

BILL TO REVISE REVALUATION ACT

Senator Varner Introduces Measure Which Proposes Sweeping and Drastic Revision—Actual Appraisal Would be Made by Township Boards and Administration Would be Left Entirely to Counties.

Sweeping and drastic revision of the Revaluation act, though adhering to the principle of "assessment of property at its true value in money," is provided in a bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator L. R. Varner, chairman of the committee on finance.

The Varner bill makes the administration of the revision entirely local. The board of commissioners of each county is authorized to appoint a county board of appraisers of from three to five members, or may itself assume the functions of such a board. The actual assessments shall be made by township boards of appraisers of three members each, appointed by the county board.

The bill provides that the township boards shall hold hearings and shall take into consideration the sale value of property and its profit bearing qualities and shall equalize the assessment value of all property in the township. The findings of the township board are made reviewable by the county board, but the sole function of the State Tax Commission is to furnish forms to the county boards.

To Refund Taxes
The bill provides for a cash refund of all taxes collected upon a valuation in excess of that which shall be determined under the provisions of the bill. Another revision in 1926 to be followed by subsequent revisions each four years is called for in conformity with the principle of the bill which calls for "present" values. The bill was referred to the finance committee.

Senator Varner offered another bill drawn by the State Department of Agriculture, which provides for cooperation between State and Federal authorities in collecting agricultural statistics and requires that the needed information shall be gathered by tax lists.—Raleigh News and Observer Jan. 20.

MEASURES OF LOCAL INTEREST

Senator Varner Offers Bill for Election to Decide Bond Issue for Lumberton Schools and to Provide for Upkeep of Bridges by County Road Board—Other Local Measures.

Senator Varner of Robeson introduced in the Senate of the General Assembly Tuesday the following bills of local interest:

To ratify and validate certain proceedings of the town of St. Pauls, pertaining to bond issues authorized some time ago for town improvements.

To amend law in respect to fees charged by the register of deeds of Robeson. This is a bill to amend a law passed by the 1919 session of the Legislature requiring the register of deeds of Robeson county to furnish all cotton storage warehouse managers with a copy of all crop liens and mortgages covering cotton stored, so as to require the payment of fees for furnishing such records. The fees would go to the county and not to the register of deeds.

To repeal legislation for construction of certain bridges in Robeson county. This provides for repeal of a law passed at the special session of 1920 providing that all bridges in the county more than 20 feet across be kept up by the county. If the law is repealed the bridges will be kept up by the county road board.

To authorize the town of Lumberton to issue bonds and acquire land for school purposes. This is the bill referred to in Monday's Robesonian, providing for a bond issue of \$30,000 to purchase an additional school site (across the road from the present site), pay for the teacherage, \$7,500, and provide for repairs to present school buildings. The bill provides for election to be held on the first Tuesday in April, next.

WISHARTS NO. 3 VOTES
SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX
Public school district No. 3, Wishart township, voted last Saturday a special school tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation and 30 cents on the poll. The vote was 36 for the tax and 14 against.

Little Girl Burned to Death.
An 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen of R. 5, Lumberton, died Tuesday night of burns received Tuesday when she fell into the fire in an open fire-place at the Allen home.

Sanitary Inspector on His Rounds.
The State sanitary inspector is making his rounds and all who have sanitary privies are requested to have the 40 cents State tax ready when the inspector calls.

Mr. R. W. Bullard of Elrod was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

LEE-JACKSON DAY OBSERVED HERE

25 Veterans Gathered Here Yesterday, Held a Business Meeting, Heard Address by Mr. L. J. Britt and Songs by School Children and Were Entertained at Dinner by Daughters of the Confederacy—Favor Pensions for All Confederate Veterans and Committee Will go to Raleigh in That Behalf—Camp Alfred Rowland of Rowland Invited to Unite With Camp Pope.

Twenty-five followers of Lee and Jackson members of Camp Willis H. Pope, Confederate veterans met here yesterday to observe Lee-Jackson day. The veterans met in business meeting at 10:30 a. m. and were addressed at 11 a. m. by Mr. L. J. Britt of the local bar. Several appropriate musical selections were well rendered by a number of children from the Lumberton graded school, and as a whole the meeting was seemingly much enjoyed by the veterans present. Dinner was served the veterans by local Daughters of the Confederacy.

