

SOLONS PROBE BRIBE CHARGES

Alleged Attempts To Buy Off Lawmakers Are Investigated

TAXES UNSETTLED House and Senate Still Deadlocked Over Revenue Bill

RALEIGH, May 13.—Senator John W. Hinsdale, of Wake county, testified before a special senate investigating committee Wednesday afternoon that an indirect offer of anything he "wanted" was made to him if he would drop his fight for the luxury sales tax.

Hinsdale said D. H. Pope, of Raleigh, chairman of the Wake county commissioners, told him W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, chairman of the board of the Reynolds Tobacco company, cigarette manufacturers, had said "it would be worth anything" Hinsdale wanted for the Wake senator to "let up."

Pope, who also testified, denied he made such a statement to Hinsdale, or that Reynolds had mentioned remuneration in a conference with Pope, and Reynolds held three weeks ago in Durham.

Taxes Cigarettes

The luxury sales tax bill, written by Senator Hinsdale, levies a 20 per cent tax on the retail sale of cigarettes and tobacco products, as well as a high rate of taxation on movie admissions. The senate has refused several times to accept the luxury tax.

The special senate committee investigating charges and rumors of "alleged bribery and corruption designed to influence the vote of certain senators" heard six witnesses this afternoon, the first day hearings were held.

Still Deadlocked

With an enlarged senate conference committee of nine members, and the old house group of seven, the joint conference committee on the biennial revenue bill started its fourth series of meetings Wednesday night.

After more than two hours in joint meeting the house conferees left the senate group to work alone in an effort to have some kind of proposition ready to present to the house group Thursday morning.

The senate refused the suggestion of the house that it appoint a new set of conferees on the revenue bill but adopted a resolution to increase the conferees from five to nine and sent them back to work without instructions.

Lieutenant Governor Fountain named Senators Pritchett, of Bertie, Clark of Edgecombe, Hinsdale of Wake and McKee of Jackson it being understood that the four additional members would come from the "luxury" tax "school of thought."

Winners of Contests at Highlands Announced

The annual boys' debating contest and girls' reading contest were held last Saturday evening in the school auditorium, before a large and appreciative audience. Gold medals were awarded to Miss Eva Potts, senior, and Mr. Glen Shuler, junior, as the best speakers. The judges for the debating contest were Mr. S. T. Marrett, Mr. J. C. Mell, and the Rev. L. E. Crowson; those for the reading contest were Mrs. S. T. Marrett and the Rev. Crowson.

Keep paint cans, brushes, and other painted objects where livestock can not reach them, and keep the animals away from freshly painted buildings, fences and billboards until the paint is thoroughly dry. Livestock like to lick paint and may get lead poisoning.

Fred Slagle, Game Warden, Warns Against Violations Of Fishing Regulations

Recent violations of the state game regulations as regards fishing have prompted Fred Slagle, Macon county game warden, to call attention to the open and closed season dates on various species of fish found in this section. He pointed out especially that the season is now closed for small mouth bass.

Mr. Slagle said he felt that most of the fishermen of this county were good sportsmen and intended to abide by the fishing regulations. He expressed the opinion that the violations reported to him were due to ignorance or misunderstanding of the rules drawn up by the State Department of Conservation and Development.

License Fees

The game warden also called attention to the increase in fishing license fees for non-residents from \$3.10 to \$5.10. The resident county license remains \$1.10 and the resident state license, \$2.10. The increase in non-resident licenses was voted about 10 days ago by the General Assembly.

Following are the rules as to open and closed seasons, bag limits and size limits set by the Department of Conservation and Development:

Rule 4. Open and closed seasons: It shall be unlawful to fish or take fish by any means whatsoever in "inland fishing waters" of North Carolina from May 1 to June 10 of each year, both dates being inclusive: Provided, that this rule shall not apply to fishing with hook and line and rod reel or by casting in counties designated by the Department of Conservation and Development, including Bladen, Camden, Columbus, Currituck, Duplin, Gates, Hoke, Hertford, Lenoir, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, and Robeson on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week during closed season: Pro-

vided further, that the closed seasons for certain species of fish of the mountain section shall be as follows:

Trout (all species) and muskallunge, Sept. 1 to April 15 following. Small mouth bass, September 1 to June 10 following.

Rule 5. Bag limit: It shall be unlawful in the state of North Carolina for any person to take from the waters of the state designated as "inland fishing waters," by any means or method whatsoever, in any one day, more fish of the species herein mentioned than the number set opposite each species as follows:

Large mouth black bass, 8; small mouth bass, 8; brook or speckle trout, 20; rainbow trout, 15; blue bream, 25; red bream, 25; robin, 25; rock, 8; crappie or chinquapin perch, 25; goggle eye, 25; red fin, 15; white perch, 25.

