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Tax Relief Meetings Called For Saturday

County Meetings To Be Held And Then Another Meeting In Raleigh; Citizens Urged To Attend And Perfect A State Organization; Taxes May Be Higher If Something Is Not Done.

The tax reduction movement in North Carolina is still going forward. As stated in the News last week a meeting of representatives of about half the counties in the State was held in Raleigh March 31 and April 1st. The meeting was addressed by Governor Gardner, Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and others. Resolutions were adopted and an Executive Committee appointed. Another meeting is to be held in Raleigh April 21 and in the meantime a call has been issued for county meetings to be held at every county seat at Beaufort the meeting will be held at 2:30 P. M. Saturday, April 12. The resolutions adopted at the Raleigh meeting are given below and also the call for the County Seat meeting.

TAXES ON REALTY MUST BE REDUCED.

TO THE FARMERS AND LAND OWNERS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

If you have not organized for tax relief, do it now. Our Committee wants every farm and home owner to go to his County Court House at 10:30 a. m. on Saturday, April 12th, hold a mass meeting—an indignation meeting if he likes—organize a County Tax Relief Association, and send as many delegates as possible to the State Tax Relief meeting in Raleigh at the Sir Walter Hotel at 11:00 o'clock Monday, April 21st.

The sale value of all lands has been seriously impaired by the system of taxation in this State and the unjust burden placed thereon; your homes and farms are now at stake. The present high tax rate is likely to be still further advanced in 1931 to raise an additional four million dollars required by the State Government to meet the demands for that year, unless our entire system of levying and collecting taxes and valuations on property is changed and other sources of revenue provided. This is no idle talk. Nothing else can be done under the existing law. The strong arm of an unjust system of taxation has been raised and the necessities of increased revenue have already been declared, and the blow, which will further depreciate your

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Summer Home Burned At Morehead City

Morehead City April 8—A conflagration which threatened the most popular residential section of Morehead City awakened the citizens of the town this morning about 2 o'clock a two story building owned by a Mr. Keel of Stokesville, was razed to the ground. The fire department, which responded immediately, kept the flames under control. There were no occupants in the house at the time. It was used by Mr. Keel as a summer home. It was not learned whether the structure was insured.

Private residences in the Sunset Shores section of the town were threatened, as was one of the largest filling stations in town, that of Geo. M. Piner, where large quantities of gas, oil and tires were stored. Near the burning building also was located the wholesale tank of the newly-established Shell Gas Company, containing many thousands of gallons of gas, and had not the local firemen succeeded in getting the flames under control the intense heat would have spread to the western section of Morehead City and might have caused a loss unprecedented in the history of Carteret county.

The spreading flames ignited a small residence on the corner of Arendell and Twenty-Third streets, and the roof was burning rapidly when the firemen turned a stream of water on it.

STILL CAPTURED NEAR HAVELOCK SATURDAY

Deputy Sheriff John Pake captured a hundred-gallon distilling plant last Saturday near Havelock in Carteret county. It had been raided about two weeks ago and the still destroyed, but in that interval it had been replaced with another. About 1400 gallons of beer was found with the still. No one was captured with the contraband goods, but it is thought that the two guns that were fired in the vicinity before they reached the scene was a signal of the approaching officers. Pake also assisted revenue officers from New Bern to capture two stills just across the line in Craven County.

YOUNG NEW BERN LAWYER CANDIDATE FOR SOLICITOR

This issue of the News carries the announcement of Mr. Thomas O. Moore for the Democratic nomination for Solicitor of the fifth judicial district. The position is now held by Mr. David Clark of Greenville who is a candidate to succeed himself.

Mr. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry I. Moore of New Bern. His father is one of the leading attorneys of this section of the State. Mr. Moore was educated at the V. M. I. and the University of N. C. He began the practice of law in 1922 and was the Solicitor of the Craven County Court from 1924 to 1928. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1918 and is a member of the American Legion.

NEWPORT TEACHER HONORED BY EDUCATIONAL BODY

Newport, Apr. 8—Friends of Miss Margaret Pierce here were gratified recently to learn of her appointment as secretary of the High School Principals and Teachers Unit of the N. C. Educational Association. Miss Pierce is a member of the faculty of the Newport school and her home is in Beaufort.

