

GAS AND MOTOR FUNDS DOUBLE

SECRETARY OF STATE LOOKS FOR \$6,000,000 FROM THIS SOURCE NEXT YEAR.

ESTIMATE MADE BY SAWYER

Expect to Collect Taxes This Year at a Cost of Within Two Per Cent; Law Allows 10 Per Cent.

Raleigh.

Automobile and gasoline taxes collected by the State for highway construction and supervision will be virtually doubled in North Carolina next year, according to the figures prepared by J. E. Sawyer, motor supervisor, and made public by W. N. Everett, Secretary of State. Approximately \$6,000,000 will be available next year compared with \$3,200,000 for the last fiscal year.

From automobile licenses Mr. Sawyer expects \$3,250,000; from gasoline tax \$2,500,000 and from registration fees, which goes into operation soon for the first time in this State, \$250,000. The registration revenue will be available for police supervision of highways, enforcement of the law and investigating automobile thefts.

From July, 1922, to May 1, 1923, Mr. Sawyer has collected \$2,917,582.23 in automobile taxes and \$904,070.88 in gasoline taxes. Mr. Everett stated he expected to collect the taxes this year at a cost of within 2 per cent although the law allows 10 per cent. Out of the large amount of money spent for automobile licenses, the department has only \$994 in bad checks at present, an unusual record in the opinion of the secretary and the supervisor.

Gaston Hospital Bonds Invalid.

Holding that a special act providing for a popular vote on the question of the establishment of a county tuberculosis hospital in Gaston county, violates the constitutional prohibition against local and special legislation, the Supreme court affirmed the lower court of Gaston in overruling a demurrer to the complaint filed in support of an action to annul and set aside the election.

The case was that of Armstrong vs. County Commissioners of Gaston and was brought following a n election held under a special act of the Extra Session of the General Assembly in 1920 allowing the voters of Gaston to express their will on a proposal to issue bonds to the extent of \$150,000 for the establishment of a tubercular hospital and to levy a tax of eight cents on each hundred dollars of taxable property for the maintenance of the institution. The case was argued before Judge B. F. Long in April, 1923, on a demurrer to the complaint filed after the election had been carried for the hospital.

Writing the opinion of the court, Associate Justice W. A. Hoke, said: "Our constitution, Article 2, Section 28, prohibits the enactment of any local, private or special statute concerning various specified subjects including among others, laws appertaining to health, sanitation and the abatement of nuisances and declares that any local, private, or special act or resolution in violation of this provision shall be void. The statute under which this election was held in this case, Chapter 112, Public Local Laws, Extra Session of 1920, in our opinion, in both local and special, coming directly within the constitutional prohibition and in construing an act and proceedings subject to like limitation we have held that the statute itself is void and the election and proposed bond issue under or dependent upon it should be annulled."

There is a general statute, the opinion points out, under which the election might be held within the constitutional limitations. That statute is C. S. Chapter 119, Section 7279, but it provides for a bond issue only up to \$100,000 and a maintenance tax limited to five cents. Under this statute, the question of the bond issue and the tax are to be voted on by means of separate ballots to be placed in separate boxes.

Oakhurst Land Co., v. Newell, Mecklenburg, affirmed.

Jackson v. Kearns, Randolph; new trial.

Brady v. Moton, Randolph; no error. In re entry Hurley, Randolph; modified and affirmed.

Patrick v. Harris, et al, Lenoir, per curiam judgment, affirmed without written opinion.

Dead Men Given Positions.

Five hundred and five persons, including thirteen deaf, were placed in positions in North Carolina by the State and Federal free employment service during the week ending May 5, according to the regular report of M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

The Wilmington bureau, with 110 persons placed, led the State, Winston-Salem, with 94, was second.

The report follows: Registration 592; requests for help, 327; referred, 553, placed, 505.

5,000 Graduates in High Schools.

Approximately 5,000 North Carolina boys and girls will receive their diplomas at high school graduating exercises during the closing weeks of May and early June, the State Department of Public Instruction announced.

