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At the CAPITAL



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

Sixty-odd field workers for the State Department of Revenue, after attending a school for three days last week, girded up their loins and have gone out into the State with the avowed purpose of collecting \$2,000,000 in sales tax during the next two months, May and June, by the end of the fiscal year.

When they left they were armed with complete lists of all merchants who had paid their \$1 for license to do business in the State, and had names of others that had not secured the license, along with the information as to which of them had paid the sales tax and which had not, for the several months since last July. They checked their lists with those in the office and had the latest dope.

Records in the sales tax office show that of the 31,000 merchants licensed in the state for this year, only 16,000 of them had made returns during the entire month of April for their sales in March, leaving almost half that had made no returns. Some of them are not due to report each month, but many of the number supposed to report had not done so, and the boys will go after them.

North Carolinians bought more new motor trucks last month than they had ever bought before in any month in history, and bought more new passenger cars than in any month since September, 1929, purchasing more than three times as many cars and almost three times as many trucks as in the month of April, 1933.

In April just passed they bought 4,950 new passenger cars and 1,164 new trucks as compared with 1,601 cars and 294 trucks in April, 1933, and with 2,980 cars and 582 trucks in last March. For the year the new sales have been 11,532 cars and 3,287 trucks, as compared with 5,109 cars and 1,225 trucks in the same four months of 1933, Director L. S. Harris, of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, reports.

Chevrolts led in passenger cars with 1,723, Fords 1,291; Plymouth, 897; Pontiac, 197; Dodge, 166; Terraplane, 160; Oldsmobile, 106; Buick, 85; Chrysler, 78; Studebaker, 66; Hudson, 62, and four each of Cadillac, Lincoln and Packard. In trucks Chevrolet also led with 568, Ford 369, Dodge 133, International, 47.

Telephone rates will be lowered from 50 cents to \$1 on the telephones all over North Carolina, else the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. will show cause, on May 17, why the lower rates should not be made effective, as for Raleigh, and at the same ratio, based on telephone population, in all of its exchanges in the state, an order issued by Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne provides.

The rates to be used are those in effect in Raleigh, but the commissioner orders that the rates be reduced throughout the state on the company's exchanges on the telephone population basis, the basis to be determined by the commission at the hearing called, unless the company can show cause why they should not be.

"It appears to the Commissioner that the income of the company is in excess of a fair return upon a fair valuation of its properties and that its exchange rates are unreasonably high in the city of Raleigh and throughout the state and should be reduced," Commissioner Winborne states.

North Carolinians, persons, firms and corporations, paid \$247,018,129.89 in taxes, State and federal, in the first 10 months of the present fiscal year, ended April 30, in addition to the county, city and town and Collector Charles H. Robertson and

district taxes, reports of Federal State Collector A. J. Maxwell show. This is \$55,807,956.75 more than the \$192,213,173.14 paid in the same period of the preceding year. It is also at the rate of \$78.23 for every man, woman and child in the State (1930 census), with two months yet to go.

Nearly 49 per cent of the children from 14 to 16 years of ages who were turned out of textile mills in North Carolina by introduction of the code in August, 1933, returned to school, Commissioner of Labor A. J. Fletcher reports, based on a close check in the 10 leading textile counties, Richmond, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Cabarrus, Davidson, Guilford, Forsyth, Rowan, Alamance and Durham.

Three federal probation officers, one for each federal court district in the state, have been recommended by the respective judges to look after both adult and juvenile probationers handled by the courts. Those recommended are Gilliam Grissom, former internal revenue collector and Republican candidate for Governor, by Judge I. M. Meekins, for the eastern district Wade Reavis, Yadkinville, a former representative of Yadkin county in the General Assembly, by Judge Johnson J. Hayes, for the middle district, and Edgar W. Pharr, Charlotte, former speaker of the House of Representatives, by Judge E. Yates Webb, for the western district. These appointments have not been completed by the Department of Labor.

The North Carolina Press Association will hold its annual summer convention July 11, 13 Banner Elk, Avery county, with that organizing genius, Edgar Tufts, the executive committee decided at a meeting in Raleigh Saturday.

