

LEGISLATURE NOW READY FOR LABORS

Taxation and Crippled County and City Governments Big Question

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—Fifty senators and 120 representatives, less one removed by death, are gathering in Raleigh this week to begin what may well be termed one of the most important sessions the General Assembly has ever held in North Carolina. Along with them are lobbyists representing every kind of interest, intent upon preventing detrimental and encouraging favorable legislation, from every point of view.

State and county government reorganization, growing out of Governor Gardner's Brookings Institution report, taxation, highways, schools, State's Prison, these are the principal general classifications of the problems that will face the 170 law-makers during their 60 or more days of deliberation.

Taxation will be the most vexatious problems, since it will be necessary for the Legislature to provide additional revenues to carry on the State's activities on the present basis or greatly restrict the expenditures in order to balance the budget. Even with the \$2,000,000 surplus brought over from the last administration, and the 10 per cent cut last year and 20 per cent cut this year in most of the appropriations, estimates place the deficit at the end of the biennium at \$1,000,000.

Governor Gardner guarantees a \$400,000 saving by a purchasing and contracting agent for all state institutions that this is striking popular fancy, to tions and departments, and it seems such an extent that either the agency or at least purchasing control will be established. Another \$300,000 is the estimate on savings by consolidating administrative features of the three higher educational institutions into one State University, through eliminating overlapping in instructional activities.

The addition of one cent a gallon on the gasoline tax is not exactly popular, but officials see no way around it, if the state is to take over the county roads for maintenance, which now appears likely. The Prison Commission report also favors the state taking over the remaining county convict camps and assuming control over all convicts as an economy measure, along with a complete reorganization of the prison system and building a new central plant.

To avoid criticism—
Say nothing.
Do nothing.
Be nothing.

Men write clever sneers at religion, but they never have one carved on their tombstone.

GREAT WASTE IN COUNTY ROAD WORK

Tax Commission To Urge All Road Boards Be Abolished

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—Highway construction and maintenance in the counties in North Carolina has been conducted on an uneconomical basis in many instances, due in part to the fact that the county is too small a unit for economical road work, the joint report made by U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, the Highway Commission and the Tax Commission, as the result of a study during the fall, points out.

Many counties have issued bonds for road construction, supplemented the funds from current revenues, resulting in annual deficits, which are covered by short term notes and then refunding bonds, until it is impossible to find just how much has been spent for roads, the report shows, pointing out, however, that the outstanding highway bonds are far in excess of the value of the 45,090.15 miles in the county systems.

Forty-seven of the counties use convict labor on their roads, but it is evident these counties are not getting the work done at a low per mile cost, the report shows. The average 19.3 cents per \$100 valuation, it is tax rate for county road work is shown.

These three agencies do not recommend that the state take over the roads, but the Tax Commission previously recommended a six cent gasoline tax and approximately \$6,000,000 for county road maintenance by the state.

BAPTIST CHURCH MAKES BIG GAINS

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—A gain of 77 churches and net gain of 10,894 members of Baptist churches in North Carolina in 1930 over 1929 is shown in figures compiled by Perry Morgan, secretary of the Department of Sunday Schools and Statistics of the Baptist State Convention. The statistics show there are 407,920 white Baptists who are members of the 2,384 churches in the state. Baptisms numbering 20,126 were reported by 1,732 of the churches. The grand total of all gifts by all the churches was \$3,403,881.37. The Baptist State Convention maintains three standard colleges, four junior colleges and two preparatory schools, of which the equipment is worth \$3,534,382.17 and in which the enrollment is 3,815, manned by 223 officers and teachers, the report shows.

TRIBUTE PAID TO MEMORY OF FRIEND

Sylvanus Galloway Loved by Friends Everywhere—His Minister's Praise

(By Rev. A. J. Manly)
The Pale Horse and his Rider is passing through the land with the messages of death to the old and the young, to the saints and the sinners. May we all ask the serious question, "Am I ready to go?"