Provided, that it shall be unlawful for any person to take more than a total of 25 trout in any one day from "inland waters" or more than 75 of all species of fish from "inland waters" in any one day.

Rule 6. Size limit: It shall be unlawful in the state of North Carolina for any person or persons to take, buy, sell, offer for sale, have in his or their possession, or unnecessarily destroy, anywhere in the state, fish taken from any of the waters of the state designated as "inland fishing waters," any fish of less size than the length specified for the several kinds of fish hereinafter mentioned, to-wit:

Large mouth black bass, 12 inches; small mouth bass, 10 inches; brook or speckle trout, 6 inches; rainbow trout, 8 inches; blue bream, 6 inches; red bream, 6 inches; robin, 5 inches; rock, 12 inches; crappie or chinquapin perch, 6 inches; goggle eye, 6 inches; red fin, 8 inches; white perch, 6 inches.

Classes for Religious Workers Start Monday

Mrs. Johnson Named College Alumnae Head

Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, of Franklin, was elected president of the Converse College Alumnae association at the annual meeting of the group Tuesday in connection with the college's commencement exercises. Mrs. Johnson returned from Spartanburg Wednesday night.

The profitable pig is the one that never stops growing from farrowing time until market. When pigs are about three weeks old, they will begin to eat some shelled corn if placed in a self-feeder in a creep. Also let them have access to a mineral mixture containing lime and phosphorus. When about five or six weeks old, they will need some form of protein to supplement the corn. Shorts or middlings are good sources of protein. Give them separately—not mixed with the corn. Tankage, fish meal, or old-process linseed meal may be substituted for, or fed mixed with, the shorts or middlings.

Nearly 32 Millions Visited National Forests in 1930

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Recreational use of the national forests continued its steady growth, with 31,904,515 visitors last year, according to complete reports announced by the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

Although this was an increase of 146,284 as compared with the preceding year, the gain was small in comparison with that of 1929, when the estimated number of visitors increased about 8 million as compared with 1928.

Many of the 151 national forests participated in last year's gain. Campers and picnickers showed increases in number but guests of hotels and resorts located in national forests showed a slight decrease. Campers last year numbered 1,980,736 as against 1,902,961 for 1929. Most of the gain was in the national forests of the West. Estimates for picnickers showed 3,272,682 for 1930, against 3,056,457 for 1929, with increases both in

Field Worker for Young People To Be on Faculty

Mrs. D. D. Taber, educational worker of the Episcopal church, will address a joint meeting of the young people's church organizations to be held in the Baptist church Sunday evening, May 17, at 7 o'clock. This will be the opening service of the Community Training school that will continue through the week.

Mrs. Taber approaches her subject, "The Christian Leadership of Young People," with rare experience and understanding of young people's problems from many years of teaching of leaders and young people in church training schools and conferences. Recently her work has included a survey of the religious life and Christian influences of schools and colleges all over the country, which has brought her in contact with the life and ideals of girls and boys

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FIVE NURSES GET DIPLOMAS

Goldboro Pastor Speaks At Commencement Exercises

HOUK ALSO SPEAKS Conceptions of Life Are Outlined by Rev. A. J. Smith

Five nurses trained at Angel Brothers' hospital were given their nurses' pins and diplomas at graduation exercises held Tuesday night in the Baptist church. The commencement address was delivered by the Rev. A. J. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church of Goldsboro, who is widely known for his abilities as speaker and preacher.

The diplomas and pins were presented by G. L. Houk, principal of the Franklin high school, who also made a fine address. Mr. Smith, who was introduced by Mayor George Patton, spoke on the subject, "Life's Conceptions," which he summarized under three general sub-topics, man's conception of himself, his conception of others and his conception of God.

An ideal of service, the Goldsboro pastor said, is the proper conception for man to follow. In discussing the conception of others he pointed out that human contacts in this day of radios and automobiles are closer than they ever have been. It is more necessary now than ever, he said, for individuals to view their fellowmen with a friendly, neighborly attitude.

"This is a friendly universe," Mr. Smith said. "Man is friendly. God is friendly. We should take a friendly outlook on life."

The nurses graduated were the Misses Mary Elizabeth Eller, Commerce, Ga.; Ava Marcea Russell, Johnson City, Tenn.; Artie Marie Williamson, Canton, N. C.; Elsie May Warren, Cornelia, Ga.; Hazel Evelyn Kitchens, Hayesville.

