

### AD VALOREM TAX IS STRICKEN FROM ACT

House of Representatives, as Committee of Whole, Eliminates That Tax

The protest of the Wilmington chamber of commerce over the inclusion of an ad valorem tax of 5 per cent for state purposes in the revenue act of 1921 seems to have been very well founded, since late Thursday evening the house of representatives, acting as a committee of a whole, handed a death blow to the proposal. It will be remembered that the Wilmington chamber of commerce was the first organization in the state to oppose an ad valorem tax for state purposes, the organization insisting that to do so was to violate promises made by Democratic speakers and workers during the last campaign.

Chairman R. A. Doughton, of the house finance committee, made public the table of expenditures for the state for the year as the findings of the appropriations committee. It showed that educational and institutional appropriations totaled \$4,148,904; pension fund, \$677,053; administration, \$611,000; and for public schools, \$1,400,000, a total of \$6,836,957.

Against these appropriations as income of \$2,762,000 is anticipated from franchise and other taxes, and a prospective income of \$2,425,000 from incomes, with material increases looked for in the next year. For the two-year period for which provisions are made and for which appropriations are recommended, the total estimated expenditure stands at \$18,922,354. Against this there is an estimated total revenue of \$14,025,154, and these figures convinced Rufe Doughton and other ad valoremists, advised from Raleigh state.

### FIGHT WAXES WARM ON ANNEXATION OF TOPSALL

Committee Approves, But Measure Goes to House Tuesday

Veheement, vigorous and at times vitriolic efforts to approximately double the size of New Hanover county by the annexation of Topsall township, Pender county were made by townships and counties at Raleigh late Tuesday if advice from Raleigh are to be believed. The Bellamy bill, substituting the discussion and efforts, it will go before the house next Tuesday.

And New Hanover won the initial round of the battle by a score of eight to two, and the bill went back to the house in the night session with a favorable report. But with all that, the battle is just transferred from the committee to the floor of the house. Outvoted on the committee, Pender has its back up, and Representative Jones is loading his cannon for action when the time comes.

Topsall adjoins New Hanover to the north and stretches for ten miles or more along the Atlantic ocean and ten miles inland. There is 100 square miles of it, almost as much as there is in all New Hanover at present. There are two or three fishing villages, and about 2,000 people living therein. There is some very excellent farming land in the district.

### BRITCHES SNATCHER IS FORWARDED TO HIGHWAYS

Borrower of Wearing Apparel Sent Hence By Recorder

John O'Neal, negro, desired a pair of pants, some covers for his "dogs" and a sky piece, and he wanted not how he procured them. Which may intimate that John cared not how he got, just so he got. He borrowed 'em, leastwise he snatched and ran while the real owner of aforementioned trousers, shoes and caps was peering in another direction. The owner was visibly and covally displeased by John's taking ways and forthwith summoned the police. Result: John greeted Recorder Harris yesterday morning and heard himself tried under a charge of larceny. The recorder gave John six months on the highways to sweat and repent.

The continuing couple, Dave and Carrie Epps, negroes, charged with engaging in a pursuit calculated to alleviate the burning thirsts of those who believe water was made to run under bridges, the distilling were again able to have the grinding of the mill of justice postponed for a day and, if nothing interferes, the case will be heard this morning.

### REAL BLIND TIGER FALLS IN CLUTCHES OF POLICE

He's in the jailhouse now because he had too much faith in intuition, or whatever the fifth sense a person is supposed to be blessed with is named.

By "the" is meant Ammie Carter, blind negro man, who, minus the sense of sight, sought to enter the realms of high finance and make his pile.

It all resulted from Ammie's trust in Plain Clothes Officer Faircloth of the Wilmington police department. Truth to tell, the coppers have been suspecting Ammie of sly ruses dealt in upon as the query the high school debating union of North Carolina will discuss in the debates to be staged this week, according to an announcement made by E. R. Rankin, of Chapel Hill, secretary of the union.

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### PHYSICIANS FIND OLD LAW GIVING AUTHORITY ON TUBERCULAR CASES

Medical Association Finds Proposed Enforced Treatment Act Is Not Necessary

Investigation by a committee of the New Hanover County Medical society proved that there exists at the present time a law which gives the board of health power to order any person suffering from tuberculosis to an institution for treatment and in consequence the disapproved the passage of the proposed new law which would have the same effect and which was referred to them by city council recently. This action was taken last night at the regular monthly meeting of the medical society.

