

## Activities In N. C. General Assembly During Past Week

### Revenue Bill Is Introduced, Recommends No New Tax Levies

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Introduction of the 1941 Revenue and Appropriations Bills in both houses Tuesday highlighted the second week of the 1941 General Assembly. A score of other important public measures, including reapportionment and congressional redistricting, educational, utilities, agricultural, highway and usury legislation, were presented and sent to committees.

The 33-page Revenue Act, comprising amendments to the permanent 1939 measure, recommends no new or additional tax levies, but does contain several administrative and procedural amendments. Of particular interest is the section extending the exemption list of foods and food products from the state sales tax. Another bill, introduced the same day, further extends the exemption list to include virtually all foods and food materials for the home table, in keeping with Governor Broughton's campaign pledge.

The Appropriations Act sponsors a record State spending program totaling \$176,266,176 for the next biennium. This includes \$3,514,029 for the retirement of teachers and state employees, and increases of \$8,300,000 for the State highway fund, and \$5,865,416 for state aid and obligations.

Both the Revenue and Appropriations acts are now undergoing extensive revisions in the hands of the joint finance and appropriations committees, respectively, and it will be several weeks before they emerge on the legislative floors for debate. No changes were recommended in the continuing 1939 tax machinery act by the advisory budget commission.

The reapportionment bill would give an additional House member each to Guilford, Mecklenburg, Buncombe, Cabarrus and Cumberland counties, and subtract a representative from Halifax, Nash, New Hanover, Rockingham and Wayne, putting into effect a constitutional revision of membership under the 1940 census. To provide for a twelfth congressional district, composed of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties, is provided in the redistricting bill. Cleveland, Gaston, Madison and Yancey counties would be moved from the tenth to eleventh district.

A measure provided for a nine-months school term heads the list of several significant education bills introduced. Other measures would require State maintenance and repair of roads leading from State maintained highways to public schools, sufficient to accommodate school buses; would authorize the use of school buses to transport school children on field trips in vocational subjects; and provide the N. C. College for Negroes in Durham with State reports, laws and documents in equal amount with the University library in Chapel Hill.

To curb excessive interest charged by small lending and credit agencies a measure making a misdemeanor the charging of more than 6 per cent, under any guise, was introduced.

Measures with a legal aspect would: have grand jurors drawn the first criminal term after July 1, 1941, nine for one year, nine for six months, and nine at first criminal term after each January and July thereafter; make unnecessary the service of process on infants where the guardian has been served; allow the presiding judge to charge and the jury to render a verdict in the second-degree where first-degree burglary is charged; and permit the court to stay trial pending arbitration, when such an agreement exists and has not been defaulted.

It should be noted that none of this legislation has yet been passed by the General Assembly, but that all bills mentioned are before committees awaiting their recommendations.

## Local Replacements To Leave Thursday

Robert Claborn Harris and View Vister Nicholson, Martin County's first volunteers to be rejected for the Selective Service Draft, will be replaced by Joe Pender, Jr., of Williamston, and Herman Clayton Williams, of Williamston Route 3.

Both Pender and Williams are volunteers and will leave Thursday for Fort Bragg where they will be admitted subject to thorough physical examinations.

These replacements are to fill out the quota of sixteen men who left here January 7th, for the year's training under the Selective Draft system.

According to Chairman R. H. Goodman, four colored men, all volunteers, will leave for Fort Bragg on January 27th.

Another call is expected for men from this county on February 17th, but as yet no definite number has been released to the county board.

## What Nazi Bombs Do to London



The horrible destructiveness of aerial warfare is perfectly exemplified in this photo made from the roof of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Every building ringing the church has been ruined by Nazi bombs, with only ragged walls remaining standing. Radio transmission of the picture was delayed by bomb damage to the transmitter.

### SMALL DAMAGE

The local fire department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Craddock early yesterday afternoon when a blaze was detected in the living room. The home, located on Biggs Street, is owned by Mr. Marshall Wilson.

The blaze, caused by a defective flue, was confined to a small section of the ceiling. The damage, estimated by Chief Hall, was said to be about \$25.

## "March Of Dimes" Banner Pin Sales Reap Big Success

### Members of Junior Woman's Club Sell Pins Here Saturday

Assisting Dr. E. T. Walker, Martin County chairman, in the fight against infantile paralysis, members of the Junior Woman's Club sold banner pins here last Saturday.