DENNIS ROBINSON IS NOW DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL

Mr. Dennis Robinson of Atlantic is now a United States deputy marshal. On Saturday he went to Raleigh and was sworn into office. There were said to be 19 applicants for this position and Mr. Robinson's friends are rather proud of his winning out over so many competitors.

Mr. and Mrs. David Duncan of Raleigh spent the week end here visiting relatives and friends.

LOWER INTEREST ON BACK TAXES

Delinquents Will Not Have To Pay Twelve Percent; Must Pay Up Though

A resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners Monday which will make things somewhat easier for delinquent taxpayers. Under the law a penalty of twelve per cent may be charged on delinquent taxes but the law also gives the power to county boards to adjust such taxes on a six percent basis. The board has elected to do this and the resolution referred to is printed below. All members of the board were present at the meeting Monday except Captain Denard Lewis who has resigned.

Two other resolutions were adopted by the board. One was that in which regret was expressed at the resignation of Captain Denard Lewis. The other was a copy of a resolution sent by the Bladen board which asked that the State of North Carolina take over and operate the public schools. The board seemed to be heartily in favor of this method of conducting the schools.

E. L. Nelson of Merrimon township came before the board and asked for a readjustment on the valuation of some land from which he said the timber was cut off several years ago. The matter was referred to the County Tax Supervisor.

J. M. Holland of White Oak township also wanted a reduction in valuation on land on account of the timber having been removed. This was referred to the Tax Supervisor also.

L. L. Leary of Morehead City asked to have a change made in valuation of some property. No change was made.

Ruth Nelson, represented by her father C. W. Willis, asked for some help on her taxes. No action was taken on the matter.

J. C. Salter asked for aid from the Poor Fund. He was allowed \$5 a month for May and June.

J. M. Willis asked for revaluation of some land sold by him to Morehead Bluffs and taken back. No action was taken.

Henry M. Piner of Williston was appointed oyster bottom inspector. The expense of this office is to be met by the N. C. Fisheries Commission.

County Auditor Plint read his report and the same was adopted.

Mrs. F. C. Salisbury, Welfare Agent read her monthly report.

A petition of C. S. Bryan for correction of his tax listing so as to conform with the judgment of the Superior Court was granted.

Radios Are Used In Good Many Schools

Raleigh, April 7—Through the use of the radio new avenues of knowledge are becoming available, and schools are beginning to make use of these vehicles in broadening the curricula and in keeping the school children informed of up-to-date events happening outside of the school, according to a statement made today by A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A number of schools have radios as a part of their regular equipment now, Supt. Allen continued. Although information pertaining to the use of this kind of equipment is not asked for on our regular blanks, we were particularly interested in the degree to which the schools made use of the radio during the live-at-home week. To this end we sent out a blank to each of the superintendents asking them the number of radio sets used in the schools and the number of persons who heard the live-at-home speeches over the radio.

Although only about fifty per cent of these reports have been returned they show that around 300 radio sets were used and that from 100,000 to 125,000 children and others heard these radio speeches through radio sets in the schools. In other words, over ten per cent of the total school enrollment listened to the speeches broadcast from Raleigh.

From the reports which have already been received, Gaston County leads all others in the number of radio sets used. It reports that 13 radios were used and that 6,000 listeners heard the live-at-home speeches through these sets. Durham and Wilson Counties, each had eight radios in use in their rural schools with 2,400 and 4,000 listeners, respectively. Harnett had 6 radios and 2,000.

Among the city schools, Greenville, Leaksville and Lexington, each report four radios in use with audiences of 1,700, 1,750 and 2,000, respectively.

BOARD FAVORS SALE OF TWO CITY UTILITIES

Sale Would Alleviate Present Financial Condition

TWO VOTED AGAINST SALE

The Board of City Commissioners met Monday morning with Mayor C. T. Chadwick presiding and all members of the Board present. A resolution was offered by Commissioner Willis and seconded by Dr. Maxwell to sell the electric light plant and the water works subject to a vote of the people. The town treasury is somewhat depleted now and it was stated in the resolution that the money received from the sale of these utilities would remove or alleviate the present financial embarrassment. If the electric light plant and water works are sold they will be subject to taxation like other property and will yield a revenue to the city treasury. Bids will be invited and in the meantime the Clerk to the Board was instructed to prepare a statement of the physical condition of the utilities and also to show the assets and the liabilities of the Water and Light Commission. This resolution was passed with all commissioners voting, Maxwell, Taylor, and Willis voted in the affirmative and Chaplain and Mason in the negative. There was considerable discussion before the resolution was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Willis and seconded by Dr. Maxwell to pay Bryan Arthur \$20.00 for one year's service as building inspector. It was carried.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Maxwell, and later carried for the Clerk to advertise for sale all property that has uncollected taxes standing against it on the tax books.

