional prohibition of a levy of more than 15 cents on the \$100 of property valuation for current operating expenses.

This action has a bearing on the law enacted by the recent General Assembly which would permit 30-odd counties to levy taxes for court and jail costs and the cost of the quadriennial revaluation of property as special purposes and in addition to the 15-cent limit for general expenses. Belief is that the act is unconstitutional, but it was enacted as a method of "keeping county commissioners out of jail" for exceeding the 15-cent limit of tax levy.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, Raleigh, has been elected National Councillor of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and national headquarters of the order will be here for the next two years. He is the second national head from Raleigh.

"Where," asked Governor O. Max Gardner in a radio talk last week and referring to the estimated annual amount of money sent out of this state for food and feed—"where is this \$150,000,000 to come from this year? Can it come from cheap cotton and cheap tobacco this fall? Do you think we are not going to have cheap cotton and cheap tobacco this fall?"

"Let's can and preserve every dollar's worth of the surplus vegetables, fruits and food stuffs that we raise," the Governor pleaded, stating that "Last year we allowed between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 of vegetables and fruits to dry up and rot and waste." He asked anyone who could not gather and keep his produce, to invite his neighbors or tenants or his relatives or friends in town to come get and preserve it.

"Let's not only produce the \$30,000,000 additional of food and feed stuffs that we set for our goal in 1931, but let's also save it, once we have produced it. Let us raise something to eat and then save all we raise. I could think of nothing more comforting right now than to feel sure there would be no soup kitchens, bread lines and stark hunger in this state this year," he said.

Captain Charles D. Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, has started a school for three weeks to train 100 "rookies" to fill about 35 places on the patrol, which is to be increased from the original 37 to 60. The training ground will center around a pavillion on the beach near Morehead City and the lieutenants who trained two years ago in Pennsylvania will be instructors.

While the General Assembly did not actually increase the number of patrolmen, it did give certain leeway to the State Highway Commission to make such change and additions as were considered necessary in the reorganization. The additions will be made without additional cost. Salaries have been cut and the expense accounts have been eliminated. The plan, as announced by Chairman E. B. Jeffres, will be for patrolmen to have definite headquarters and establish their residences, paying their own expenses while at home. The patrolmen will concentrate in the 25 cities and towns selected as division headquarters and will thus not be required to travel such distances as was previous-

ly required. A lieutenant will be in charge of each of the five major divisions.

The State Board of Equalization, which has the monumental task of operating the six months term of school in the 100 counties of the state, devoted much of its attention at the two-day session last week to the acute problem of school consolidations, under the school bill which requires the abolishing of elementary schools having an average daily attendance last year of less than 25 pupils and high schools with attendance of less than 22 pupils and high schools with attendance of less than 50 pupils.

Reports from nearly all of the county superintendents indicate that many consolidations can be made on this basis. The board's attitude is to have the county school authorities work out and recommend consolidations desirable, so as not to disarrange local conditions any more than is necessary in carrying out the provisions of the law. A large saving in salary and maintenance costs is expected to be saved by these consolidations.

The board had before it Director A. S. Brower, of the new Division of Purchase and Contract, who is also expected to bring about extensive economies in the bulk purchases of big items, such as coal, school busses, and other requirements common to all of the schools. The board will meet again soon to go further into plans and methods of school operation for next year.

No call has been issued yet for a meeting of the Constitutional Commission of nine men, authorized by the 1931 General Assembly and named by Governor Gardner, to study the needs of the Constitution, submit a redraft or amendments to the 1933 General Assembly, which will, in turn, submit the proposed changes to a vote of the people at the following election.

Governor Gardner's appointments to the commission are Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, of the N. C. Supreme Court; Judge John J. Parker, of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Charlotte; Judge Michael Schenk, of N. C. Superior Court, Hendersonville; Lind-perior Court, Hendersonville; Lindsay C. Warren, Member of Congress, Washington, N. C.; Burton Craige, lawyer, Winston-Salem; A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, Raleigh; George Butler, lawyer, Clinton; Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, and J. O. Carr, Wilmington.

Governor Gardner said he had "endeavored to recognize all sections of the political and social opinion."

## PINEBLUFF

Mrs. Vance Adams and children, Elizabeth and June, have returned from Scotland county where they have been spending some time.

Miss Diehl Utley has returned from Pinehurst where she has been visiting her aunt.

Mrs. W. Warner and family have moved into the Millett house.

M. F. Butner spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Winston-Salem.

Miss Margriette DeYoe has returned from the Hamlet hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gige are spending some time with friends in Holly Springs, Fla.

Mrs. Meiderer of North Arlington, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Elmer Austin.

Mr. Warner and son, Douglas of Springfield, N. J., are spending some time in Pinebluff.

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## MISS KATHERINE FOWLER BRIDE AT SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Announcements have been received locally of the marriage at Syracuse, New York of Miss Katherine Dillaye Fowler, daughter of Mrs. Albert Perry Fowler of Syracuse and Henry Wilkinson Bragdon of North Andover, Mass., which took place on Saturday, June 20th at the bride's home.

Miss Fowler is well known in the Sandhills, having spent the past several winters at Pinebluff. The young couple will make their home after October 1st at North Andover.

## L. A. BETHUNE'S BANK OF CLINTON CLOSES DOORS

Both banks at Clinton failed to open for business on Monday morning of this week, leaving the town without banking facilities. The Bank of Clinton and the Bank of Sampson have been taken over by the State Banking

Commission. The failure of the Bank of Clinton is of local interest due to the fact that L. A. Bethune, former resident of Aberdeen, is president of the institution. Frozen assets caused the closing, it is said.

## COSTLY NOW TO SERVE OLEOMARGARINE IN N. C.

Oleomargarine, colored to resemble butter, cannot now be sold legally in North Carolina, and in hotels, dining rooms or cafes where oleomargarine is sold must appear in gothic letter an inch long the sign "Oleomargarine served here." The new law became effective June 1 and is administered by the Department of Agriculture, which is directed to prescribe the necessary rules and regulations for its enforcement.

Manufacturers of oleomargarine must pay an annual tax of \$1,000 and the wholesaler or distributor must pay \$100 annually, the Commissioner

of Agriculture issuing licenses to eating places on satisfactory applications for license. Commissioner Graham has ruled that the tax for this year will be seven-twelfths of the annual rate, the license running for seven

months, from June 1, to December 31. Violators of any provisions of the law are subject to a fine of from \$100 to \$500 or imprisonment of not more than three months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

# Weymouth Heights

## Southern Pines, N. C.

Gradually Weymouth is becoming a summer home as well as a winter home, new folks coming in from time to time to establish themselves in this desirable section.

Free from fogs, from humidity, from extremes of summer heat or from winter cold. Always the pine trees are protection, summer or winter, as well as a picturesque feature of the surrounding neighborhood.

Folks in Southern Pines read in the Northern papers of the people of the North being overcome with heat, but they never hear of heat overcoming any one in the Sandhills. No summer hurricanes, no winter blizzards, just the mild average of a mid-South tempered climate all the year.

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