The graduates this year will exceed the number receiving diplomas by over a thousand, the figures for 1922 being 4,213, it was stated. A total of 39,163 pupils in high school was reported last year. This year, the number is expected to reach 45,000 or 50,000, as improved financial conditions and more adequate educational arrangements have opened the doors of high schools to hundreds of students. The average daily attendance in 1922 was 32,304. There were 1,009 teachers in high schools, according to records.

The department's records were compiled from reports from 464 high schools. This year about 600 institutions are expected to report to the offices here, it was stated.

Arrangements for commencement programs have been under way in almost every town, city and county during the past several weeks. Already a number of county schools have closed, but the city high school terms are longer. The call of spring, with its swimming pools, baseball and other outdoor sports, now is being reluctantly ignored as final preparations are being made for examinations.

While no records are available, State officials said they expected a large percentage of graduates this summer to enter colleges next fall. Their opinion is based on what they term improved financial conditions and a greater desire on the part of the parents to send their children through institutions of higher education.

Farm Work Gets Away in Earnest.

Cotton chopping time is here. The lure of fishing and other pleasures coming with spring to be enjoyed when crop reparations are not underway, now must be conquered as farm work in North Carolina gets away in earnest, according to officials of the agricultural extension service.

Dr. R. Y. Winters, of the division of agronomy, in a statement issued, asserts recent experiments conducted by him prove conclusively that thicker spacing of cotton will pay in reaped yields per acre and early maturity.

"When cotton is allowed to stand thickly in the drills, that is about six to eight inches apart in the drill and with one or two plants to each hill the competition for light tends to make the plant grow upright without much spreading," he says.

"Then we have the main stem and a large number of short fruiting branches instead of a larger number of vegetative branches and longer fruit branches. It takes a shorter time to produce this stem and short fruiting branches and for that reason close spacing stimulates earliness."

Dr. Winter said experiments conducted near North Carolina State college show that when he allowed cotton to stand as planted, thickly in the row he made a total of 1,425 pounds of seed cotton per acre; spacing the cotton eight inches yielding 1,262 pounds, of cotton, and spacing 12 inches a yield of 1,256.

This would indicate, he says, that cotton need not be chopped as in the past, but due to grass and weeds it is necessary to give at least six to eight inches between the hills so that these may be cleared out.

To Aid in Prison Investigation.

Dr. Hastings H. Hart, ex-president of the American Prison Association, and now with the Russell Sage Foundation, will be one of the expert penologists invited by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare to assist the board in its investigation of the North Carolina prison system. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of Public Welfare states. Some member of the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor will also probably be asked to come to the State for the same purpose.

"This investigation will be a continuation of what the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare has been doing for the past eight months. It will simply be more extensive," said Mrs. Johnson. "Of course specific charges which have been laid in our hands must receive immediate investigation. Most of these charges have come from county jails and chain-gangs."

The North Carolina W. C. T. U. and the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs have both gone on record as approving the action of Governor Morrison in requesting an investigation of the prison system in North Carolina. These two organizations of women have also expressed their confidence in the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare to make the investigation thorough and impartial.

Dr. Hastings H. Hart, of the Russell Sage Foundation, whom the Board will invite to aid in the investigation in this State, is one of the foremost students of prison conditions in this country.

New Corporations.

Charters were filed with the Secretary of State for the following corporations to do business in North Carolina:

Buyle Novelty Manufacturing Co., of Valdese, with \$100,000 authorized capital and \$10,000 subscribed by F. Garrou H. Clot, of Valdese, and A. M. Kistler, of Morganton.

R. T. Howerton Sons, of Durham, with \$50,000 authorized capital and \$3,000 subscribed by R. T. Howerton, Sarah E. Howerton and George C. Peele, all of Durham.

TWIN CITY GETS NEXT CONVENTION

ST. PAUL'S PARISH TO ENTERTAIN EPISCOPALIANS NEXT YEAR.

MAYODAN WOMAN WINS PRIZE

North Carolina Episcopal Diocese to Aid in the Studying of Farm Tenantry.

Oxford.—The second day's session of the annual convention of the North Carolina Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church opened with celebration of Holy Communion in St. Stephen's Church. A short address by S. S. Nash, of Tarboro, in which he referred to the splendid reports made by Thompson Orphanage, St. Mary's School and other institutions of the Diocese, brought the convention to its feet for the singing of the Doxology.