At the business meeting of the camp an invitation was unanimously extended to Camp Alfred Rowland, Confederate veterans, of Rowland to unite with Camp Willis H. Pope. A committee was also appointed to go to Raleigh and memorialize the Legislature to pension every Confederate veteran living in the State and to increase the present pension. The committee is composed of Messrs. W. H. Graham, A. B. Small and Rev. F. A. Prevatt. Other camps in county will be asked to send a committee at the same time the committee from this camp goes to Raleigh.

In his address Mr. Britt paid glowing tribute to the soldiers of the Confederate army and to their peerless leaders, Generals Lee and Jackson. The speaker gave a brief history of the lives of the two generals, whom he declared to have been among the greatest the world has known. Mr. Britt made a most eloquent address and was heartily applauded by the veterans who heard him.

Immediately after the address the veterans were invited to the commissioners room in the court house, where the local Daughters of the Confederacy had prepared a sumptuous spread of good things to eat, including turkey. After the veterans had feasted to their entire satisfaction there was plenty of food in evidence. Commander M. G. McKenzie of the camp recalled that for 15 years the local Daughters of the Confederacy have served dinner to members of the camp twice each year—January 19 and May 10. He doubts if this record has been excelled by the Daughters in any town in the South.

One who attends the meetings of the veterans regularly can always remember faces of some that were present at the last meeting who have passed on to the final camping ground, all the while making the grey line grow thinner.

The camp will meet again on May 10.

House Votes Against Increase in Membership.
The House of Congress voted decisively yesterday against the Siegel reappointment bill to increase its membership from 435 to 483. North Carolina will gain one additional member.

Cotton Mills Hold Annual Meetings of Stockholders

The annual meetings of the stockholders of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings Cotton Mills companies were held in the cotton mill office building yesterday. The old boards of directors were all re-elected. The old officers of each mill were also elected.

(The officers of the Lumberton and Dresden Cotton Mill companies are: H. B. Jennings, president and treasurer; A. W. McLean, vice-president; F. P. Gray, Secretary and assistant treasurer; A. M. Hartley, cashier. The officers of the Jennings Cotton Mill company are: H. B. Jennings, president and treasurer; A. E. White, vice-president; F. P. Gray, secretary and assistant treasurer; A. M. Hartley, cashier.

Two Arrested, Charged With Jumping Board Bill and Bond.
Ernest Tilly was arrested last night by Chief of Police D. M. Barker on a warrant from Rocky Mount charging Tilly with jumping a board bill. An officer from Rocky Mount carried Tilly to that town today.

Charley Atkinson was recently arrested here. Charley jumped his bond and failed to appear at the last term of criminal court to answer the charge of fornication and adultery. He is in jail.

Mr. D. B. McKee of Clarkton was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. There has been some talk to the effect that Mr. McKee might move to Lumberton to live, but he says he has made no definite decision as to that, though he might come if he could purchase the sort of place he wants.

Mr. Haynes Ivey of Marietta is a Lumberton visitor today.

General Assembly

Measure Offered to Provide for Revision of Assessments Under Revaluation Act—To Retire Judges at 70 Years of Age—Pardon Board Proposed—Give All Veterans Pensions.

A measure was introduced Tuesday, in the Senate by Carpenter and in the House by Woltz, to appropriate \$100,000 for permanent improvements and \$37,500 for annual maintenance of the orthopedic hospital at Gastonia.

In the House Tuesday McSwain offered a measure to provide authority for the formation of a new board of property appraisers in each county, taking a member from each township, charged with the duty of revising the assessments under the Revaluation act.

To Retire Judges
Senator Stanley Winborne, of Hertford, Tuesday offered a bill for the voluntary retirement of justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Superior Court. Conditions of retirement are service of fifteen years on either bench or on both and a minimum age of 70 years. Under the bill, judges so retired would receive three quarters pay for life and would constitute the emergency judges of the Superior Court provided for in the Constitution. When designated by the Governor to act in an emergency, a retired judge would receive only his actual expenses in addition to the retired pay. The measure is retroactive to include all living ex-judges who retired when over 70 years old and after 15 or more years service.

Pardon Board Proposed
Senator Walker, of Rockingham, offered a bill to submit an amendment to the constitution creating a State Board of Pardons to consist of the Governor, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. Under the proposed amendment, pardons, reprieves or commutations could be granted only by the unanimous decision of the three officers constituting the board; and the board would be required to submit a report at each session of the Legislature giving full details of all cases upon which it had acted favorably. The bill provides that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the State at the next general election.

