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# At the CAPITAL

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

#### Income and Outgo Bills

Committees of the General Assem-  
bly, especially Finance and Appropria-  
tions committees, held the spotlight  
in Raleigh last week, the daily ses-  
sions of House and Senate having  
been largely engaged in marking time  
until the Revenue and Appropriations  
measures reach the floor.

Other committees have had to give  
way to these two groups, because  
most of the leading members are on  
one or the other of the joint com-  
mittees, and a quorum could hardly  
be mustered. However, other com-  
mittees have begun to act on meas-  
ures referred to them and more bills  
are reaching the calendar, although  
introductions and committee approv-  
als are behind as compared with last  
session. The two main bills are well  
on the way and others can be han-  
dled more easily.

#### The Sales Tax

Merchants were heard on the sales  
tax, but that provision is expected to  
get to the floor without much oppo-  
sition, there to meet its hardest sled-  
ding. Many groups have been before  
both the Finance and Appropriations  
measures, and soon the committee will  
go into executive session to work out  
their final bills.

#### Liquor Control

Senator John Sprunt Hill, Durham,  
ardent dry, has prepared a liquor  
control bill, to be introduced later,  
and distributed copies generally. He  
would submit the proposal to a vote  
of the people. The measure provides  
State purchase of liquor at whole-  
sale, bottling it and allowing sale.  
The State would get 10 per cent of  
the profit, the balance, estimated at  
30 to 40 per cent, going to the com-  
munities on population basis. He estimates  
most counties can reduce their tax  
rates 5 to 10 cents. Proceeds would  
be used for relief, welfare, county  
homes, delinquents, disabled veterans  
and their families, and other like pur-  
poses.

Conservatively, Senator Hill estimates,  
the measure would bring \$3-  
600,000 in revenues, which, he claims,  
is going to Virginia and bootleggers.  
An ardent dry, and heavy financial  
supporter of the dry cause for many  
years, Senator Hill's measure will be  
more seriously considered than if pro-  
posed by a wet.

#### Criminal County Courts

Only one State-wide bill was en-  
acted last week, amending the 1931  
act authorizing county commis-  
sioners to establish criminal county  
courts. Four joint resolutions were  
ratified, asking Congress to enact the  
Frazier-Lemke farm refinancing bill,  
requiring State department and agen-  
cy heads to furnish information asked  
by General Assembly committee  
chairmen, to print the N. C. Manual,  
and asking Miss Keller to invite a  
joint session, which she did Tuesday,  
asking consideration for blind and  
deaf and to seek to prevent blindness  
and deafness.

#### Sales Tax to Net \$7,500,000

The sales tax brought in more  
than a million dollars in revenue in  
January, the \$1,007,242.35 reported  
by Commissioner of Revenue A. J.  
Maxwell representing the better De-  
cember business for the Christmas  
season, and is a nice increase over  
the \$811,619.07 collected in January of  
last year, reflecting more business.

In the seven months of the fiscal  
year, the sales tax has brought in \$4-

717,361.32 in revenue, approaching  
predictions that it would bring, with  
exemptions, about \$7,500,000 a year.  
The collections for the same month of  
last year were only \$3,318,296.16, but  
it was actually on less than six  
months sales.

January total general fund collec-  
tions reached \$1,521,214.21, an in-  
crease of 25.92 per cent for January,  
1934, while the seven months collect-  
ed reached \$12,467,742.07, an increase  
of 14.39 per cent over the similar  
period last year, January inheritance,  
license and beer taxes declined, as  
compared with January last year,  
while franchise, income and sales  
taxes increased. License taxes only  
declined in the seven months period,  
the other five showing increases.

The motor vehicle receipts in Jan-  
uary were \$5,312,670.92, increase of  
8.75 per cent over those of the Jan-  
uary before. For the seven months  
collections reached \$17,379,510.54,  
increase of 16.24 per cent over the same  
period last year.

Total general fund and motor col-  
lections in January were \$6,833-  
885.23, increase of 12.13 per cent over  
the January before, and for the seven  
months they were \$29,847,252.61, or  
15.46 per cent more than those of  
that period last year.

#### County Government

Two county government bills, one  
to allow county commissioners to  
abolish and consolidate offices and  
fix salaries, and another to allow  
them to name tax collectors, other  
than sheriffs, received unfavorable  
committee reports and are probably  
dead. Many county officials from  
over the State attended the hearing.

#### ENJOYABLE MUSICALS AT CIVIC CLUB LAST WEEK

Members and guests of the Civic  
Club were delightfully entertained at  
their meeting last Friday by a mus-  
ical program in charge of the Music  
Department of the Civic Club, of  
which Mrs. Lucy Cameron is chair-  
man. Mrs. Claude Hafer played sev-  
eral beautiful piano numbers with  
more than her usual brilliance and  
fine technique, winning the enthusias-  
tic applause of her audience. Miss  
Raymond, violinist, played a difficult  
composition of Mozart's with sym-  
pathetic understanding and fine inter-  
pretation. She was accompanied by  
Mrs. Hafer at the piano. Miss Ade-  
line Cook, a dramatic soprano, sang  
with great sweetness and vivid dra-  
matic coloring several Italian operatic  
selections. Miss Cook was ac-  
companied by Mrs. Lucy Cameron at  
the piano. Mrs. Reed Page, lyric so-  
prano, sang with clear tones and  
depth of feeling several vocal num-  
bers that had an irresistible appeal to  
listeners.