A motion was made and carried to allow Henry Green to have a dance to make money to the extent of seventy-five dollars to clean the colored cemetery.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adjourn and meet again at 2:30 o'clock the same day, but the latter meeting was called off by the Mayor.

Bad Check Cases Only In Recorder's Court

Bad check cases predominated in County Recorder's Court Tuesday. In fact they were the only kind on the docket. Only one case was actually tried though because the defendants in the other cases were not in court.

G. W. Baker of Greenville and Leland Mason of Atlantic were tried on the charge of having given worthless checks to several fishermen. Baker was acquitted on the ground that there was no evidence that he had given any checks at all or connecting him with the affair in any way. The only witness for the State was Bert Styron of Morehead City. Mr. Styron testified that he had sold fish to Leland Mason and was given bad checks signed, G. W. Baker by Leland Mason. Attorney Gaylor of Greenville said that this did not incriminate his client and insisted that he be discharged. The court rather reluctantly appeared, dismissed the warrant. Baker did not go on the stand at all.

Mason went on the stand in his own defense and said that he was the agent of Baker and authorized to buy fish and give checks in Baker's name. He bought a good many fish and most of the checks were paid but some of them proved to be worthless. He said he had no idea the checks were bad until they came back. The action in this case was dismissed but several other cases against Baker were continued and Solicitor Duncan said he would issue other warrants unless the defendant did something about the checks. It seems that some \$400 to \$500 worth of bad checks was paid out to fishermen in Carteret county.

A case in which the Willis Seafood Company charged S. Y. Weaver of Dunn with a bad check was dismissed because the court and attorney agreed it did not come under the provision of the bad check law. It seems that there was some dispute about the fish and Weaver ordered payment on the check to be stopped. Other cases were continued.

Mr. Dick Duncan spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duncan.

Mr. William Potter, who is attending Carolina spent the week end at home.

County Style Show To Be Given May 23rd.

A style show will be staged here in Beaufort on the twenty-third of May for and by the women of the County for the purpose of selecting a dress made from Borden prints which will be entered in the state and national contests later. Any woman in Carteret may enter any dress she desires in the style show regardless of what kind of material it is made from, but only dresses made from Borden prints will be eligible for the contests.

The exhibits will be divided into house, afternoon and evening dresses, ensembles, and children's clothes. This show will bring the women of the various communities together and let them know what each is doing in the way of dressmaking.

Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon, State Home agent, will deliver an inspirational address to the ladies in the court house at eleven o'clock that day. Following this will come a picnic dinner on the grounds. Miss Willie Hunter, clothing specialist, and Mrs. Estelle Smith, District Agent, will also be here for the occasion. In the afternoon the style show will be put on. All ladies in Carteret County are cordially invited to attend.

FAVORABLE REPORT ASKED FOR DEEPENING INLET

Congressman C. L. Abernethy has sent the press, which includes this newspaper, a copy of a letter written by him to U. S. District Engineer W. A. Snow asking him to make a new report in regard to a 30 foot channel for Beaufort Inlet. He stresses the importance of the matter of creating a deep water port here and urges Major Snow to make a favorable report. The Board of Engineers had previously asked for the report.

Secretary R. B. Wheatly of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce has had some correspondence with Senator Simmons in regard to deepening the inlet and other harbor improvements. The Senator has promised to use his influence also for these much desired improvements.

Atlantic Hotel Will Open Last of June

The Atlantic Hotel, popular resort hotel in Morehead City which has served the tourist for many years, will again open its doors to the public on June 22, according to information received from Mr. D. G. Bell, the manager. It will open somewhat later this season than it has of late years. The Atlantic Hotel will help take care of the crowds that will come to this section to attend the various meetings scheduled to convene in Morehead City this summer. There will be an opening ball on the night of the twenty-second of June, and will be followed by a meeting of the undertakers association on the 24, 25 and 26. The photographers association will meet there the first three days of July, and the Firemen on the eighteenth of August.