Give All Veterans Pensions
Senator Solomon Gallert, of Rutherford, Monday introduced a bill providing that all Confederate veterans and all widows of veterans shall be eligible to receive pensions. The present law disbars all veterans owning property valued for taxation at more than \$500 and all widows who married later than January 1, 1875. Senator Gallert stated that estimates prepared by Chief Justice Walter Clark and Col. W. P. Wood, former State Auditor, show that passage of the bill would increase the number of pensioners from 10,000 to 15,000. Representatives C. S. McArthur and N. W. Jenkins of Robeson have been appointed a member, respectively, of committee on penal institutions and committee on roads.

A bill creating a joint legislative committee with authority to investigate efficiency of all State officers was reported favorably Monday by the Senate committee on claims. The bill was aimed at the office of State architect. John Sprunt Hill of Durham is quoted as saying that if the committee was appointed he would offer proof that buildings erected under the supervision of the State architect are costing from 20 to 50 per cent. more than they should.

Church Notes

Preaching at Smith's Sunday
There will be preaching service at Smith's Methodist church, Howells-ville township next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Quarterly Conference.

Rev. J. H. Shore, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, preached at Chestnut Street Methodist church last evening and immediately following the service held quarterly conference. The only business outside routine was election of delegates to the district conference which will be held in Rockingham at a date to be announced later, probably in June. Messrs. E. L. Hamilton, A. E. White, K. M. Barnes and D. D. French were elected delegates. Messrs. J. C. Fuller and F. P. Gray, alternates. Mr. Shore was a guest last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fuller.

Mr. E. B. Nye of Boardman was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Prevatt and small daughter, Miss Mary Lee, of R. 6, Lumberton, are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. L. A. Turner of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Mr. G. B. Allen and daughter, Miss Plumis of R. 7, Lumberton, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. T. L. Stone of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Mr. H. F. Townsend of R. 6, Lumberton, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. W. D. Williams of R. 1, Fairmont, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Parkton News Letter

Miss Mary Adna Campbell Victim of Pneumonia—New Store Building Nearing Completion—Pulling Stumps—Farmers Can Live One Year Without Much Cotton—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson.
Parkton, Jan. 17.—Our town and community were made sad early Friday morning when the news reached us that Mary Adna, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Campbell, had died at 7 o'clock at their home one mile from town on the Nicholson farm. Deceased was only sick one week, with pneumonia, and while the physician did all in his power, with the aid of a splendid nurse, for her recovery, but of no avail.—For death had aimed its fatal dart To cut sweet Mary down, To twine her in the living wreath That forms our Saviour's crown.

As long as life with reason blends Her name sweet memories claim, While o'er her grave affection binds To breathe sweet Mary's name.

Oh will her youthful schoolmates hear Her tender parting words, And meet her in that blessed sphere Where dwells our blessed Lord?

Deceased will be greatly missed in her home and school and church, as she was a favorite, loved by every one who knew her; a most beautiful girl, of admirable personality, a member of the Presbyterian church and one of its most consecrated members. She was 15 years old. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. E. Hall, assisted by Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of the Baptist church. Interment was made in the Parkton cemetery. A very large concourse of sorrowing friends and loved ones was present. The grave was completely banked with beautiful flowers.

The bereaved family have our sincere sympathy. The following near relatives from out of town attended the funeral: D. J. Campbell, J. H. Conoly and family of Maxton, M. M. Campbell of Wagram, W. G. McLean of Maxton, A. B. McKenzie and family and Sam McKenzie and sisters of Dundarrach. (Scottish Chief please copy.)

Mr. J. B. McCormick attended the inauguration of Governor Morrison in Raleigh last week and reports a great time.

The Parkton Pharmacy is moving into its new quarters, on Main street on the corner, the H. C. McMillan store and one of the handsomest stores in these diggings, a large and up-to-date building.

The Thompson and Campbell store is near completion and we have been advised that Lancaster and Jones, general merchants, will occupy this building when completed.

Mr. Edwin Davis of Tobemory is in town tonight. Wonder if he ever gets lost?

