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## Intangible Values Are Largely Untaxed

### Attorney-General Thinks State Not Collecting From Foreign Corporations As It Should; Value of Merchandise and Fixtures in 1928 Over Hundred Million in State; Carteret County \$387,000.

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—North Carolina had, given in for taxation in 1928, a total of \$107,606,000 in stocks of merchandise and fixtures, or an average of \$1,076,960 for each county; \$121,394,000 in materials in process of manufacture, or \$1,213,940 per county average; \$26,270,000 in household and kitchen furniture above the \$300 exemption, or \$262,790 county average; \$131,268,000 in solvent credits, or \$1,312,680 county average; \$89,826,000 in miscellaneous items, including automobiles, or \$898,260 per county, and \$68,493,000 in all other items not specified, or \$684,930 per county, the 1930 State Board of Assessment report shows.

Forsyth led the counties in four of these six items. Mecklenburg took the lead in stocks of merchandise and fixtures, with \$11,116,000, while Clay county brought up the rear with \$57,000; Forsyth led in materials in process of manufacture with \$40,177,000. Dare having only \$608; Forsyth had \$2,514,000 in household and kitchen furniture, above the \$300 exemption, and Dare had \$3,547; Forsyth led in solvent credits with \$21,767,000, Pamlico had only \$25,201; in miscellaneous items, Gaston had \$7,460,000, while Camden had \$34,221. In all other items not specified, Forsyth had \$19,123,000 (which included miscellaneous items) and Dare had only \$830.

Carteret county had \$387,000 in stocks of merchandise and fixtures; \$107,000 in materials in process of manufacture; \$96,000 in household and kitchen furniture, above the \$300 exemption; \$177,000 in solvent credits; \$808,000 in miscellaneous items, and \$58,000 in all other items not specified.

"Quite probably there exists today \$500,000,000 of untaxed intangible value in foreign corporations doing business in North Carolina," Attorney General D. G. Brummitt said in an address on "Readjustments in Taxation" before a group of State University students last Friday.

Tracing the changes in conditions in North Carolina from agricultural to largely industrial activities since the first of this century, Mr. Brummitt held that changes in taxation methods must follow. While domestic corporations are paying taxes on their intangible assets, the State's taxing system is not prepared to collect it from the so-called foreign corporations, and should be modernized, he stated.

"Readjustments in taxation which distribute the burden more evenly will aid in any effort toward agricultural and industrial rehabilitation," he said. The Machinery Act "requires an actual valuation of all property, real as well as personal," and permits no exceptions, Attorney General Brummitt has held in reply to inquiries. Some counties have recently made valuations and want to adopt these, or want to make a horizontal increase or decrease of former valuations, he said. He points out that the General Assembly can change the method and make a new plan, however, and suggests that county officials in such counties take up the proposal with their county representatives.

### Political Inconsistencies

Strange things, the unexpected following the remarkable, have happened in politics and among politicians of the State during the past few weeks. Some of them are thus enumerated:

Governor Gardner appointed former Governor Cameron Morrison, who nosed him out of the gubernatorial nomination 10 years ago, to the United States Senate to succeed the late Senator Overman.

Senator Morrison, as his first official act, approved confirmation of appointment of his neighbor, fellow churchman and townsman, Frank R. McNinch, head of the anti-Smith group in 1928, as a member of the Federal Power Commission, after dubbing him a "sorry Democrat."

Senator F. M. Simmons led his successful opponent, Josiah William Bailey, down the Senate aisle and placed him in his own seat for a time, chatting pleasantly.

Senator Simmons presented his credentials and the person of his form-

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## Three Men Arrested Charged With Murder

Pollockville, Dec. 21.—Three men were under arrest here tonight in connection with the fatal shooting of Asa G. Hawkins, of Kinston, contract driver for prohibition agents, and the wounding of B. R. Morton, Kinston Federal prohibition agent late Saturday.

Two of the men, Ben Morten, 35, and Fred Yates, 18, were arrested by Sheriff J. R. Westbrook and his son, J. R. Westbrook, Jr., a deputy sheriff.

Ralph Conway, 35, the third man, was arrested by a posse of officers led to Conway's home by bloodhounds which were put on the trail of the officers assailants last night. The three men all live in Jones county in the vicinity of where the shooting occurred.

Shortly after their arrests, the three men were taken to Kinston, where Officer Morton is recovering from wounds. Officers said Morton was unable to positively identify any of the men.

The three men are being held on suspicion. Sheriff Westbrook said, pending the continuing of the inquest by Coroner F. M. Jenkins, of Maysville, here tomorrow.

Hawkins was fatally wounded when he and Morton were fired upon by a white man while they were searching a wood near Maysville, six miles south of here, for a still. Morton was only slightly wounded.