Complete returns are not available today since Mrs. J. A. Eason, president of the club, was out of town over the week-end to attend the inauguration ceremonies in Washington. However, early reports point to a successful drive. Two blocks of the Williamston business section, in a canvass last Saturday, netted \$28.00.

Mesdames Edwin Holding, Ed Stevenson and E. T. Walker had charge of the booth located on Main street and solicitors were Miss Eena Barnhill, Mesdames Jim Cook, D. R. Davis, V. E. Brown, Marion Cobb and George Whitehurst.

Dr. Walker stated today that plans were virtually complete for the President's ball to be held in the local gymnasium Tuesday night, January 28th. Dr. Walker is asking for a large attendance, for it not only provides an evening of enjoyment but an opportunity to aid the victims of this dreaded disease.

Coin collectors for the "March of Dimes" are placed in the Soda Shop, Davis Pharmacy, J. C. Leggett's, D. Pender Grocery, A & P Tea Company and Western Auto Store for those wishing to make small contributions.

## Youth Fractures

### Arm In Accident

Darting out in front of a pick-up truck operated by Will Roberson, Wilmer Curtis Hopkins, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins, received a broken arm between the elbow and shoulder late yesterday afternoon.

Roberson was driving towards Williamston. He was passed by another car coming in the same direction. Young Hopkins, riding a bicycle, turned out of the way of the first car but forgetting another car was approaching, cut directly in front of the Roberson truck.

Chief of Police W. B. Daniel, passing at the time of the accident, brought the boy to the local hospital where he is being treated. Reports from the hospital yesterday afternoon stated that he had received a bad break but otherwise was doing nicely.

Highway Patrolman Whit Saunders, investigating the accident, held that it was unavoidable. In attempting to prevent hitting the boy on the bicycle Roberson wrecked his truck. According to Saunders the damage to the truck will exceed fifty dollars.

## Judge W. H. Coburn Settles Nine Cases In Recorder's Court

### Three Are Charged With Assault With Deadly Weapon

Disposing of nine cases, the recorder's court remained in session until 1:30 p. m. Monday, clearing the docket before adjourning until the next court on Monday, January 27.

Three of the cases called involved defendants charged with assault with deadly weapons. Two others were held for aiding and abetting and non-support and larceny and receiving came in for a small share of the proceedings.

George Brooks, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

Calvin Hill pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and receiving. He was given a two-months' jail sentence and assigned to the roads for two months.

Willie Powell pleaded not guilty to the charge of aiding and abetting. However, the court ruled the defendant guilty and sentenced him to the roads for two months. He was tried and found guilty for receiving stolen property.

Clinton Smith, along with Hill and Powell, was involved in the indictment implicating them in stealing and selling Sinclair gas and oil stolen from the local distributing plant. The court ruled that he was not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the James Brooks case. He was charged with assault with deadly weapon.

Oscar Williams, charged with non-support was given a four-months' jail and road sentence under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Recorder Coburn suspended this sentence upon the condition the defendant pay \$1.50 each week to Tenna Staton for the care and support of her five children for a period of one year. Williams is to report back to the court after one year for further judgment.

The court rendered a verdict of guilty in the Alexander Teel case. He was booked and tried for assault with a deadly weapon.

D. D. Hill, charged with trespass, larceny and receiving, failed to appear in court. Judgment was suspended until January 27, 1941. A capias was issued for the defendant.

## File Damage Suits In Superior Court

Two damage suits, one for \$10,000 and one for \$340, have been filed in the Martin County superior court. Willie Lee Chesson, injured in an automobile accident at Robersonville some time ago, is seeking \$10,000 damages and Miss Marjorie Bunting, injured in the same accident, is asking \$340 damages.

Brought against the Town of Robersonville, the suits are the result of an automobile accident in the town. It is alleged the town was negligent in leaving an open ditch or canal without barricading or placing warning lights on it.

### Little Damage Is Done In Fire Early This Morning

The home of Miles Rogers on Sycamore Street caught fire early this morning but was extinguished by the neighbors and members of the family without calling out the fire department. A small hole was burned through the roof causing only a slight damage.

## Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

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Next Thursday is fourth of July. The Enterprise office will be closed on that day.

Slade Anderson and Co. have put up nice screen doors.

Bricks and lumber are being hauled to the Baptist Church preparatory to enlarging that edifice.