Suggested by W. A. Erwin, of Raleigh, Rev. A. S. Lawrence, of Chapel Hill, offered a resolution to the effect that the social service commission of the Diocese co-operate with legislative commission recently appointed by the late legislature in the matter of farm tenantry, looking both to publicity in matter and to actual service in developing religious life of the proposed tenantry communities.

A very happy incident of the convention was the presentation to Mrs. H. C. Hezyck, of Mayodan, of the prize for the best essay on how the laymen may best help the rector in the work of the Parish. A matter of particular interest was appointment by the bishop of a committee of religious educational plans at the University.

Rev. R. E. Gribbin, of Winston-Salem, of the publicity committee of the Diocese, in his report recommended that a publicity committee be appointed in every parish and mission in the Diocese and also that a correspondent be appointed in every parish for purpose of sending news to the religious and secular press. He said that only 40,000 families read regularly any of the four leading weeklies of the church in the United States. The publicity committee of the Diocese is composed of Revs. T. P. Ople, of Burlington; R. E. Gribbin, of Winston-Salem and I. W. Hughes, Henderson.

The archdeacons of both convocations made encouraging reports. The invitation of St. Paul's Parish, Winston-Salem, to entertain the convention in 1924 was accepted.

Plan Unique Village.

Southern Pines.—A novel experiment is being projected by a group of citizens of the Sandhills in the establishment of a village to be called Marsden, about 30 miles south of Southern Pines, it is announced. It is proposed that the village be built along model lines and the founders will endeavor to control the type of construction to be done. It is probable that some unique and standard type of building will be adopted by those in charge of the experiment.

Ralph Page, of Aberdeen; Hugh J. Betterly, S. B. Richardson, Mrs. Joseph Gregory, W. N. Hutt and A. B. Yoeman, of Southern Pines, are financing the venture. The group includes a real estate dealer, a building contractor, a horticulturist and a landscape gardener and architect.

Royal Arch Masons Meet.

Charlotte.—Commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment in North Carolina of the order of Anointed High Priesthood in Royal Arch Masonry, the order convened here, R. Kenneth Babbington, of Gastonia, presiding. Suitable exercises were held.

Officers for the ensuing year were installed, they being as follows:

President, W. C. Mudgett, Southern Pines; vice president, John S. McEachern, Wilmington; chaplain, Rev. John S. Wood; recorder, R. L. Chandler, Southern Pines; treasurer, E. B. Neave, Salisbury; master of ceremonies, A. B. Goetze, Raleigh; conductor, E. R. Hampton, Asheville; herald, J. E. Allen, Henderson, steward, Nat C. White, Charlotte; sentinel, W. R. Horne, Greenville.

Snow in North Carolina May 8.

Greensboro.—Snow fell in North Carolina on May 8, according to reports reaching here from Wilkesboro where it was reported the Blue Ridge mountains are blanketed in white. The fall is not thought to be very heavy, but it is said to be the last in years.

Estate to Found Woman's Home.

Greensboro.—The will of Mrs. Ella C. Taylor of this city, who died in a hospital here, filed in the office of the clerk of court of Guilford county here leaves all her property with the exception of \$500 each bequeathed to 2 sons and two daughters for the founding and maintaining a home for aged women, to be known as the "Ella C. Taylor Home for Aged Women." No report on the estate accompanies the will, but it is estimated at a substantial sum.

ASHEVILLE TO GET SCHOOL

Plans Are Made to Remove Veterans' Training School From Waynesville.

Asheville.—Removal of the Veterans' Bureau training school from Waynesville and its re-location in Asheville in a new plant has been recommended by officials of the United States Veterans' Bureau, 5th district, after exhaustive study of the facilities offered by both the old and new location. If the recommendation receives the approval of Washington authorities, the change will be made July 1.

This information became known upon the conclusion of a joint conference here of the government representatives with citizens and officials of Waynesville and of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Fred Kent, prominent business man of Asheville, has agreed to construct immediately upon his summer home property in West Asheville, a modern school plant, capable of accommodating between 350 and 400 pupils and instructors; together with conversion of a ten-room residence into an administration building. The plant, it is understood, will represent an outlay of around \$60,000. As soon as the recommendations receives the approval of the Director Frank Hines, immediate construction will be started by Mr. Kent, with completion scheduled within sixty days.