The Atlantic Hotel is one of the best known seashore hotels in North Carolina and has been the gathering place of many associations and conventions in the past. It was first reported that the lease had expired and that it would not be opened, but Mr. Bell told the News this week that this report is erroneous and that the Atlantic will open on the date stated in the foregoing.

CLAMMING SEASON EXTENDED

The season for shipping clams has been extended from the first of May to the first of June. This will permit the county clammers to catch many more bushels of clams and to ship them to northern markets. It will thus give an extra month of employment to those who are accustomed to catching clams.

CATHOLIC CAR HERE

The St. Peter Chapel Car of the Catholic Church is here now and is sidetracked at the edge of the approach to the highway bridge. It has been here several times before and occasionally stops at Newport and Morehead City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Register of Deeds Robert Wallace issued the following permits to wed this week:
Rudolph Parkin and Mildred Willis of Beaufort.
George V. Willis and Leola Lawrence, of Morehead City.

COUNTY SCHOOLS JOIN IN DEBATE

Three Schools Participate In Triangular Contest; Newport Wins Twice

The debating contest held Friday evening in the auditorium of the Beaufort Graded School was won by the representatives of Washington Collegiate Institute. The opponents were a couple from the Farm Life School located at Vanceboro. Three of the debaters were young ladies, the other a young man. There were very few people present to hear the debate but the lack of an audience did not seem to dampen the ardor of the speakers. They were all very much in earnest and acquitted themselves well.

The subject of the debate was: "Resolved; That the proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the classification of property shall be adopted. The affirmative side was taken by Misses Lois Yeomans and Salina Ballance of Washington Institute and the negative was upheld by Larry Hill and Miss Reba McLawhorn, of Vanceboro. All of the speakers agreed that land is now taxed too high but they differed as to the remedy needful to cure this evil. The affirmative speakers contended that if a lower rate of taxation should be fixed for certain kinds of wealth that much property now escaping the tax books altogether would come out in the open and add so much to the State's revenues that the land taxes could be reduced very greatly. The business of the judges was to decide which side made the better argument and not to decide upon the merits of the question.

Two teams from the Beaufort Graded School were abroad the same evening debating the same subject and their efforts were crowned with victory in one case and defeat in the other. Miss Laura Eure and Mr. Ed Ratcliffe spoke for the affirmative side at Washington against Vanceboro and won. Misses Hattie Lee Humphrey and Mary Catherine Holland appeared on the negative side against Washington at Vanceboro and were defeated by a two to one decision of the judges.

Teams from Newport and Atlantic clashed also on Friday evening and Newport carried off the honors in both cases. At Atlantic the Newport debaters were Miss Nellie Garner and Mr. Joseph Taylor and they spoke for the negative side. Atlantic was represented by Miss Reba Morris and Mr. Allen Nelson. The Newport team at Newport took the affirmative side and the speakers were Miss Annette Garner and Mr. Walter Garner. The Atlantic speakers represented the negative side were Miss Mattie Day and Mr. Francis Taylor. The contest is a state wide one and the schools that had two winning teams in the preliminaries will send them to Chapel Hill for the finals.

NO POLICE COURT HERE LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON

On account of the inability of the officers to get any of the offenders and witnesses to attend, there was no Police Court here last Friday afternoon. All cases were continued until this week.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday, April 11	
6:33 A. M.	12:12 A. M.
6:56 P. M.	12:29 P. M.
Saturday, April 12	
7:21 A. M.	1:05 A. M.
7:42 P. M.	1:14 P. M.
Sunday, April 13	
8:05 A. M.	1:54 A. M.
8:27 P. M.	1:56 P. M.
Monday, April 14	
8:48 A. M.	2:40 A. M.
9:10 P. M.	2:37 P. M.
Tuesday, April 15	
9:31 A. M.	3:24 A. M.
9:54 P. M.	3:18 P. M.
Wednesday, April 16	
10:14 A. M.	4:08 A. M.
10:37 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
Thursday, April 17	
11:00 A. M.	4:52 A. M.
11:42 P. M.	4:45 P. M.