Mr. J. L. Ewell, who has been very ill for several weeks past, although still confined to his bed, is improving slowly.

The Williamston baseball team will play Washington team on the fourth of July at Washington. There will be a big day in Washington on the fourth.

Mr. John S. Cook is the owner of a live alligator that is about three feet long. The alligator, was shipped by Mr. H. D. Cook from Georgetown, S. C. Mr. Cook created quite an excitement Monday morning by giving "His Honor" a little freedom in the street. In a very few minutes a crowd had gathered to get a look at the alligator, but only one or two were willing to catch him and return him to the box.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin and Wheeler, Jr., are spending the week at Wrightsville Beach. Mr. Martin is attending the bar association.

Mrs. E. M. Gordy came down from Hobgob Wednesday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker.

Misses Mizette Mizell and Lennie Ray attended the play at the Opera House Monday night.

H. W. Stubbs is attending the N. C. bar association at Wrightsville Beach this week.

Miss Leyla Simpson came down and attended the opera Monday evening.

Mr. P. Ewell, of Louisburg, who has been visiting his sick father, left Monday for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hassell arrived in town Monday morning and will make this their future home. Their many friends and acquaintances extend to them a hearty welcome.

## Several Local People Attend Inauguration Of F. D. Roosevelt

### Nation's Capital Is Gaily Decorated For The Big Occasion

Although the people of Martin County gave President Roosevelt an overwhelming vote and one of the largest majorities in the United States in his third term campaign, there were only a very few who attended the inauguration ceremonies in the nation's capital yesterday.

Attorney and Mrs. Elbert S. Peel left Saturday morning for Washington City. They attended the inaugural dinner at the Mayflower Hotel Sunday evening and on Monday, Mr. Peel, First District elector, with other presidential electors from over the nation, were received by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Mrs. Peel attended a tea given by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Others attending the inaugural ceremonies from Williamston were, Mesdames J. A. Eason, Edwin Holding, and J. W. Manning, and Misses Mary Taylor, Ruth Manning and Marguerite Cooke.

In addressing his large audience the President limited his inaugural address to twelve minutes. The nation's capital, although cold, had a festive air with a large majority of the buildings using the patriotic trend in their decorations and window displays. The colorful parade down flag-bedecked Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues was an inspiration to the thousands attending the ceremonies.

## Former Local Pastor Is Quite Ill With Pneumonia

Rev. J. M. Perry, former pastor of the Williamston Christian Church, is quite ill at his home in Robersonville with pneumonia.

Responding satisfactorily to medical treatment, physicians stated this morning that they were hopeful of his condition and unless complications set in, a quick recovery was anticipated.

### GREEK FUND

The drive for funds for Greek relief has virtually reached a stand still here as only \$1.50 has been contributed in a week for this valiant country. Even a small donation left at the Enterprise office or sent to Rev. John W. Hardy, treasurer of the relief fund will aid in relieving the sufferings of the courageous Greeks.

Donations not previously acknowledged are as follows:

Edgewood Dairy	\$ 1.00
A Friend	.50
Previously Reported	54.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56.00</b>

## Peanut Week To Be Observed By Nation

### Campaign To Better Peanut Will Begin Thursday, Jan. 23rd

#### Attempt Will Be Made To Move 50,000 Tons of The Goobers

An attempt to move 50,000 tons of peanuts into the channels of edible consumption will be made during National Peanut Week, scheduled January 23-31. H. W. Taylor, Extension marketing specialist of N. C. State College, says that this event is designed to help peanut growers of North Carolina and other states to dispose of a record-size crop at profitable prices.

"Last year a National Peanut Week campaign resulted in 25,000 tons of peanuts being moved into edible consumption, thereby greatly increasing the income of Tar Heel peanut producers," Taylor declared. "This year there is even greater need for a campaign of this type since U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates place the 1940 peanut crop in the Nation at 1,511,150,000 pounds — 28 per cent larger than in 1939."

Taylor said that the National Peanut Council is sponsoring this year's "week." They have been assured of the cooperation of leading organizations of merchants, transportation agencies, and dealers in peanut products. These include the Southeastern Chain Store Council, of which P. D. May, of LaGrange, is the North Carolina representative. May says that the chain stores will feature special window displays and other promotional material.

"Peanut production," the extension specialist declared, "is an important part of the agricultural economy of North Carolina. If the public will lend its support to National Peanut Week, the farmers, will be benefited and what helps the farmers helps general business."