Enlargement of the training school from its present capacity of about 200 trainees to between 300 and 350 is planned upon the removal to the new site, and the addition of a number of vocational courses will likewise be made.

Receiving Bids for Exposition.

Kinston.—As the twentieth of May gets nearer the more doubtful the location of next year's Eastern Carolina Exposition becomes. May twentieth is the last day for filing bids for this big show for Eastern Carolina. There are several towns in Eastern North Carolina that can handle it and there are as many that would like to have it.

There may have been some that doubted as to whether it would be a paying proposition for the town before the first one was held, but there is no doubt in the minds of the Wilson people about this matter, now that they have had one.

Here is the plan upon which the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce lets the contract: A town must put up as much as \$5,000 to be recognized in the bidding. The total amount to be raised is \$10,000. The difference between what the successful town bids and the \$20,000, is raised outside of the town by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, from the other towns that are members of the Eastern Chamber. This \$10,000 is simply a cash guarantee against any loss, and if there is no loss all of the original amount goes back to the original subscribers.

Equipment for Monroe Company.

Monroe.—General Metts has made arrangement for the equipment of Battery F. Field Artillery which is being organized in Monroe. The equipment will require eight freight cars for shipment and is as follows: One five-passenger motor car, one reconnaissance car, six motorcycles with side cars, fourteen five-ton tractors, two cargo trucks, one artillery supply truck, one light repair truck, one reel car, one trailer, one kitchen trailer, one water trailer, one bicycle trailer, one bicycle, four howitzers 155mm, twelve caisson bodies, 118 pistols, two machine guns, eight automatic rifles.

To Raise \$50,000 for Convention.

Henderson.—The closing sessions of the Southern Christian Convention were crowded with business to the very last minute. The convention made definite plans toward the raising of \$50,000 a year for convention purposes. This is a great forward step, making possible larger work for the future, necessary to meet the tremendous demands made by the growth of the church.

The report on the future financial program was made by Mr. John King, of Suffolk. This new plan of work will place a definite assessment per member upon the whole convention, rather than to permit each department to make its own appeal.

Lieutenant Governor J. E. West, of Virginia, in a stirring appeal reviewed the failures of the church in the past as it neglected to enter the cities, but that the mission board has been changing conditions rapidly and is now placing much of its effort toward putting adequate and beautiful buildings in the cities, such as Richmond and Norfolk and Raleigh. This is but the beginning of a new program for the Christian church.

Concern in Sanford Builds Motor Cars.

Sanford.—The Edwards Railway Motor Car Company now has twenty-five men building cars at its plant. H. P. Edwards, president of the company, says that he expects to add five more expert mechanics to the force. He hopes to be able to eventually double the present force. Fifty men would be able to work the plant to its full capacity and turn out from fifty to sixty cars a year. At the price the cars now sell the company would have a business amounting to over half a million dollars a year.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Elizabeth City.—Dog tax collectors for all townships except Salem and Providence were appointed at the May meeting of the county board of commissioners. Collectors for these two townships will be appointed at the June meeting.

Shelby.—Dan Smith, negro, about 50 years old, was found dead on the Southern railroad track between Grover and Kings Mountain. Coroner T. C. Estridge, who investigated, thinks Smith was struck by a train.

Kinston.—Reginald Fort, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Fort, well-known residents of this city, is dead of lockjaw resulting from a fractured arm. In a fall a week ago the arm was broken, the fractured bone protruding from the flesh and making a jagged wound.

New Bern.—With a thousand people, children and patrons of the school present, Bridgeton public schools closed with an interesting program. Rev. Guy Hamilton, pastor of Riverside Methodist church, of this city, delivered the address.

Salegh.—All cotton and tobacco held by co-operative marketing associations in North Carolina is subject to taxation, but the certificates of receipt held by farmers are not required to be listed, according to an announcement by Frank Nash, assistant attorney general.