Miss Pope, one of the high school teachers, is on the sick list but we trust she may soon be restored. Her mother, from Dunn, reached here last night.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins preached Sunday morning and evening to a large congregation, preaching two real spellbinders. It seems he gets better, further on. At the evening services the congregation was favored with a splendid male quartet as follows: Hines, first tenor; Williamson, second tenor; Plott, first bass; Jenkins, second bass.

Miss Ruth Cashwell of Rocky Mount spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cashwell.

We see J. B. McCormick and Sons on in the stump-pulling business too. Pemberton says he pulls about an acre per day. It is best to pull your stumps before setting fruit trees.

We see lots of cotton in the fields yet, also some of our farmers are planning to plant some more cotton. My address is, go slow. The farmer can live one year without much cotton.

Mr. Collier Cobb barged a wild turkey last Thursday—fixing to reduce flesh.

PLAY AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TOMORROW EVENING

"Honor o a Cowboy" Will be Presented by Post of American Legion of Fairmont—A 3-Act Play Full of Love and Adventure—Humor and Pathos.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The Honor o a Cowboy, a 3 act play, is to be given by the George Galloway Post of the American Legion of Fairmont, at the high school Auditorium here Friday evening, January 21st at 7:30 o'clock. The prices of admission are 35 and 50 cents.

This a clean, wholesome play, of love and adventure humor and pathos, and everyone can enjoy it.

The proceeds of the play will be used in furnishing and equipping a club room and gymnasium for the Post at Fairmont.

Come and help the boys, and enjoy the play. They can act almost as well as they fought in France.

FREE TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS

Clinics Will be Held in Lumberton Tomorrow and January 25—Clinics at Red Springs January 23 and February 1 and at Fairmont January 24 and 27—Many Have Applied for Examination.

The first free tuberculosis clinic to be conducted in the county will be given in the office of Dr. E. E. Hardin, county health officer here tomorrow. A second clinic will be conducted in Dr. Hardin's office here Tuesday, January 25. Clinics will be conducted at Red Springs on January 22 and February 1 and at Fairmont January 24 and 27.

These are extra clinics to be held owing to the large number who have applied for examination. Other clinics will be conducted on the dates to be advertised. Applicants will be advised by letter what day to attend.

RECORDER'S COURT

Tommie Phillips and Prentice Barker Convicted of Manufacturing Whiskey—Recorder Fuller Changes Road Sentences to Fines and Defendants Appeal to Higher Court and Make Bonds—Barker Testified That He Merely Went to the Still to Get a Drink—Trial Lasted All Day and Case Was Hard Fought.

Tommie Phillips and Prentice Barker were found guilty of manufacturing whiskey by Recorder David H. Fuller Tuesday and each fined \$500 and cost. Recorder Fuller first sentenced Phillips to four months on the roads and Barker to 60 days on the roads, but later changed the sentence to the above-stated fine. Both gave notice of appeal to the Superior court and made appeal bond in the sum of \$500 each.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Phillips and Barker were caught at a still which was in operation on Pine Log island, Wishart township, the first Mon., in January. The case was hard fought. Phillips was represented by Messrs. H. E. Stacy and L. J. Britt, Barker was represented by Messrs. S. McIntyre and T. L. Johnson, while Solicitor W. E. Ivey was assisted in the prosecution by Mr. W. S. Britt. The trial lasted all day Tuesday and was attended by a large crowd.

Evidence in this case will be published in the next issue, being crowded out of this issue.

TO BROADEN SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES OF HOME BUREAU

Plans Discussed for Increasing Already Inestimable Value of Home Bureau to Women of County. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

McDonalds, Jan. 18.—A very important meeting of the executive committee of the Robeson County Home Bureau association was held on January 15th at 12 o'clock in the office of county home demonstrator, Miss Flax Andrews.

The members of the committee, with Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools and Miss Elizabeth Peay, home economics teacher of Lumberton schools, as their guests were delightfully entertained at luncheon by Miss Andrews, after which important business was discussed and plans were formulated for broadening the scope of the activities of the Home Bureau and for increasing its already inestimable value to the women of the county. Mrs. F. M. Townsend, Sec.

T. A. McNeill, Jr. Visits Charlotte On Business

T. A. McNeill, Jr., prominent and popular among the younger members of the Lumberton bar and a democratic party leader, was in Charlotte yesterday on business. Mr. McNeill is a son of Judge T. A. McNeill, formerly on the North Carolina superior court bench.