"The Growers Peanut Cooperative with headquarters at Ahoskie, has placed its stamp of approval on this campaign. Mayon Parker, president of the cooperative, has urged all members to support the campaign," Taylor concluded.

The National Peanut Council is the national association of the peanut industry. Its membership is made up of the Peanut Farmers Cooperative Association, Millers, Trade Associations and individual memberships of all branches of the peanut industry. The chief objective of the council is to promote the sale of peanuts and peanut products.

One feature of the peanut promotion week will be the national window contest. The council will give \$10 prizes amounting to \$1,000 for the best windows in the nation trimmed with peanuts and peanut products.

Eighteen of the largest railroads in the nation, including the Pennsylvania, B. & O., the Southern and the Seaboard, will have special dishes made from peanuts served in their diners during National Peanut Week.

Local stores have not given the event much consideration and it is not likely that many windows will be decorated. However, they should display, as prominently as possible, peanuts and peanut products during Peanut Week, January 23-31.

## Local Seed - Feed

### Loan Office Will Open This Week

#### Unit Will Be Operated On Larger Scale Than Ever Before

No applications for seed and feed loans will be accepted here until the latter part of this week, Mr. W. B. Watts said yesterday. It was first thought that the office would be opened yesterday but because of the "flu" epidemic, the district supervisors meeting, scheduled to be held in Columbia, S. C., last week, was postponed retarding the opening of the offices in North Carolina and other states.

Mr. Watts stated that he expected Roy Hearne, district supervisor, to be here this week and that he expected the office to be officially opened in the Agricultural building the latter part of the week.

Government seed loans under the program of the Farm Credit Administration will be made more extensively this year, Mr. Watts said. "They will encourage loans and operate the office on a larger scale than ever before," he added.

## Victim Of Paralysis Shows Little Change

Reports this morning from Mr. Stacy Cox, who has been critically ill as a result of a stroke of paralysis, stated that his condition had shown but little, if any, change since last Friday.

### CHAIRMAN



Under the leadership of Dr. E. T. Walker, Martin County chairman, the President's Birthday Ball will be held in the Williamston High School Gym, Tuesday Night, January 28. The proceeds will go toward aiding the fight against infantile paralysis.

## Local School Lists 84 Honor Students During Fall Term

### Grammar Grades Represented By 61, High School Places 23

A total of 84 students received special recognition through the release of the honor roll by Principal David N. Hix this week. The honor roll covers the fall term and embraces both the high school and elementary grades. In the high school there was a total of 23 students making averages of 90 or better. The grammar grades are represented by 61 students making honor grades.

The honor students by grades, follow:

First grade: Keith Boyd, Bobby Goff, Bobbie Gurganus, Jr., Herbert Harrell, William Manning, Bennie Moore, Gerald Phelps, Ernest Taylor, Jackie Harris, Anne Jones, Joan McLawhorn, Patricia Taylor, Russell Mizelle, Willie Lou Bowen, Nellie Fay Brown, Jerry Nicholson.

Second grade: Bobby Clayton, Jack Edwards, Billy Bob Peel, Louise Corey, Helen Chesson, Elizabeth Griffin, Mary Carolyn Leggett, Sarah Manning, Rhoda Faye Peck, Ruby Savage.

Third grade: Rush Bondurant, Jr., Charles Carver, Warren Goff, Jimmy Hoard, Asa M. Manning, Tommy Osteen, Frank Wynne, Rachel Chesson, Madeline Chesson, Libby Muse, Elizabeth Whitley, Myrtle Smith, Magdeline Mizelle.

Fourth grade: Landy Griffin, Paul Peel, Julian Mason, Clayton Hadley.

Fifth grade: Eugene Andrews, Sallie Hardison, John Gurkin, Edna Hadley, Barbara Margolis, Melba Revels.

Sixth grade: Hugh Horton, Chas. Sicoeff, Louise Griffin, Louise Hines, Elizabeth Manning, Elizabeth Parker, Maxine Phelps, Elizabeth Taylor.

Seventh grade: William Earl Moore, Billy Myers, Sylvia Green, Frances Griffin.

Eighth grade: David Roberson, Curtis Hopkins, Joseph Wynne.

Ninth grade: Virginia Hines, Dorothy Roberson, Richard Margolis, Lenora Melson, Bill Peck, J. D. Woolard, Jr.