Singing Convention Is Called for May 24

All singing classes in Macon county have been invited to meet with various Swain county classes Sunday, May 24, at a big singing convention to be held on top of Highlonesome, about two miles from the mouth of Tellico creek.

A big crowd is expected, according to T. A. Slagle. He suggested that everyone bring their lunch and be prepared for an all-day convention. He promised a good time for all.

"Everybody is urged to come," Mr. Slagle said. "Just cross the river at the last bridge and go down the river on the Almond road. You can't miss the place. Come on down."

COLLEGES REFUSE MONEY

Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia refused a bequest of \$100,000 for "the development of the sound public opinion that woman's place is in the home." Turning down money is one of the most difficult things in the world for colleges to do, so they must have had a strong motive in this case. Of course wealthy women have often dropped something into their constantly circulating hats, and they would not wish to offend this class of contributors, but there may be something in the principle of the thing. Schools ought not to hesitate about "developing sound opinion," but if they accepted everybody's opinion as sound and undertook to develop it for a consideration they would soon have more money than influence. Some of them sought a few years ago to develop the opinion that the power interests were beneficent and should not be hampered by laws, but they did not get much honor out of it. Colleges should rest it on the wealthy to furnish money—not opinions.

—THE PATHFINDER.

Dodder, sometimes called "love vine," may cause a great deal of damage to crops and should not be allowed to remain in a field. This parasitic weed is usually brought on the farm in impure seed. In the first season it generally occurs in small, scattered areas. Such areas should be first mowed and then burned before the dodder goes to seed, if possible, is the advice of weed specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This treatment will destroy the crop also on the mowed areas, but it is the safest way to protect future crops from infestation of dodder.

Town Council Cuts Wages Of Employes 10 Per Cent; Peddlers' Fees Reduced

Curing Houses To Save County's Sweet Potato Crop Are Badly Needed

Macon county needs some sweet potato curing houses, in the opinion of J. S. Gray, who with C. H. McClure recently went to Clay county to look over the potato houses in operation there.

Because of the lack of such houses in Macon hundreds of bushels of sweet potatoes spoil each year. If several large curing establishments were put in operation in different sections of the county, Mr. Gray said, the farmers then could afford to plant more potatoes, have them cured for their own use and also for shipping.

C. L. BLAINE IS STRUCK BY CAR

Head and Chest Injured In Accident on Georgia Road

C. L. Blaine is recovering at his home on the Georgia road from injuries suffered Monday morning when he was knocked down by an automobile driven by a Mr. Dowdle of Rabun Gap.

Mr. Blaine was walking behind a sledge when the car, approaching from his rear, struck him. He was brought to Franklin for treatment and later returned to his home. He suffered bad cuts on his head and injuries to his chest. The accident occurred near the Morrison school about five miles south of Franklin on the Georgia road.

FRANKLIN BOY MAKES LETTER AT CULLOWHEE

CULLOWHEE, May 6.—Thirty students at Western Carolina Teachers college were given letters in chapel Friday for having done outstanding work in various phases of athletics during the year. Those receiving letters were: Andy Bryson, Misses Sudie Hunter, Charlotte, Marietta Welch, Waynesville; Helen Jones, Hayesville; Daisy Battle, Andrews; Benlah Rogers, Andrews; Jessie Higdon, Higdonville; Ruth Dawkins, Condo; Elizabeth Wright, Asheville; Chloe Reid, Cartersville, Ga.; Mary Pierce, Smithfield; Muriel Snyder, Beta; Neele Hood Grimes, Smithfield; Oleta Rice, Robbinsville; and Lena Allison, Brevard.

The boys receiving letters were: Andy Bryson, Cullowhee; Roy Watson, Sylva; Pearl Kitchens, Hayesville; John Crawford, Cullowhee; Guy Sutton, Sylva; Paul Buchanan, Sylva; Horace Garrison, Hayesville; Robert Penland, Hayesville; Porter Raper, Brasstown; Leonard McAllister, Gastonia; Cleo Long, Hayesville; Ed Ward, Fletcher; Cline McClure, Hayesville; Earl Ashe, Hayesville; and S. B. Hutchinson, Brewers; George Gibbs, Mills Spring; Gordon Roberts, Worley; and Ross Zachary, Franklin.

Prentiss Girl Winner in Tent Show Beauty Contest

Edward A. Reno's tent show has come and gone, leaving a diamond ring on the hand of Miss Mattie Hodgins, of Prentiss, as the most beautiful girl in the county, and empty pockets for swains young and old who nightly paid their two-bits or more to witness slapstick comedy.

