TWELVE

VALOREM TAX STRICKEN FROM 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, sitting as a committee, as 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 totalled \$4.148,904; pension fund, \$677,063; administra#on, \$611,000, and for public schools, \$1,400,000. a total of \$6.836,967.

Against these appropriations as income of \$3,762.000 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 twoyear period for which provisions are Medical Association Finds Promade and for which appropriations are recommended, the total estimated expenditure stands at \$13,923,934. Against this there is an estimated total revenue of \$14,025.154, and these figures convinced Rufe Doughton and other ad valoremites, advices from Raleigh

state. The local chamber of commerce, in telegrams to the chairman of the house time a law which gives the board of and senate finance committees and health power to order any person suf-Governor Cameron Morrison, contended fering from tuberculosis to an instiments to the state constitution which tution for treatment and in consements to the state constitution which under they disapproved the passage Pender County Officers Arrest ville. While pennant contenders the jority at the last election were passed of the proposed new law which would by the people because of the promises have the same effect and which was made of tax reform and that to again referred to them by city council remade of tax reform and that to again resort to an ad valorem property tax for state purposes was in direct con-travention of campaign pledges. The stand of the commercial organiza-

s a committee of the whole.



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

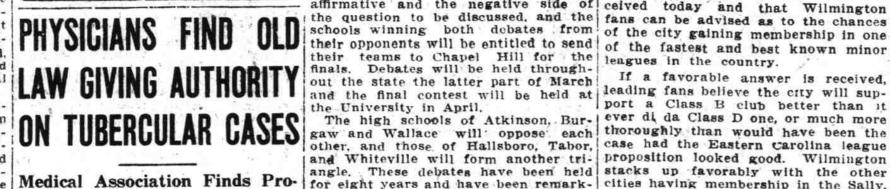
pile It all resulted from Ammie's trust in Plain Clothes Officer Faircloth of the Wilmington police department." Truth to tell, the coppers have been suspecting Ammie of sub rosa dealings in a certain popular contraband for lo, these many moons, but you can't give a fellow time on mere suspicions.

year, according to an announcement Yesterday morning, about 10 o'clock, Plain Clothes Officer Faircloth accosted Ammie in the latter's own stamping grounds.

Fayetteville and Lumberton high schools form one of the triangles of "Ps-s-s-t." mysterioused the officer-"where can a feller get a pint of monk?" (Monk, be it known, is classical for hooch.)

"Who is you?" parleyed Ammie. "I'm all right," came back the officer, and the deal was on. A pint changed hands and Ammie,

unseeing, had broke in jail.



posed Enforced Treatment Act Is Not Necessary

Investigation by a committee of the New Hanover County Medical society proved that there exists at the present

tion attracted considerable attention a paper, "When to Operate on a Mas- yesterday, according to information re- off the boards, showing that the old had some little bearing on the action nose and throat specialist, of this city. city. The quartet of negroes, when ment in its gait. of the house of representatives, sitting Papers of this nature are scheduled first placed under detention, assented! The South Atlantic league hasn't yet well known physicians, that they were from Wilmington, but | com

Interest in Professional Baseball Again Aroused When Reports Subject for Contests Is An-Are Received That South Atlantic League May Increase to nounced-Paired With Fay-Eight Clubs--Savannah Promised Seventh Berth, and etteville and Lumberton

immediately at our expense."

leagues in the country.

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Wilmington and Asheville Crave the Eighth

Wilmington Seeks Berth in Sally

League If That Circuit Expands

"Reported here that South Atlantic though they did okeh it after a tireleague may be enlarged to eight clubs; some session of several hours at or league directors would be willing Charleston last week. Sport dope to entertain such a request. Under- from around that circuit is to the efstand further that Savannah would fect that the slate of playing dates like to be included in league and Wilmington would like to enter. Answer done to prevent a waste of money on needless railway mileage. If there is That is the telegram sent President to be a change in the schedule, then Walsh, of the South Atlantic league. that is an item in favor of Wilminghigh schools which will discuss this by the Morning Star at the instigation ton horning in on the league, since question in the statewide debate, each o fleading baseball fans of Wilmingeverything is not yet cut and dried. school furnishing both a negative and ton last night, following the receipt

Will Cause Hustling

of a report that Sally league moguls Wilmington, even though 166 miles-North Caroling schools to the num- were in a receptive frame of mind reber of 225, representing 90 counties, garding the enlargement of that Class from Charlotte and about the same will participate in this, the eighth an- B circuit. At a late hour nothing had distance from Columbia, would prove a paying member. In addition to the nual debate for the Aycock memorial been heard from President Walsh, but cup. Each school has a team for the it is believed an answer will be rethousands of fans making this their affirmative and the negative side of ceived today and that Wilmington home, the fame of Wilmington as a resort city is great and from the morethan 50,000 visitors who come here each their opponents will be entitled to send of the fastest and best known minor summer, many additional paying customers could be extracted. Then too, the advertising coming to the city If a favorable answer is received, from membership in the league would leading fans believe the city will supbe invaluable, making it a very good port a Class B club better than it investment to put a crew of Tars on The high schools of Atkinson, Bur- | ever di da Class D one, or much more the field for that item alone.