Tenth grade: Emma Belle Ward, Theron Gurganus, Joseph Gurganus, Madeline Taylor, Evelyn Griffin.

Eleventh grade: Mary Charles Godwin, Susie Griffin, Carrie Jones, Elizabeth Parker, Daisy Peaks, S. C. Griffin, Jr., David Hardison, Warren Pope.

Post-graduate: Marjorie Grey Dunn.

## Drug Store May Open In 3 Weeks

Closing its doors here last Friday morning, Clark's Drug Store officially filed a petition in bankruptcy with Wheeler Martin, U. S. referee in bankruptcy, here yesterday morning.

Mr. Clark stated that unless unforeseen difficulties presented themselves, he expected to reopen his business here in approximately three weeks. According to the Federal laws affecting a corporation, it will take ten days to give notice to the creditors of the firm. If no compromise is made at the meeting of the creditors an additional ten days will be used in advertising the merchandise and fixture. If no settlement is affected a trustee will be appointed by the court.

## Influenza Is Not Expected To Close Schools In County

### Conditions Are Reported To Be Somewhat Improved In Local Schools

Although the "flu" epidemic continues to rage in scores of cities and communities throughout the nation, conditions in the local schools have shown some improvement according to figures released by Principal David Hix yesterday.

An examination of school records here yesterday revealed that 78 per cent of the 779 students enrolled were present for classes. Between 92 and 94 per cent is the considered normal attendance for the local school.

"Of the 100 students absent yesterday teachers reported that 55 elementary and 16 high school students were confined to their homes because of illness," Mr. Hix said.

While attendance in the elementary school has improved only slightly since last Friday, high school absences have decreased sharply indicating possible improvement during the remainder of the week.

Making a canvass of all the schools in the county yesterday, Superintendent J. C. Manning stated that conditions were bad in some of the schools but unless they got worse, the epidemic did not warrant the closing of the schools. This opinion, of course, was based on information given by the principals and consultations with the committeemen of the various schools.

Oak City, Hamilton, Hassell and Farm Life had little if any influenza among the students. Several cases were reported from Hassell last week but figures gathered there today showed only three children absent due to illness.

Conditions in Robersonville, Everetts, Bear Grass and Jamesville were not so favorable. Approximately 15 per cent of the children were out with the "flu" and they were said to be the worst sections in the county.

The epidemic has failed to materialize in the Gold Point school with only a few cases of illness being reported from that community.

Reporting from the Robersonville schools this morning, Principal L. W. Anderson stated that the situation had greatly improved there. Yesterday, a total of 102 children were absent and a check on both the high school and grammar grades revealed only 57 were ill.

Many schools in the state have been closed and in many sections and cities of the commonwealth as much as ten per cent of the population has been ill and confined with the infection. A large number of local citizens are ill but physicians in this area are of the opinion that the epidemic has passed the peak.

## Mrs. J. G. Bailey Dies At Her Home Near Bear Grass

### Passes Early Sunday Morning After Suffering Heart Attack

Mrs. J. G. Bailey died at her home in Bear Grass Sunday, January 19, at 3 a. m. from an heart attack. Mrs. Bailey lived only a short time after she complained to the members of her family that she was ill.

She was 41 years old and a member of the Bear Grass Presbyterian Church. A faithful mother and a loyal church worker, Mrs. Bailey's death was a source of sorrow to her friends and neighbors and a distinct loss to her family. She was born and lived her short, but useful, life in the Bear Grass section.

Mrs. Bailey was the daughter of the late Jordan Leary and Louisa Rogers.

Funeral services were held from the home Monday afternoon at two o'clock with her pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, conducting the last rites. Interment was in the Bailey cemetery near Bear Grass.

Surviving are her husband, J. G. Bailey; three sons, Frank, Garland and Walter; six daughters, Velma, Grace, Hazel, Rachel, Lee, Faye and Mrs. Roy Martin, all of Bear Grass; two step-children, Mrs. Mizell, of Steubenville, Ohio, and Walter Bailey, of Bear Grass.

## Christian Endeavor To Hold Meet Here

The Martin County Christian Endeavor Convention will convene in the Williamston Christian Church Saturday, January 25th, at 11 a. m.

An interesting program has been planned which will feature an address by Dr. Howard S. Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College. Special music will be rendered by the students of the college and new officers will be introduced and installed into office.

All members throughout the county are urged to attend. Garland Bland is president of the county organization.