Wadesboro.—A good stand of cotton seems to have been obtained on almost all the farms. In some instances cotton is being sided. The average is about a normal one. Preparations are being made to begin an early fight against the boll weevil.

Greensboro.—Fire, breaking out with a high wind blowing, destroyed property at the Summit avenue crossing of the Southern railroad, estimated at \$50,000 to \$60,000, burned the railway watchman's tower and held up southern passenger train No. 29 for an hour.

Lenoir.—Lenoir members of the Davenport Alumnae Association are planning a big home coming for all former students of the College. It will be held during the commencement, May 21-23, in the college building.

Elizabeth City.—Nearly 75 Boy Scouts have registered with Rev. F. H. Scattergood, and plans are rapidly maturing for building a camp near the city which will accommodate 30 boys on the inside at one time, and give them a place to spend week-ends and enjoy camping trips of long or short duration.

Fayetteville.—T. E. Graham, who operates a farm about ten miles from this city, claims that the boll weevils have ruined a peach orchard containing 150 trees. He said they began to bear fruit early, but shortly afterwards there was a plague of boll weevils and now there is not a single peach on any of the trees.

Lenoir.—There were 554 births more than deaths in Caldwell county last year, according to report of County Registrar of Vital Statistics, J. M. Crisp. There were a total of 790 births and 236 deaths, Registrar says. It is understood here that these figures give Caldwell county a much better percentage than any other county in the State.

Winston-Salem.—The county commissioners have decided to build a cottage at the Stonewall Jackson Training School, near Concord, for wayward boys sent up from Forsyth. Work on the building is to be begun at once. The commissioners have also decided to assist widowed mothers in the county in accordance with an act of the last General Assembly.

Monroe.—The eleventh annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference closed here after electing Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson as president, she having held the office for six years. The conference will meet next year at Statesville.

Monroe.—Tom C. Lee, Jr., had a narrow escape from death a few nights ago when he put a preparation on a sore lip. The liniment was composed of carbolic acid, atropine, iodine and alcohol. Mr. Lee evidently swallowed some of the ointment, as he was found a little later in his room unconscious.

Greenville.—For their splendid work and sportsmanlike efforts in the clean-up campaign, recently conducted here, Masters Dan Beach, Zack Vandyke and Ronald Palmer will not only receive as rewards the prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 respectively, but will also be honored with the offices of mayor, mayor protem and chief of police, respectively, for one hour.

Durham.—Announcements of gifts to the Trinity College library by citizens of the State were made by J. P. Breedlove, librarian. Mrs. George M. Peek, of Durham, has contributed 24 volumes of the transactions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers covering the years 1892 to 1914.

Winston-Salem.—Nine homes were destroyed in Kimberly Park, negro section lying to the north of the city, when fire, of undetermined origin started in one of the structures and swept through the greater portion of the block before it could be checked.

Los Angeles Woman Tells of Wonderful Experience.



MRS. GUSSIE E. HANSEN.

Mrs. Gussie E. Hansen, of 916 West 52nd Street, is now numbered with the multitude of Los Angeles men and women who have realized the wonderful merits of Tanlac. In relating her experiences, Mrs. Hansen said:

"It is wonderful what Tanlac will do for one suffering from stomach trouble, nervousness and run-down condition. I have tried it.

"Before taking the treatment everything I ate disagreed with me so that I actually dreaded to sit down to the table. I suffered from constipation, had awful pains across my back, and was so nervous and run down I was in misery all the time.

"Tanalac was helping so many others I thought it might help me, too, and it certainly has. Why, my appetite is just splendid, and my stomach is in such good order I eat to my heart's content. My back doesn't bother me any more, and I sleep like a child at night. I can't say too much for Tanlac."

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Flowers in Spring.

Do you know the early flowers? The early or dwarf Trillium, or Wake Robin, pushes its small white bloom through the dead leaves, or even sometimes through the snow—a delightful little flower and all too uncommon, says Nature Magazine of Washington. All of the Trilliums, of which five species more or less are common in the Eastern states, regulate their lives by the rule of three. Hence the name. They have three sepals, three petals, three styles, six stamens, a three-celled ovary, and the flower stems project from a whorl of three leaves.

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The man who wants the earth is invariably the first to growl about his taxes.

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