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

Governor Ehringhaus, in giving an account of the stewardship of the present administration in North Carolina at the meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee Thursday night of last week, told how the North Carolina taxpayer's dollar is spent, contradicting the belief that it goes largely for fat salaries of State officials and employes, as follows:

Public school operation, 40c; debt service, 30c; highways, 17c; educational institutions, 2 1-2c; charitable and correctional institutions, 2 1-2c; Confederate pensions and judiciary, 2c; miscellaneous, 3c; all government offices, including health, 2 1-2c.

He also pointed out that this State pays more than four times as much to the national government as it does to the State government, paying 11 per cent of the total federal revenue, and getting back less than 10 per cent of the amount it pays, while New York pays 22 per cent of the total federal revenue and gets back 50 per cent of what it pays.

North Carolina has stepped out in the lead over neighboring states to win a place on the Milk Sanitation honor roll of the U. S. Public Health Service by outstripping neighboring states in adoption of the Milk Ordinance of the health service in 1933, the State Board of Health has been notified.

"Good, safe, wholesome milk is more abundant and more widely distributed in North Carolina than in any of our neighboring states," the health department states, saying it has taken a long hard pull to attain the distinction.

The Harrison bill, written by Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and Director Harry McMullan, of the N. C. Department of Revenue, which seeks to subject out-of-state merchants doing mail order business in North Carolina to the same three per cent sales tax the local merchants pay, is endorsed by Williard L. Dowell, secretary of the N. C. Merchants Association, but with reservations. Mr. Dowell said today.

The merchants' secretary expresses the belief that it cannot be enforced and questions the constitutionality, but states that he favors it in that it seeks to remove one of the main objections local merchants have to the sales tax, that of unfair competition from outside the State. Also, one reservation is that he fears the adoption of the measure will tend to help make more secure the sales tax on states which have it and cause other states to adopt it. Except for that objection, he is favorable to the measure.

C. Leroy Shuping, Greensboro, was unanimously nominated by the N. C. State Democratic Executive Committee as national committeeman for North Carolina, to succeed former Governor O. Max Gardner, resigned, and to be actually elected by the National Committee, at the meeting of the committee here Thursday night. Chairman J. Wallace Winborne, Marion, presided.

The State Democratic Convention will be held in Raleigh June 21, following county conventions June 11 and precinct meetings June 9, all following the primary, although most of the State and district officers had expressed a preference for the convention before the June 2 primary. County conventions will elect 3,308 delegates to the State convention and congressional district meetings on the convention morning will elect 132 members of a new executive committee. A resolution to ask all members or party officials who hold Federal jobs to resign one or the other was promptly tabled. Mr. Shuping referred to the "great honor conferred upon an humble Democrat," expressing gratitude at the opportunity to serve the party.

Probably within 60 days, certainly 90 days, North Carolina will have under contract sufficient highway projects to utilize all of the \$9,522,293 in emergency highway funds, as well as practically all of the regular federal aid, allotted to this State, Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, states if Washington approves the program, taking note of criticism that this State is lagging in the use of those funds.

North Carolina's highway system was probably more nearly rounded out than that of the average state when the emergency program started. The result is that this State has had

to prepare, not long and costly roads, which would eat into the fund deeply, but short stretches and of the cheaper roads, largely oiled gravel. It takes as long to prepare the plans, and is as much trouble, as if the road were to be of concrete.

What has become of the 399 persons who were classed as professionals in North Carolina in the fiscal year 1931-32 who had disappeared in 1932-33 is not known, but they and numbers of others paying license taxes dropped from the tax lists in that year, the number having decreased from 5,317 to 4,918, records in the office of Commissioner of Revenue Maxwell show.

In fact, for four years'and especially last year, all lines of business are reflecting the depression, as gauged by those paying license tax. For the year 1929-30, the office issued 87,160; the next year the number was 84,625; in 1931-32 it was 82,145, and last year, 1932-33, up to February 22, 1934, the department had collected from 66,955 persons and figures a drop of 20,205 in privilege tax payers in the four years.

The State Motor Vehicle and Inspection Board, created by the 1933 General Assembly for the purpose of standardizing gasoline sold in the State, will hold another meeting in the near future, at which a standard for gasoline strength will be adopted for the State.

The board is composed of Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, Chairman, E. B. Jeffress, of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, named in the act, and Dr. A. McLaren White associate professor in the chemistry department of the State University.

The board met in January and heard representatives of the gasoline companies, and held another meeting Saturday. The regulations to be adopted at an early meeting will probably follow federal regulations very closely, Mr. Maxwell said.

## PINEBLUFF

The Library Benefit Tea held at the library building last Thursday under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Farrell was a decided success. Ten tables were placed for bridge and fifteen dollars were added to the treasury.

Miss Florence Fowie is a guest of Mrs. F. B. Howland at her home on Weymouth Heights this week.

M. H. Dimmick of Belleview, Florida came to Pinebluff Friday and took his father, D. C. Dimmick, home with him Saturday night. Mr. Dimmick will make his home with his son in the future.

Miss Henrietta Risley spent Sunday in Sanford as a guest of Miss Effie Crabtree.

Mrs. Edward Alden of Hartford, Conn., and daughter, Mrs. C. L. Von Tacky of Titusville, Pa., are guests of Mrs. Edith Roberts.

Eric MacDougald of Brooklyn, an executor of the Amos Holbrook estate, was in town on business last week.