A very interesting feature of the session last night was the reading of a paper, "When to Operate on a Mastoid," by Dr. J. G. Murphy, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of this city. Papers of this nature are scheduled to be read by well known physicians, members of the medical society, at several of the meetings of the organization.

At a special meeting of the medical society held recently a committee headed by Dr. J. G. Murphy was named to investigate and report on the proposed new bill which if passed by the general assembly would give the recorder power to send to the Red Cross sanitarium or some other institution for treatment for a duration of not less than 60 days persons who were suffering from lung trouble and who were a menace to the public health.

An investigation by the committee proved there exists here now a law which covers all features of the new bill, so the medical society, last night, adopted the following resolutions: "Resolved: We, the New Hanover County Medical society, in full session, have discussed the proposed bill for the care of tubercular patients who are a menace to public health and that we disapprove of the enactment of new legislation after an investigation has shown that the county board of health is already vested with such power as may be necessary for the control of such cases, that we as a body, recommend that they use this power and in so doing they will have our full support and co-operation."

### NATIONAL FISH DAY TO BE OBSERVED MARCH 9

Big Catches and Much Eating Planned in United States

The economic importance of the fishing industry and the food value of fish will be emphasized throughout the United States on Wednesday, March 9 which has been designated as National Fish Day by a nationwide organization of fishermen, following a custom which has prevailed in other countries for many years.

Fishing boats are now being outfitted at the principal ports on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and Great Lakes with a view to landing record breaking catches during the few days preceding March 9, weather permitting. Vigilance committees have been appointed by the fishermen to prevent retailers from permitting the demand to influence them to raise their prices.

The United States Bureau of Fisheries is co-operating with the industry by carrying on simultaneously an educational campaign designed to draw attention to lesser known varieties of fish which are not at present widely used despite the fact that they are cheap, palatable and nutritious. National Fish Day dinners will be held at 127 points from Portland, Me. to Seattle, Jacksonville to San Diego, Cal., on the night of fish day. Speakers are now being arranged for, including Capt. "Marty" Welsh of the fishing schooner Esperanto which won the recent international race. President-elect Harding, who is fond of fishing himself, and Vice-President Coolidge, are now being urged to support the principal fish producing state have been asked to preside over the Washington banquet which will be held four days after their inauguration.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEBATES ON OPEN SHOP SCHEME

Subject for Contests Is Announced—Paired With Fayetteville and Lumberton

"Resolved, that the policy of the closed shop should prevail in American industry," has been definitely determined upon as the query the high school debating union of North Carolina will discuss in the debates to be staged this week, according to an announcement made by E. R. Rankin, of Chapel Hill, secretary of the union.

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### NEGROES WHO BROKE JAIL AT FAYETTEVILLE TAKEN

Pender County Officers Arrest Suspects Yesterday

While names do not exactly tally, four of the five negroes who broke jail at Fayetteville Wednesday morning are thought to have been taken in custody yesterday, according to information received by police authorities in this city. The capture of negroes, when placed under detention, assures that they were from Wilmington, but when they took advantage of a slip in the attention of their guards and fled, Pender county officials were convinced that the negroes who had escaped from the Cumberland county jail and the alleged New Hanover negroes were the same.

Deputy sheriffs took the trail of the negroes from Burgaw and found them near St. Helena, a few miles away. The negroes were halted at the point of pistols and were searched, two loaded pistols being found among the crowd. Pender county officers were advised by Wilmington authorities to communicate with Cumberland county officials.

The four negroes, Norman Thompson, John Williams, Louis Dunn and Dave McInver were arrested at Fayetteville some time ago charged with burglary. A fifth member of the jail breaking party, Albert Ray, also a negro, who was re-captured a short time after the delivery of an automobile. The quintet got out of jail by sawing a hole through the top of the cage on the third floor and digging a hole in the back wall.

The names given yesterday by the negroes at Burgaw were not the same as those sent out from Fayetteville, but were said to be jumbled up combinations by Pender officials.

