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## Sales Tax Now In The Spotlight

Administration Would Remove Exemptions; Others Want Tax Abolished; Fight Predicted

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Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Battle lines are rapidly forming in the Legislature. The joint finance committee of the two houses, adopted recommendations of the Administration for removing exemptions in sales taxes on staple foods such as flour, meat, meal and milk, which it is estimated will add from one to two millions dollars annually to the State revenue, but this was only the beginning of the battle. The North Fair Tax Association was heard the following day in a vigorous denunciation of the sales tax. The North Carolina Retail Merchants' association hasn't been heard yet.

The big argument in favor of the sales tax is that it produces revenue in large amounts. The revenue for the month of January will be close to a million dollars. Four and one-half million dollars has been collected since last July. The argument against it is that it is a tax upon the rich and the poor alike, that it rests more heavily upon the poor than upon the rich. Another one is that it drives business from the State as there is no tax on interstate sales, and none can be levied by the State.

Another battle is in the offing on the question of the ratification of an amendment to the Federal Constitution that would permit Congress to make child labor unlawful. The Supreme Court ruled that Congress did not have the power. President Roosevelt has outlawed child labor through the simple expedient of setting up business codes by which business enterprises by their own agreement outlaw child labor. The child labor amendment was submitted ten years ago, but only a half dozen states had ratified it prior to the Roosevelt Administration. Now it has become a live issue again, with the American Legion backing it, and a lively fight is expected in the North Carolina General Assembly.

While it appears certain that the Legislature will reduce automobile license taxes, there will be a battle over the amount of reduction. Senator Browning, of Swain, wants to make the reduction 45 percent or 30 cents a hundredweight infsetad of 55 cents with a minimum of five dollars a car. Representative Carr, of Duplin would make the reduction 40 percent. Reduced automobile taxes was an issue in the campaigns of a number of members of the Legislature. It is a live issue in the Legislature.

There is a general sentiment in the Legislature for licensing of automobile drivers, but in order to make it effective it will be necessary to increase the number of highway patrolmen, and it will also be necessary to set up machinery for examination of drivers. While the cost can be taken care of with a license fee, it is difficult to frame an act that will not become merely the means or raising revenue. That has been the case in many cities, the issuing of drivers' licenses becoming merely a formality.

With nearly a thousand fatalities from automobile wrecks and accidents on the highways during the past year, or more than three a day, it has become imperative to make safety measures effective, and Senators Burrus, of Guilford, and Teague, of Wayne, propose as one means that every automobile owner shall carry a bond for a thousand dollars to make him financially responsible for damages. This has been tried out in some states with good results. The idea is that it would keep reckless drivers off the highways.

The Legislature got away to a hurried start with the passage of  
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## POPULAR KENANSVILLE YOUTH CLAIMED BY DEATH

Kenansville, Jan. 28.—William Joseph Penny, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Penny died at his home here Friday morning, Jan. 25, at 9:25. He had been in ill health since Christmas but had not been looked upon as critically ill until last Friday. His death came as a shock to all who knew him.

The deceased was born in Wake County August 8, 1917, and has lived in Warsaw and Kenansville since moving to this section of the State. He graduated with first honor from the Kenansville high school last spring and entered Wake Forest College last fall to prepare himself for the medical profession. He had endeavored himself in the hearts of the people of Wake Forest to the extent that he was scoutmaster of one of the Boy Scout Troops there. Joe was a great worker in Boy Scouts. He became an Eagle Scout about eighteen months ago and has always lived up to the Scout Oath and Laws. He has served as one of the officers in the Tuscarora Camp, and has proven his ability as a leader with boys. The people of Kenansville feel that in the death of Joe Penny they have sustained a great loss in leadership among the youth and material for future building.

The funeral services were held in the local Baptist church of which Joe was a member, by his pastor, Rev. R. C. Foster, assisted by Rev. Frank L. Goodman at 2:00 P. M. Saturday. Five of the fellow scouts from Troop 50 of Kenansville, Durwood Murray, Beecher Sitterson, Eric Long, J. O. Bowman, Jr., and Carlton Dobson, and one fellow officer of the Tuscarora Council, Roy Liles of Goldsboro, were the pallbearers. The service at the grave was conducted by the scouts from all over the Council under the direction of Scout Executive, W. E. Pennington of Goldsboro. Lovely floral contributions testified something of the esteem that Joe won among his many friends. The local high school girls carried the flowers.

Besides his father and mother, Joe is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Chas. Guthrie of Kenansville; Mrs. Noble Martin of Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Alfred Kafer, Jr., of New Bern, and Mr. Brantley and Jennings Penny of Kenansville.