Mrs. Grover James and son, Grover, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio are visiting Mrs. James' brother, Frank Gregory.

Mrs. James Ricci of New York City, an x-ray specialist, and wife of Dr. James Ricci, a specialist surgeon, accompanied by Mrs. Marion White of New York are occupying the Packard apartment this week. Mrs. Ricci will be remembered as Ruth Williams whose mother, Mrs. L. E. Williams owns the property adjoining Mr. DeYoe's store property. Mrs. Ricci and Mrs. White are starting on a 12,000 mile motor trip which will occupy six or eight weeks.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a St. Patrick tea and food sale at the Baptist church Saturday from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Guests at H. L. Howie's Sunday were Miss Mary J. Reece of Biscoe, J. H. Inman and two daughters and a niece, Mollie Jones of Boardman. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Helms of Sanford were entertained at W. K. Carpenter's last week.

George Addor and son Bruce of Boston, Mass., are guests of Mrs. Elise Addor and family at Addor.

## SUPERIOR COURT TERM OPENS HERE MARCH 26

A two weeks' term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases is scheduled to begin on March 26 with Judge Henry A. Grady of Clinton presiding.

## CARTHAGE

Mrs. John Beasley has returned home after a visit in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Jesse Woltz of Raleigh spent the week-end in Carthage with her mother, Mrs. W. H. McNeill.

Miss Emmie Horton spent the week-end in Albemarle with her parents.

Mrs. Charles McDonald and Mrs. L. R. Sugg spent Thursday in Sanford with Mrs. E. C. Hines.

Mrs. C. T. Grier has returned home after a visit with her brother, Henry Graves of Florence, S. C.

Mrs. B. C. Wallace, Mrs. O. D. Wallace and children Betty and Margaret spent the week-end with relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. W. H. Currie spent last Thursday in Gastonia with her mother, Mrs. A. E. Woltz.

Mrs. Mollie Person is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Billups in Kearnersville.

Mrs. J. L. Currie has returned home from an extended stay in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. George Beasley of Monroe is visiting her son John Beasley in Carthage.

George D. Carter, Dan Carter, Bill Carter and Clyde Shaw returned home Saturday after several weeks in Morristown, Tenn., during the burly tobacco season.

Miss Catherine Shields of Salisbury spent the week-end in Carthage with her father, Dr. H. S. Shields.

Mrs. E. H. Morton and little son, Emmett returned home Sunday after a visit with relatives in Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Spence and Mrs. L. W. Barlow spent Thursday and Friday in Raleigh and attended the funeral of Dr. Truett.

Mrs. Myrton Stewart and son Tommie spent a few days last week in Aberdeen and Sanford-visiting relatives.

Frank Wood of Marion is visiting his daughter, Mrs. O. B. Welch.

Mrs. M. J. McPhail, Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Bobbitt and Mrs. Watson of Sanford spent Friday with Mrs. W. S. Golden.

Mrs. Charles Barringer spent the week-end in Raleigh.

Capt. Jack Black returned to Carthage Thursday after spending three months in Toledo, Ohio.

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## NIAGARA

George Smith and son, Roy and party who have spent the past several months here left Saturday night for their summer home in East Hebron, N. H.

J. A. Blue motored to Rutherford Saturday, returning Sunday.

The windmill project for the deep well is progressing slowly.

The Rev. C. R. Dillam delivered

a splendid sermon at the Sunday afternoon services at the Village Church and at the close of his sermon W. G. Stanford of Sanford, who has traveled in most every country on the globe, gave a very interesting talk on his trip to Palestine. He described the cities of Jerusalem, Damascus, Jericho and the many places of interest that his hearers had read about in the Scriptures.

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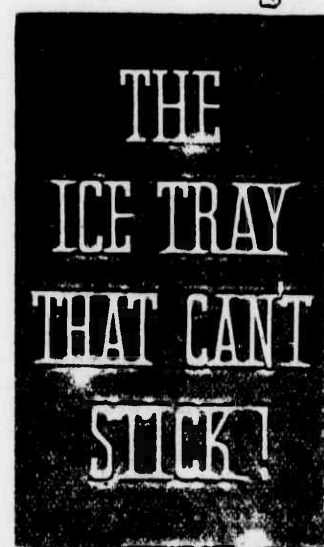


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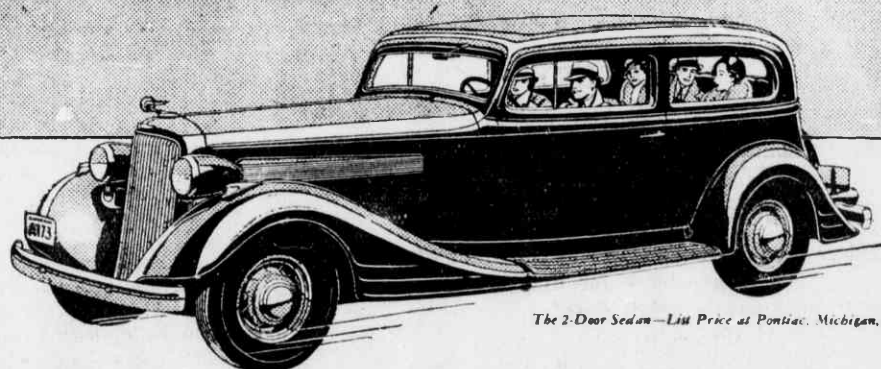
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