Sylvanus Galloway was born Nov. 30, 1852. At the age of sixteen he joined the Baptist church. He was the Senior Deacon of Macedonia church for many years and was considered a wise and safe counsellor. He was respected as a Christian and as a citizen throughout the county.

He loved his family, his church, and his county with as pure love as ever flowed from a generous heart.

He was married on January 27th, 1876, to Dorcas Fisher. To them were born ten children, nine of whom are living, as follows: Mrs. J. Frank McCall, Cherryfield; Otis and Oscar of Gloucester; Elzie, of Canton; Alvoid, of Brevard; Erastus of New Mexico; Mrs. Zelma Sloss and Mrs. May Burton of Los Angeles, Calif.; twenty-seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, R. J. Galloway of Glenville, one sister, Mrs. Selena McCall, age 88, of Black Mountain, and hundreds of friends to mourn his departure, but we feel that our loss is his gain.

He died December 3, 1930, and the funeral was conducted by Rev. A. J. Manly and Rev. Judson Corn. As these ministers have been his pastors for so many years, we pray that we may live to see his children and grandchildren prepared, so that when God calls the loving wife and mother home, may she be able to say to him, "Our loved ones are all coming home."

GLADY BRANCH IS ACTIVE AT CHURCH

Activities at the Glady Branch church give emphasis to the great amount of work being done there by the church and the Sunday School. Since the coming of Rev. I. N. Kuykendall as pastor, renewed interest is being taken in all departments of the church. Re-organization of the Sunday School, with Flave Holden as superintendent and Paul Glazener as assistant, with a splendid corps of teachers, gives promise of an unusually fine year in that work for 1931. There are 80 members of the Sunday School, and a cordial invitation is extended by the officers and teachers to all people to attend the school.

EXPENSES CUT BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages Slashed—Other Items Cut from Expense List

Officials of the town of Brevard have slashed salaries and wages, reduced forces and effected other savings to the tune of \$200 a month. Final action was taken on this matter Monday evening, when adoption was made by the town council of the revised payroll and schedule prepared by the special committee.

Town Clerk H. H. Patton's salary was reduced \$20 a month, while the salaries of the policemen were each reduced \$10 the month, with this reduction also applying to the office of superintendent of streets and water. All employees were included in the reduction of salaries and wages, and the mayor and members of the board are to receive \$4 instead of \$5 for each regular meeting.

Street lights were ordered reduced in number until the beginning of the summer season, in order to reduce this expense item. Taken all in all, the savings amount to almost \$200 a month.

Pisgah Forest News

The community was saddened Friday evening when the Death Angel entered the community and claimed as its victim, Mrs. W. S. Allison, age 59. For a number of months, Mrs. Allison had to suffer quite a bit, but she always bore her suffering very patiently. Last week her children received word that she was very low and they gathered by her bedside to hear her request to them to meet her in Heaven. Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Boylston Baptist church, with interment in the cemetery there.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and three sons, Turner, of Brevard; Arthur, of Bat Cave, and Stanley of this place; four daughters, Mrs. Frank Long, Horseshoe; Mrs. O. P. Anders, Greer, S. C.; Mrs. Emmett Reese and Mrs. Dewey Burns of this place; her mother, Mrs. Columbus Townsend, Waynesville, and four sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Jude Albert of Asheville, spent last week with her husband here.

Jule Orr and Allen Campfield spent last week in Macon, Ga.

Miss Mildred Barnett had as dinner guests Sunday, Misses Florine Carter and Orlena Capps and Floyd Campfield, Valry Carter and C. L. Corn.

Miss Lexine Orr returned to her home in South Carolina on Saturday

LIBRARY REPORT MOST INTERESTING

Many People Reading, But Few Paying Toward Operating Expense

Report of the work of the U. D. C. Library for the month of December shows that there was much reading during the holiday season. The report shows that 273 adults and 80 juniors took books from the library during the month. There were 235 adult and 90 junior visitors during the month.