Miss Hodgins was proclaimed Queen of Macon beauties at the final performance Saturday night, when scores of admiring boy friends emptied their purses to buy special concert tickets which carried a thousand votes each in the beauty contest.

J. Frank Ray Appointed Attorney in Place Of Johnston

HENRY IS RETAINED Few Changes Are Made in Organization of Town Government

The town council elected last week held its first meeting Monday night and reappointed nearly everyone on the town payroll at a 10 per cent reduction in salaries and wages.

The only change in the town's official family was the appointment of J. Frank Ray as attorney in place of T. J. Johnston, Sr., who it is understood did not desire re-appointment. Mr. Johnston is attorney for the county.

George Dean was reelected town clerk with the additional duties of treasurer and tax collector.

Chief Henry Reappointed

R. E. Henry, was reappointed chief of police over the applications of two other men, R. M. Coffey, former chief of police, and Fred Cane, a former deputy sheriff.

Other officers and employes who were retained follow:

Joseph Ashear, fire chief; Dr. H. T. Horsley, health officer; A. C. Pannell, street cleaner.

Committees Named

J. S. Conley, M. L. Dowdle and J. M. Moore were named on the water committee. Ras Penland, T. W. Angel and Dr. J. H. Fouts were made members of the streets committee.

One of the first official acts of the new council after organizing was the adoption, on motion of T. W. Angel, of an amendment to the fruit and produce peddlers' ordinance reducing the license fee provided from \$5 to \$1 a day. The ordinance, designed to protect local merchants against what they claimed was unfair competition from orange peddlers in particular, was enacted only a few weeks before the old board went out of office.

Vote Is Close

The council split on the proposal to reduce the peddlers' fees. Councilmen Angel, Penland and Fouts voting for the reduction and Councilmen Conley, Dowdle and Moore voting against it. Mayor Patton cast the deciding vote.

Proponents of the lower license fee claimed that a \$5 charge would react to the disadvantage of farmers of the county who peddle their produce in communities outside of this county. They said they already had heard intimations of retaliatory steps by nearby towns in Georgia and South Carolina. They also expressed the opinion that it would prevent Georgia peach growers from selling their fruit direct to the consumers here in the summer.

Those favoring the higher fee claimed that the Franklin merchants, who pay their share of taxes and are here the year around to serve the public, deserved protection against trucksters who could come and go as they pleased, using the city streets and paying no taxes other than the license fee and, perhaps, a few cents for gasoline.

GRANDMA WAYBACK SAYS

Modern woman can do most everything with a can opener except keep a man's love. Finding a needle in a haystack is easy beside finding one in a modern apartment. It takes five generations of breeding to get a champion hen and yet we think we can make human beings perfect merely by passing a few laws. One thing you can bet on is when a woman gets into politics to clean up the country some man is getting into a kitchen apron to clean up the kitchen. Money may be the root of all evil but it seems to make a satisfactory root for a family tree. Growing chicks need calcium phosphate as a supplement to the grain ration. Small quantities of steamed bone meal and ground limestone added to the ration will supply this mineral.

NEW TERRITORY ADDED TO PARK

Champion Fibre Company Turns Over Holdings To Government

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 13.—Deeds for 92,814 acres of land in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains National park were delivered to the Tennessee and North Carolina park commission here last Friday by Reuben H. Robertson, president of the Champion Fibre company of Canton, N. C.

A compromise agreement for purchase of the huge tract for the national park was reached in Washington several weeks ago between members of the park commission and representatives of the company.

The area, which comprises largely virgin timber and includes Mt. Leconte in Tennessee and several other large peaks on the state line, consists of about 52,000 acres in North Carolina and 40,000 acres in Tennessee.

D. C. Chapman, chairman of the Tennessee commission, announced the 92,814 acres would be turned over to the government as soon as a few conflicts in titles are smoothed out, all of which were taken care of in negotiations with the Champion Fibre company.

Representing North Carolina were Mark Squires, chairman of the North Carolina commission; Verne Rhodes, secretary; Congressman Zeb V. Weaver, attorney, and Assistant Attorney General Siler of Raleigh.

Chapman said the prices paid for the tract will not be revealed until other lands are purchased. Tennessee has now acquired 190,000 acres and North Carolina 162,000 acres for the park.

In case of failure of an old or new clover or alfalfa seeding, winter grain, or a spring crop, there is time to grow soybeans for hay. When cut at the proper stage of growth and well cured, soybeans make excellent hay of high feeding value. They may be cut for hay at any time from the forming of the pods until the seeds are three-fourths grown, but the best time is when the seeds are about half developed.