## LOCAL 'AG' CLASS STAGES FATHER AND SON BANQUET

The annual Father and Son banquet of the vocational agricultural class of the local school was held in the basement of the Methodist Church last Friday night with approximately 50 students, dads' and other invited guests present.

Gathered around the banquet table, which had been artistically decorated with bamboo and yellow and white grains of corn, the students and guests of the evening enjoyed a sumptuous repast served by the ladies of the church after which toasts were given and responded to. L. L. McLendon, County Agent, made a very interesting talk using as his theme the new era which has dawned for agriculture. Several other guests made short talks during the evening and several piano selections added much to the success of the affair which is always eagerly looked forward to by the agricultural boys as well as their dads.

William Ivey Rivenbark, a member of the class, acted as toastmaster and during the course of the evening, gave a brief summary of the work accomplished by the class during the past year. The basement of the Church had been artistically decorated for the affair, a color scheme of red, white and blue being used.

## County Court Monday

The regular monthly session of General County Court is scheduled to be held at Kenansville next week beginning on Monday. However, due to the fact that the January term was not held until the 21st, it is doubtful if there will be many cases to try at this time, especially since no jury will be present.

## Hauptmann Trial Witnesses from Germany



FLEMINGTON, N. J. — The above three witnesses were brought from Germany by the state in the trial of Bruno Hauptmann on the charge of murder of the Lindbergh baby. They are close kin of Isidor Fisch now dead but from whom Hauptmann stated he had received Lindbergh ransom money. Reading left to right they are Czerna Fisch and her husband, Pincus Fisch, brother of Isidor (deceased) and Hannah Fisch, sister of Pincus.

## 'THE PAINTED VEIL' COMES TO WANOCA NEXT THURS.

"The Painted Veil," Greta Garbo's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture that opens next Thursday at the Wanoca Theatre, Wallace, N. C., brings the glamorous Swedish star back to the screen in the twentieth starring production since her arrival in America less than ten years ago.

As a distinct contrast to her last film, "Queen Christina," Garbo returns once more to the fold of modern women in her characterizations and comes through with the most gripping dramatic performance of her career.

"The Painted Veil," an adaptation of Somerset Maugham's domestic drama of marital discord in the seething center of China's plague-ravished regions, tells the story of a modern woman married to a medical scientist who thinks first of his work before thinking of his wife.

The wife, lonely and yearning for love, believes she finds it when she meets a presentable Englishman named Townsend. When the husband discovered his wife's infidelity, and when Townsend refuses to divorce his own wife to marry Katherine, he drags her into the plague country.

The role of the wife is made a memorable one in the performance of the incomparable Garbo who gives it all the depth of feeling and sincerity it demands, adding besides that undercurrent of excitement and glamour which only the presence of this remarkable Swedish actress can give to the screen.

As Dr. Fane, the husband of Garbo, Herbert Marshall contributes possibly the finest performance of his career, one that gives him opportunity to escape from his earlier roles of "the suave gentleman."

## Marriage Licenses Issued

Only four couples secured marriage licenses in this county during the past week, records of the Register of Deeds reveal. Of this number two were white and two colored. White couples were: Elbert Henderson and Bernice Dail, both of Duplin, and J. W. Radford of Lenoir County, and Mrs. Pearl Hunter Pike of Duplin.

## CORRECTION

In our article last week headed "Methodists of County Back State's Dry Laws", it was stated that a resolution requesting the Duplin County Legislators to uphold the present laws for the control of liquor, which was brought up at the first quarterly conference of the Paison-Kenansville charge, was adopted by a dissenting vote. The sentence should have read "Adopted without a dissenting vote." We regret this error and gladly make the correction at this time.

Leave it to Congress and this country will spend more money, if it will mean more votes.

## ERADICATION OF PELLAGRA IS ONE AIM OF RED CROSS

In continuing the distribution of powdered yeast in its fight against pellagra, the American Red Cross hopes that eventual eradication of the disease in this and other communities may be accomplished.

The Duplin County Red Cross Chapter has asked that all persons suffering from the disease or those who believe they may be victims of it, apply for the yeast to their family doctor or to the public health officer so that they may begin taking the cure immediately.

Doctor William DeKleine, Medical Adviser of the American Red Cross at Washington, D. C., points out that pellagra is always associated with faulty dietary habits. It is a vitamin deficiency disease. "Individuals who subsist on diets deficient in a particular food essential, commonly called vitamin G," says this health authority, "will sooner or later develop pellagra. Milk, lean meat and a variety of vegetables have this particular vitamin in greatest abundance, and if regularly used in sufficient quantities, will protect against this disease. Powdered yeast is also rich in this food factor and is therefore a very valuable measure for treating pellagra. If we could induce all pellagrins to take powdered yeast and educate families to be more careful about the foods they eat this disease would soon be eradicated everywhere."