### BOY SCOUTS TO SHOW SPEED IN MOBILIZING

During the next few days the city fire alarm system will sound a specific Boy Scout siren which will summon every member of the organization to the Y. M. C. A., on Market street. Thanks to the fire department, a feature that prevails in many cities where the organization of Boy Scouts is strong, the system is to be installed in Wilmington, its purpose being to have the services of approximately 300 Boy Scouts available in case of emergency within not more than 15 minutes. The Scout commissioner announced last evening that the Boy Scouts should be in readiness to answer the summons of the fire alarm within a delay of any time during the next few days.

### Wilmington Seeks Berth in Sally League If That Circuit Expands

Interest in Professional Baseball Again Aroused When Reports Are Received That South Atlantic League May Increase to Eight Clubs—Savannah Promised Seventh Berth, and Wilmington and Asheville Crave the Eighth

Reported here that South Atlantic league may be enlarged to eight clubs or league directors would be willing to entertain such a request. Understand further that Savannah would like to be included in league and Wilmington would like to enter. Answer immediately at our expense.

That is the telegram sent President Walsh, of the South Atlantic league, by the Morning Star at the instigation of fledgling baseball fans of Wilmington last night, following the receipt of a report that Sally league moguls were in receptive frame of mind regarding the enlargement of that Class B circuit. At a late hour nothing had been heard from President Walsh, but it is believed an answer will be received today and that Wilmington fans can be advised as to the chances of the city gaining membership in one of the fastest and best known minor leagues in the country.

If a favorable answer is received, leading fans believe the city will support a Class B club better than it ever did a Class D one, or much more thoroughly than would have been the case had the Eastern Carolina league proposition looked good. Wilmington stacks up favorably with the other cities having membership in the Sally, Charlotte, Spartanburg, Greenville, Columbia and Charleston, S. C. and Augusta, Ga.

Two Seek Franchise Asheville is known to be enging for a berth while Savannah, Ga., is said to have been promised the seventh link in the loop in the event the circuit is elaborated. This makes it appear that the eighth franchise will go to either Asheville or Wilmington, and the baseball reputation of Wilmington is far better than that of Asheville.

While pennant contenders the Mountain City never wore out any turnstiles at Oates field, whereas Wilmington's outpourings in former days, before the city attained its present size, constituted the financial backbone of the Eastern Carolina league. That was when the eastern champs proceeded to lick the Carolina champs off the boards, showing that the old loop wasn't a small with an impediment in its gait. The South Atlantic league hasn't yet completed the drafting of its schedule; at least the tentative draft doesn't seem to suit the magnates at all, even though they did okeh it after a tiresome session of several hours at Charlotte last week. Sport dope from around that circuit is to the effect that the slate of playing dates is a mist—the something must be done to prevent a waste of money on needless railway mileage. If there is to be a change in the schedule, then that is an item in favor of Wilmington horning in on the league, since everything is not yet cut and dried.

Wilmington, even though 156 miles from Charlotte and about the same distance from Columbia, would prove a paying member. In addition to the thousands of fans making this their home, the fame of Wilmington as a resort city is great and from the more than 50,000 visitors who come here each summer, many additional paying customers could be extracted. Then too, the advertising coming to the city from membership in the league would be invaluable, making it a very good investment to put a crew of tars on the field for that item alone.

Wilmington would have to hustle like Grant did when he surrounded Richmond to get a contending team on the field by the middle of April. But this doubtless could be accomplished and local fans wouldn't kick over the traces if the gang didn't stay out in front throughout the race. They would be satisfied with seeing Wilmington well represented and would realize the difficulty the management would be up against in putting a contender out on such short notice.

It would also mean a little hustling to get a ball orchard in readiness for the numerous portions of the pastime that would be served up commencing early in April. But this should be comparatively easy, since little grading would have to be done and lots of material and labor is available. That little stock in the promotion of a club is the big and basic need, provided the franchise is forthcoming, but it is believed that with a superior brand of ball promised, that business men and fans who have hitherto taken little stock in the promotion of a club will see their way clear to help out handomely.

At any rate, the fans will sleep not deeply until Mr. Walsh has been heard from.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER, 1921.

I, J. Holmes Davis, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. HOLMES DAVIS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of February, 1921.

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