Governor Ehringhaus and State Treasurer C. M. Johnson visited New York City last week to check up on possibilities of an early and profitable refunding of the State's \$12,230,000 in short term notes. Belief is that the market will soon be in shape for a satisfactory turning of the notes into bonds. Already it is sure that they can be handled at an interest rate of 4 1-2 cents, and possibly less. The State is now paying an average of about 4.32 per cent on its outstanding bonds.

Intimations are that the fate of the proposed new Constitution will not be left in the hands of politicians who are afraid a definite stand for or against it may mean political suicide, but belief is that leading citizens of each community, as contracted with politicians, will interest themselves in seeing that the people are informed as to its merits. Many amendments to the present Constitution have been killed by fear of politicians that they would be hurt politically if they took sides, and not being informed, the voters cast their votes against any changes. State Senator Capus Waynick, for, and Attorney General D. G. Brummitt, against, staged a joint debate on the proposed Constitution before the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Asheville last week.

Fresh cut flowers at the Curb Market Saturday morning.

Greeting Cards for Mother's Day (Sunday) at Hayes.

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State Symphony Gets \$45,000 Relief Fund

Musicians Aided While Director Stringfield Strives To Make Orchestra Self Supporting

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in which Southern Pines has long been interested, is now an emergency relief project, recognized and approved by the North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration, and allotted approximately \$45,000, largely for salaries of musicians for the rest of the year.

Lamar Stringfield, musical director of the North Carolina Symphony Society, contemplates a program which by the beginning of 1935 will make the symphony self supporting. The headquarters of the symphony will be at Chapel Hill and all persons except the supervisory will be eligible for relief.

Fifty or 60 musicians who make up the organization, under the present plans, will be assembled in Chapel Hill and will remain there during the six weeks of summer school, playing three concerts a week. This period will be followed by six weeks in Asheville. There will be concerts, in addition, in Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro.

The full symphony, the little symphony and the chamber group will be available for an ambitious schedule which aims to carry the organization into all parts of North Carolina.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM AT SUMMER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Summer Hill Baptist Church has arranged a Mother's Day program on May the 13th to which all are invited. After Sunday school at 10 o'clock there will be a Sunday school program at 11:00. Dinner will be served at 12:30, those attending being asked to bring a box of dinner to spread on the long table.

The afternoon program will begin at 1:30. "If you want to feel like forty years ago, be with us. Our singing will be old time songs in the old fashioned way," says the invitation. At the close of this program the pastor will preach at 3 o'clock.

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Miller Heads Sales Tax Fight

LAYMAN WILL LEAD CAMPAIGN AGAINST SALES TAX

S. H. Miller, of the Moore Hardware Co., Announces for the State Senate from this County.

Says Major Issue of 1935 Legislature Will Be the Tax Question

That the sales tax as a revenue-producing measure has been a dismal failure is apparent by the desperate efforts during the last week on the part of proponents of this tax to explain away the exorbitant costs of its collection.

I have never been able to see the need of this new taxation, and believe my views to be exactly in accord with those of the thinking people. I believe the state budget can and should be balanced without this un-American form of taxation.

If elected, I expect to vote to the end of time to make the state live within its income.

Prohibition may also play an important part in the next general assembly. In the dry campaign last November, as head of the forces against liquor in this county, I carried Moore nearly three to one. You may depend upon me again if needed.

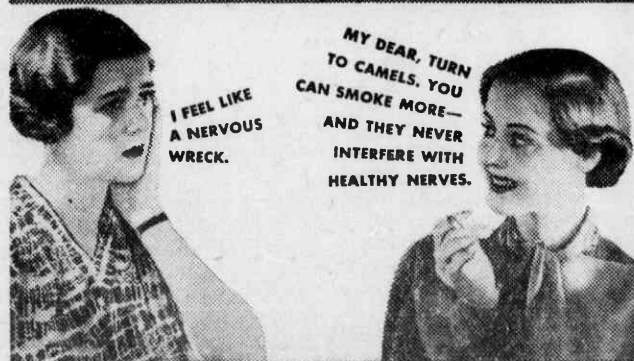
I am not a lawyer, nor a politician, therefore I have no strings tied to me, nor none to tie. I will be free and able to vote for these things which are for the best interest of the state.

(Signed)

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