Mr. McNeill said that business conditions in Lumberton and Robeson county generally are picking up right along, the outlook is much brighter and the people are more optimistic than a few weeks ago. Lumberton and that section have been hit hard by the low price of cotton, as Robeson is a great cotton county, producing more bales annually than any other county in the state.—Charlotte Observer, Jan. 19.

Long-Hardee.

Mr. William Jas. Long of Columbus county and Miss Callie Hardee of Biden county, were married here this morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. G. McKenzie, the officiating justice.

Mr. G. W. J. Curri, of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Mr. M. L. Correll left today for his home at Laurinburg after spending a few days here visiting friends.

Mr. C. W. McArthur of R. 2, Rowland, is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. H. G. Stubbs of Fairmont is among the visitors in town today. Miss Emily H. Walker, field representative of the American Red Cross, arrived last night and will spend some time in the county.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 13 cents the pound; strict middling 14 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Mr. J. M. McCallum spent yesterday with his mother, Mrs. A. D. McCallum, near Philadelphia, who is ill. —Mrs. T. A. Todd was able to return to her home on East Fifth street Tuesday from the Thompson hospital, where two weeks ago she underwent an operation.

—So few people heeded the call to attend a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening that the meeting was postponed. Another meeting will probably be called at an early date.

—The person to whom a special delivery letter is addressed does not have to sign for it when delivered, this being provided under a recent ruling of the Postoffice Department.

—Mrs. M. H. Markham has resigned as cashier of the local office of the American Ry. Express company. She is succeeded by Mr. J. H. Lovett, who had been employed at the express office here for some time.

—Mrs. K. G. Bishop left Tuesday evening for her home at Wake Forest after spending a few days here visiting at the home of son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Coxe. She came home with Mr. and Mrs. Coxe from the McLendon-Coxe wedding at Morven last week.

—An Overland auto driven by Mr. Charles Culbreth of R. 6, Lumberton, and a Ford driven by Dr. E. R. Hardin collided where Fourth street intersects Elm at 2:30 this afternoon. Dr. Hardin's car was somewhat damaged, but the occupants of both cars escaped unhurt.

—Robbers entered the smokehouse of Mr. Luther Baxley, who lives in Wishart township, Saturday night and relieved him of two hams and two shoulders—about 100 pounds in all. Mr. Baxley was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller went yesterday to Randolph county to attend the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Isham Fuller, who died early yesterday morning. Deceased was about 84 years old and death resulted from the infirmities of old age. Mr. Fuller was joined at Raeford by three of his brothers, Messrs. A. J., H. B. and L. K. Fuller, who accompanied him, making the trip on Mr. C. M. Fuller's auto.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Infant Girl Found Dead in Bed.
Annie Magaline, one-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John White of Britt's township, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. The infant was apparently in good health when her parents retired Tuesday evening.

An 8-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Scott of East Lumberton, died early Tuesday morning of pneumonia.

Mr. E. C. Nye of Orrum was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

DON'T ABOLISH DEMONSTRATION WORK

Home Bureau of Robeson is Strongly opposed to Abolishing This Important Work—To Abolish Would be "To Withhold From Our People One of Their Most Vital and Absolutely Necessary Lines of Work." Vast Amount of Good Accomplished.

To the Citizens of Robeson County: Inasmuch as it is understood that a bill to abolish demonstration work in Robeson county, is to be introduced in the Legislature, and because we have seen the vast amount of good that has been accomplished thru' this department and because we feel that to abolish demonstration work in our county would be to withhold from our people one of the most vital and absolutely necessary and important lines of work. Therefore we take this method of expressing our appreciation of the work that has been done, especially by Miss Flax Andrews as home demonstration agent, and with the recent organization of the Home Bureau of the various clubs of the county, and its splendid outline of work for the future welfare of our homes, and home makers, as a special incentive for continuing in Robeson county.

Therefore we, as committee representing the Home Bureau, do urgently appeal to every one who is looking to the betterment of our homes and community life, to do everything in his or her power to uphold and encourage the maintenance of demonstration work in our county.

Robeson county with her natural resources should not take a step backward, but should do everything possible for her upbuilding and advancement.

Signed: Mrs. S. F. Thompson, St. Pauls, Pres. County Home Bureau; Mrs. W. A. McCormick, McDonalds, Chairman Home Bureau; Miss Cornelia Steele, St. Pauls, Chairman Home Bureau. Committee.