While this phase of the work is most encouraging, there is another side that is not so encouraging to the ladies who assume responsibility of the library's operation. This has to do with the finances. During the month of December the receipts were only \$1.50, with 32 cents due from overdue. Expenses of \$1 for lights must come from this sum.

It is now time for payment of annual library dues, and those who realize the great value of the U. D. C. Library are urged to pay dues at earliest convenience.

after spending a week with her grandfather, Joe Orr.

Wils Long of Hendricks, W. Va., is visiting his cousin, H. Hedrick.

Lance Carter spent the week-end with friends on Mills River.

James Barton and C. B. Allison were calling at the home of Mrs. E. Crow on Sunday.

John Radford is suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

Misses Florine Carter and Mildred Barnett spent Thursday in Bravard with the latter's aunt, Mrs. P. Sitton.

Miss Myrtle Frady is spending several months in Washington, D. C. Fred Allen and Roy Macmahon of Swannanoa, spent several days last week with Frank Allen.

Mrs. Sally McCall has returned to her home here after spending a week with her father, Mr. Sharp, in Haywood county.

Mrs. D. W. Hollingsworth and grandson, Herman, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, on Boylston.

J. H. TINSLEY BACK AT OLD TRADE, AT MARTIN'S

J. H. Tinsley is with Martin's Barber Shop, back at his old trade with the razor and scissors. For many years Mr. Tinsley was engaged in the barber business here, and is known to practically all citizens of the county.

Doctors say it is unwise to leap out of bed the moment you are awake. Especially if you have been sleeping beside an open window.

SEVEN VETERANS IN THIS COUNTY

Thin Grey Line Nearing the End as Father Time Claims Those Who Are His

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—Only 1,430 Confederate veterans remained on the state pension rolls at the last semi-annual payment, as of December 15, at which time there were 79 negro servants drawing \$200 a year, or \$15,800 a year. The veterans, drew \$253,075 in December, while the two classes of widows of veterans, the totally disabled and confined to the home, numbering 322, and those married before 1880, with a few others added by the State Pension Board who were married to veterans before 1899, numbering 3,633, received \$229,950 in December.

Haywood had the largest number of veterans, 38, while Mecklenburg and Surry had 36 each. Yancey had 33, Davidson 32, Wilkes 30, Rowan 29, and Gaston and Yadkin 28 each. Wake had 23 and Surry 21 completely disabled widows. Mecklenburg had 95 and Iredell 92 class "B" widows. Thirty-one counties had all the 79 negro servants, Granville with 8, Gaston with 6 and Harnett, Union and Yadkin three each. Dare has only one veteran on the pension roll and Tyrrell has only four class "B" widows.

SEVEN VETERANS HERE

Transylvania county received a total of \$2,727.50 from the last semi-annual advance distribution in December, including \$1,277.50 for the seven veterans; none for negro servants; \$450 for the three class "A" or completely disabled widows, and \$1,000 for the 20 class "B" widows, according to the records of State Auditor Baxter Durham. When a veterans dies during the six-month period before the check is distributed, the money goes to the next of kin. All actual veterans get \$1 a day, or semi-annual checks of \$182.50.

OTTO WOOD KILLED

Death of Otto Wood, notorious one-handed lawbreaker and prison escaper, shot down by Chief of Police R. L. Rankin in the heart of Salisbury last Wednesday, removes from the front pages one of the most dangerous criminals in this state since the passing of the famous Lowrey gang of outlaws. Wood whose list of crimes ranged from misdemeanors to murders, had been declared an outlaw after his fourth escape from State's Prison, on the ground that he was a menace to society. His daring, boldness and foolhardiness, probably coupled with his desire for publicity, brought him to his grave.

A DAUGHTER

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Turner Allison, on Tuesday, Jan. 6th, a daughter.

MONEY RAISING SALE

We Are Forced to Raise a Large Sum of Money In a Short Time
In order to do this we are starting a General Clean Up
Sale in which you can buy merchandise at our store in
many instances at less than the wholesale cost----See Our Windows

Sale Starts JANUARY 9th--and Continues During January

The PLUMMER Co.