gaw and Wallace will oppose each thoroughly than would have been the Wilmington would have to hustle other, and those of Hallsboro, Tabor, case had the Eastern carolina league 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 Columbia and Charleston, S. C, and over the traces if the gang didn't stay out in front throughout the race. They would be satisfied with seeing Wil-Asheville is known to be engling mington well represented and would for a berth while Savannah, Ga., is realize the difficulty the management

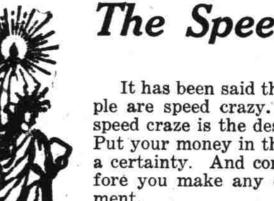
said to have been promised the seventh link in the loop in the event the circuit tender out on such short notice. would be up against in putting a conis elaborated. This makes it appear It would also mean a little hustling to get a ball orchard in readiness for either Asheville or Wilmington, and the numerous portions of the pastime the baseball reputation of Wilmington is far better than that of Ashe- that would be served up commening early in April. But this should be comparitively easy, since little grading Mountain City never wore out any would have to be done and lots of turnstiles at Oates field, whereas Wilmington's outpourings in former days, material and labor is available. That before the city attained its present commodity which makes the horse trot four of the five negroes who broke jail size, constituted the financial back- is the big and basic need, provided at Fayetteville Wednesday morning are bone of the Eastern Carolina league, the franchise is forthcoming, but it is believed that with a superior brand stand of the commercial organiza- session last night was the reading of at Burgaw by Pender county officers proceeded to lick the Carolina champs of ball promised, that business men and fains who have hitherto taken throughout the state and may have told." by Dr. J. G. Murphy, eye, ear, ceived by police authorities in this loop wasn't a smail with an impediwill see their way clear to help out

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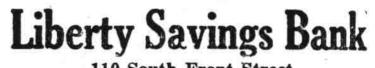
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and Whiteville will form another tri- proposition looked good. Wilmington angle. These debates have been held stacks up favorably with the other for eight years and have been remark- cities having membership in the Sally, ably successful. The majority of high Charlotte Spartanburg. Greenville, school debaters have afterward become leaders in college affairs. Messrs. Taylor, Boyd and Beers of the university, comprising the team which unanimous-

y defeated the debating team of the University of Pennsylvania, are all former high school debaters. NEGROES WHO BROKE JAIL that the eighth franchise will go to

affirmative team.

AT FAYETTEVILLE TAKEN

Suspects Yesterday

"Resolved, that the policy of the

closed shop should prevail in American

industry," has been definitely determ-

ined upon as the query the high school

debating union of North Carolina will

discuss in the debates to be staged this

made by E. R. Rankin, of Chapel Hill,

secretary of the union. Wilmington.

While names do not exactly tally,

FIGHT WAXES WARM ON ANNEXATION OF TOPSAIL

ure Goes to House Tuesday

Vehement. vigorous and at times tarium or some other institution for vitriolic efforts to approximately dou- treatment for a duration of not less ble the size of New Hanover county by than 60 days, persons who were sufthe annexation of Topsail township of fering from lung trouble and who Pender county were made by town- were a menace to the public health. shipites and countyites at Raleigh late An investigation by the committee Traday if advices from Raleigh are proved there exists here now a law to be believed. The Bellamy bill, sub- which covers all features of the new ficials. tracting the township from Pender and bill, so the medical society, last night, adding it to New Hanover, long cele- adopted the following resolutions: brated as the smallest county in the "Resolved: We, the New Hanover state, went before the committee on County Medical society, in full session. countles, cities and towns, this promot- have discussed the proposed bill for the ing the discussion and efforts. It will care of tubucular patients who may be a menace to public health and that go before the house next Tuesday. And New Hanover won the initial we disapprove of the enactment of new round of the battle by a score of eight legislation after an investigation has to two, and the bill went back to the shown that the county board of health house in the night session with a fa- is already vested with such a power vorable report. But with all that, the as may be necessary for the control battle is just transferred from the com-mittee to the floor of the house. Out- ommend that they use this power and voted on the committee, Pender has its in so doing they will have our full back up, and Representative Johnstone support and co-operation.".

is loading his cannon for action when the time comes.

Topsail adjoins New Hanover to the north and stretches for ten miles or lected to make the address at the regmore along the Atlantic ocean and ten ular boys' meeting at the Young Men's miles inward. There is 100 square Christian association Sunday afternoon miles of it, almost as much as there is at 4 o'clock. The Episcopal minister in all New Hanover at present. There will use as his subject "Be Friendly. are two or three fishing villages, and Courteous and Kind." which are three about 2,000 people living therein. of the most important of the Boy Scout There is some very excellent farming laws. There will be special music for the occasion. All boys in the city are land in the district.