"Already there are hopeful signs," Dr. DeKleine points out. "In the present economic depression the death rate from pellagra has decreased greatly. This decrease began in some states in 1928, in others one or two years later. The disease was increasing rapidly just prior to that time. The downward trend began after several years of difficult economic conditions is agriculture and at the peak of industrial prosperity. However, since pellagra is more prevalent in rural than in urban communities the trends are no doubt closely related to agricultural conditions. Times became so hard that something had to be done about it. Heroic measures had to be adopted not only to check the increase in pellagra but also to help overcome actual food shortage."

## LOCAL TEAMS SURRENDER TWO GAMES TO CALYPSO

On Tuesday night, Jan. 29, the boys and girls basketball teams of Calypso high school came down to Wallace and took away two victories.

The local teams fought hard to defend themselves but the opposing teams were just a bit too much for them to defeat.

## Lose To Rose Hill

On Friday night, January 30, the local high school boys team went to Rose Hill to bring home the bacon, but Rose Hill had decided to keep the bacon, so the local boys were defeated. The Wallace team played a good game against a much larger and stronger team.

The local all-star girls team also went up to play their first game of the season but were unsuccessful in gaining the victory.

The local all-star boys team met the Brinson Brothers team of Kenansville on the home court for their first game of the season but they were also unsuccessful in winning.

Come out and see our games, we need and appreciate your support.

## Plenty of Labor Available

Mr. B. C. Boney who has charge of the local Re-employment office is anxious to hear from anyone in need of labor of any kind, including domestic service in homes. Quite a few persons are registered with him and as the public works program in this section is not sufficient to provide employment for all, private enterprises are being looked to to absorb some of the surplus. Anyone in need of labor in requested to get in touch with Mr. Boney who will be able to supply it promptly.

## Short Session Of Superior Court

Judge Parker Shows Speed in Disposing of Docket in Two and One-Half Days This Week

The shortest session of superior court for the trial of criminal cases held in this county in some time was held at Kenansville this week when Judge R. Hunt Parker, presiding over his first term of Duplin criminal court, disposed of the docket in two and one-half days.

The greater part of the first day's session was taken up in selecting a grand jury and hearing appearance cases. But Judge Parker took time to present one of the ablest charges to the grand jury ever heard in this county. He laid special emphasis on the matter of guardians, administrators and others handling trust funds who fail to make reports as provided by law and warned the jurors that the practice must be broken up. He also touched on the school bus problem and ordered the jury to investigate the situation in this county with the result that a complete check-up is now in progress. Late yesterday afternoon the jury had not completed their investigation of the matter so their recommendations have not as yet been made public.

The following appearance cases were handled on the first day's session before the court got down to work on the regular docket:

Borden Potter, charged with disposing of crops without paying rents, had his case dismissed after it was ascertained that the costs had been paid.

Finding that the judgment had ment had been compiled with the Court ordered the action dismissed in the case of Hampton Andrews, charged with assault on a female.

James Rose, Jr., appeared before the court, showed compliance with a former judgment rendered in a case which he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, possessing whiskey and operating auto while intoxicated, and had the action dismissed.

The court ordered execution issued on judgment absolute in the case of S. W. Carroll, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Instanta capias was ordered issued on the defendant.

Finding that thee judgment had been compiled with, the court ordered the action dismissed in the case of Baldy Fussell, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

An instanta capias was ordered issued for Harvey Mobley in a store-breaking and larceny case.

An instanta capias was ordered issued to Wilson County for J. W. Ferrell in a forgery case.

The court finding that Henry Bonham had failed to comply with the conditions of a suspended judgment at the December term when he was convicted of simple assault, he was ordered to serve a 30-day road sentence.

Going into the regular docket after the appearance cases had been disposed of, the Solicitor announced he would take a nol pros in the case of Willie Grady, charged with larceny and receiving.

Charged with hunting without a license, Rob Hurst was found not guilty.

The case of Blaney Bonham, charged with operating a slot machine, was ordered transferred to General County Court.

Found guilty on a larceny and receiving charge, Johnnie Brown was sentenced to 12 months on the roads.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Dave Wolf pled guilty to temporary larceny of an auto and drew 18 months on the roads. In a like case Harrison Cromarty pled guilty to temporary larceny of a mule and drew a 12 months road sentence.

The case of Ezzell McIver, charged with purjury, was ordered transferred to General County Court.

Pleading guilty to a charge of storebreaking and larceny Edmond Cavenaugh received a sentence of not less than 2 or more promptly.

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