The ladies of the club and their  
guests thank those who gave so gen-  
erously of their time and talent to  
make the afternoon so enjoyable.  
A social hour followed with tea and  
cakes.

#### MRS. G. L. HENDREN OF EAGLE SPRINGS PASSES

Funeral services were conducted  
from Benselem Presbyterian Church  
last Saturday for Mrs. G. L. Hendren  
of Eagle Springs, who died January  
24 of an acute attack of angina pec-  
toris. The Rev. Lacy McDuffy of Can-  
dor, and J. W. Crinkley of Hemp,  
conducted the services. C. Martin,  
G. C. Brown, W. P. Querry, D. M.  
Campbell of Eagle Springs, W. R.  
Bryant of Jackson Springs, and  
Charles McKenzie of Candor were  
pallbearers.

Mrs. Hendred, daughter of Dr. and  
Mrs. W. F. Connolly was born in  
Alexander county, October 30, 1861.  
She was united in marriage to Gas-  
ton L. Hendren June 7, 1891. To this  
union were born eight children, of  
whom the following with the widow-  
er, survive: Mrs. H. R. Harrison,  
Francis L., and Isaac E., of Eagle  
Springs, John S. of Asheboro, Wil-  
liam C., of Hoffman, and Raymond  
L., of Crescent City, Fla. Twelve  
grandchildren, one brother, I. S.  
Connolly of Lory, and one sister,  
Mrs. W. A. Barkley of Asheboro, also  
survive.

#### THISTLE CLUB WINNERS

At the Thistle Club bridge tea  
last Saturday afternoon high score  
prizes were won by Mrs. R. Skinner,  
Mrs. H. W. Flack, Mrs. Elmer Davis,  
Mrs. Carl Thompson, Mrs. D. G.  
Stutz, Mrs. Neil McKeithen and Mrs.  
McGuire. The door prize also went to  
Mrs. McGuire.

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### Re-routing of U. S. 15 Stirs Storm of Protest

#### Durham and Sanford Left Out and Tourist Travel to Sand- hills Affected

Chambers of Commerce and other  
civic bodies hereabouts are much stir-  
red up over the recent re-routing of  
U. S. Route 15, and are making ef-  
forts to re-route the route where it  
always has been. The Sandhills sec-  
tion is affected, in that many north-  
erners, anxious to avoid possible traf-  
fic congestion and the several large  
cities through which U. S. No. 1  
highway passes on the way down,  
use No. 15, a route parallel to No.  
1 to the west.

No. 15, which comes into North  
Carolina north of Oxford, used to go  
to Durham, Chapel Hill and Sanford,  
there picking up U. S. No. 1 for the  
trek southward through Sanford and  
Southern Pines.

The route was changed on January  
19 of this year following recommenda-  
tions of the executive committee of  
the American association of State  
Highway Officials. The committee,  
which has the main say in determin-  
ing the routing of federal highways,  
met in Milwaukee in October, 1934,  
and declined to recommend that Dur-  
ham be left off 15, turning the route  
at Creedmore straight into Raleigh  
and thence to Fayetteville.

The highway went through Chapel  
Hill and Sanford prior to last sum-  
mer, when it was first routed into  
Raleigh, leaving Sanford out of the  
picture. Those informed on the sub-  
ject say the old Durham-Sanford  
route is more direct than the Raleigh-  
Fayetteville road.

Delegations from Durham and San-  
ford have already called on Capus  
Wynick, chairman of the North Car-  
olina Highway Commission, and Mr.  
Waynick is said to look with favor  
on the Durham-Sanford route. Another  
delegation is expected to go to  
Raleigh again this week and various  
members of the State Highway Com-  
mission are being approached on the  
subject.

### CARTHAGE

Mrs. Geo. D. Carter spent Tuesday  
in Chapel Hill visiting her sister,  
Mrs. William Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Carter and  
daughter Margaret Neal, returned  
home Thursday from Morristown,  
Tenn., where Mr. Carter was on the  
tobacco market.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill spent Sun-  
day in Durham with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clegg spent  
Saturday in Greensboro.

Miss Esther Seawell who is a  
member of the faculty this year is in  
the Sanford hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sugg of San-

ford visited friends in Carthage Sun-  
day.

Mrs. Mamie Brant of Shelby is vis-  
iting her niece, Mrs. R. W. Pleas-  
ants.

Mrs. Alice Watson of Oxford was in  
Carthage Sunday.

Clyde Shaw returned Saturday  
from Morristown, Tenn., where he  
spent the tobacco season.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair  
spent Sunday in Durham.

S. G. Bates left for his home in  
Brook Neal, Va., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lynch of San-  
ford were in town Sunday.

Miss Mary Currie, Miss Mary Ham-  
ilton, Miss Frances Hunter and Miss  
Dietz were in Sanford Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. Adams of Raleigh spent

the week-end in Carthage.

Mrs. Henry Ledbetter of Rock-  
ingham spent the week-end in Car-  
thage with her aunt, Mrs. W. T.  
Jones.

Miss Mary Currie spent the week-  
end in Fayetteville with friends.

W. H. Currie has returned from  
a business trip to New York City.

#### TURKEY DINNER

The Willing Workers of the Bap-  
tist Church will serve a turkey dinner  
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