The township is a good deal nearer urged to attend. A special invitation to Wilmington by measured miles than is extended to the Wilmington Boy it is to its own county seat at Burgaw, Scouts. and moreover, New Hanover has an asphalt road built right up to the county's line. All of these things are said to appeal to the people of Topsail. The statement was made before the committee that 98 per cent of the popoverians.

Former Congressman John D. Bellamy. of Wilmington, and father of Representative Emmett Bellamy, led the forces of the annexationist-secessionists. C. E. McCullen and J. T. Brand. Sr., of Burgaw, led the fight for retaining the township under the government United States on Wednesday, March of Burgaw. The hearing waxed hot at times, near to the boiling point, but at that it lacked somewhat of being equal to the battle o' the previous afternoon.

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 wotted 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 cape was peering in another direction. The owner was visibly and covally displeased by John's

eral of the meetings of the organization in the future. Pender county officials were convinced At a special meeting of the medical

society held recently a committee headed by Dr. J. G. Murphy was named to Committee Approves, But Meas- 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 sani-

alleged New Hanover negroes were he 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 of-

that the negroes who had escaped from

the Cumberland county jail and the

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, was charged with the larceny 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 special Boy Scout signal-9 pause 9which 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 200 Boy Scouts available in case of emergency within not more than 10 minutes. The Scout commissioner announced last evening that the Boy Scouts should be in readiness to answer the summons of the fire alarm without delay at any time during the next few days.

leted the drafting of its schedule; At any rate, the fans will sleep not members of the medical society, at sev- when they took advantage of a slip in at least the tentative draft doesn't' deeply until Mr. Walsh has been heard the attention of their guards and fled, seem to suit the magnates at all, even from.

handomely.





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RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts\$1,	570,320.61	
Demand loans	286,088.00	
U. S. Liberty bonds	73,550.00	
Stocks and bonds	95,662.50	
Banking House furniture and fixtures	48,000.00	
Other real estate owned	18,836.31	
Invested trust funds	40.000.00	
Cash on hand	212,972.95	
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TOTAL	340.480.37	

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock\$	65.000.00	
Surplus	100,000.00	
Undivided profits	58,179.10	
Unearned discount	10,000.00	10
Accrued interest due depositors	7,000.00	
Dividends unpaid	72.75	
Deposits	2,100,178.52	
TOTAL		1
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countries for many years.

fitted 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 preceeding March 9, weather permitting. Vigilance committees have been appointed by the fishermen to prevent retailers from permitting the demand

used despite the fact that they are cheap, palatable and nutritious.

Although Americans eat 2,500,000,000

pounds of fish a year and are posses-

National Dish Day dinners will be held at 127 points from Portland, Me. taking ways and forthwith summoned to Seattle, Jacksonville to San Diego, the police. Result: John greeted Re- Cal., on the night of fish day. Speakers corder Harriss yesterday morning and are now being arranged for, including heard himself tried under a charge of Capt. "Marty" Welsh of the fishing larceny. The recorder gave John six schooner Esperanto which won the

NATIONAL FISH DAY TO **BE OBSERVED MARCH** ulation wanted to become New Han- Big Catches and Much Eating

Planned in United States

TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Rev. A. M. Blackford has been se

The economic importance of the fishing industry and the food value of fish will be emphasized throughout the which has been designated as National Fish day by a nationwide organization of fishermen, following a custom which has prevailed in other

Fishing boats are now being out-

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

months on the highways to sweat and recent international race. Presidentrepent. elect Harding, who is fond of fishing

That continuing couple, Dave and himself, and Vice-President elect Cool-Carrie Epps, negroes, charged with en- idge, one time governor of the pringaging in a pursuit calculated to alle- cipal fish producing state have been viate the burning thirsts of those who asked to preside over the Washington believe water was made to run under banquet which will be held four days bridges, the distilling of whiskey, after their inauguration.

were again able to have the grinding of the mill of justice postponed for a day and, if nothing interferes, the case sors, of the most prolific fisheries in will be heard this morning.

the world, America has a smaller con-Johnnie Jones, negro, was given four months on the roads following convicsumption of fish per capita than any other maratime power. Government experts say that the plentiful supply tion under a charge of committing an assault with a deadly weapon. Wil-liam McIntire, Willie Spencer, Annie of meat which was available up to a Evans and Lizzie Hayes, charged with decade ago caused the American people failure to carry out the provisions of to overlook fish as an article of diet. the state law governing surface clos. High meat prices and the governments ets, were granted continuances until "Eat More Fish" campaign carried on March 5. By that time, it was casual-ly mentioned to them by the court, all would be well if the desired improve-menta were made.

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. J. V. GRAINGER, Notary Public. Correct-Attest:

D. C. LOVE. WALKER TAYLOR. H. C. McQUEEN.

Directors.