The two men were with two other prohibition officers, Seth Croom and S. K. Hughes, but Croom and Hughes had left them shortly before the shooting.

## Public Works Bill Enacted Into Law

The enactment of the public works bill amounting to \$116,000,000 which was signed by President Hoover Saturday means that a large sum of money will be spent in eastern North Carolina on rivers and harbors. The Cape Fear river gets the lion's share but other projects will also receive considerable sums. Beaufort harbor gets \$55,000 and Morehead City harbor will also receive a good sized sum. The total amount for rivers and harbors in the United States is \$22,500,000. The report is that dredging contracts will be let in about thirty days and work will start immediately thereafter.

In addition to the money to be spent on rivers and harbors many millions will be spent on roads and public buildings. North Carolina's allotment for Federal aid highway work is \$1,926,775. For flood control on the Mississippi River \$3,000,000 and also \$3,000,000 is to be spent in national forest improvements. On the principal objects of the public works bill is to furnish employment during the coming year to as many people as possible.

## Ex-Sheriff Davis Will Open New Ford Agency

By the first of the New Year another authorized Ford agency will be opened up here in Carteret County. This will be located in Morehead City in the building opposite the city power plant which was formerly occupied by J. C. Helms. The new firm will be run by Ex-Sheriff James H. Davis under the name of Davis Motor Company. Not only will Ford cars be sold, but a complete repair and paint shop will also be maintained. It will be completely equipped to give service to all present and prospective owners of Ford automobiles.

Mr. Davis is well known throughout Carteret County and won many friends during his connection with the Gaskill-Mace Furniture Store of this community and while sheriff of the county.

Miss Mary Robinson of Raleigh arrived here Wednesday to spend the holidays with her mother Mrs. Emma Robinson and sister Mrs. W. G. Mcbane.

## Last Rites Held For William Closs Rumley

William Closs Rumley passed into the beyond after a week's serious illness, at his home on Ann Street at 12 o'clock Sunday night December 21st. He was the son of the late Rev. John and Susan Fulford Rumley and was born in Beaufort July the 18th, 1881. Mr. Rumley was a descendant of some of the oldest families in Carteret County, dating back to Revolutionary times. He was married in September 1909 to Miss Roxie Spruill of Columbia, N. C., who survives him with one daughter, Miss Susan Rumley, two children having died in infancy, he is also survived by two sisters, Miss Annie Rumley and Mrs. E. D. Martin of Beaufort and two brothers John N. Rumley of Norfolk, Va., and James Rumley of Beaufort, also several nieces and nephews. It can be truly said of him that he dealt justly and fairly with all mankind and observed the golden rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you," so far as lay in his power, and his kindness to and love for his mother, who preceded him to the better home by several years, was a marked characteristic. He was a kind and loving husband, father, brother and friend and will be sadly missed in his home and the community.

Mr. Rumley had been employed by the Beaufort Ice Company for a number of years and was always held in the highest esteem and loved by those with whom he labored.

Funeral services were conducted at three o'clock Monday December 22nd from Ann Street Methodist church of which he was a life long member, by his Pastor, Rev. R. F. Munns, "Lead Kindly Light" and "In The Hour of Trial" we sung at the church and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" at the graveside. Interment was in Ocean View Cemetery.

The following were the pall bearers: D. M. Jones, Walter Moore Sr., Fred Hooper, J. H. Potter Jr., Willie Snooks and W. H. Taylor.

The out of town relatives and friends who attended the funeral of Mr. Rumley were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Page and daughter Evelyn Page of Chapel Hill; Mrs. T. K. Yerby and Mr. Paul Spruill, of Columbia, N. C., Mr. C. P. McCormick; Mr. John N. Rumley, Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blount Rumley and son Henry of Washington, N. C.

## BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Maxton Sabiston, of Beaufort RFD., Saturday, December 20, a daughter, Patricia.

## CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSIONERS ISSUES STATEMENT ABOUT COUNTY AFFAIRS

### Chairman Webb Says Large Amount of Unpaid Taxes on Books; County Needs Money to Pay its Debts; Nearly \$1100 A Day Required to Meet County's Obligations.

To the Taxpayers of Carteret County:

That you may more readily understand the financial condition of the County, I will try to make it plain enough for everyone to grasp.

When your present Board of Commissioners assumed office on December 1st, the retiring County Auditor gave us the following information:

Balance Bonds and Interest due that day, with no money to pay same was \$24,859.40; that total Bond and Note indebtedness was Three Million Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred One Dollars and Twenty-four cents; that it requires \$500.00 per day for interest, \$400.00 per day for schools, and \$200.00 per day for Roads, or approximately \$1100.00 each day to meet our obligations.

We have been able to partially provide for Bond Interest in default on December 1st, leaving a balance of some Eight Thousand still due and about which we are daily receiving telegrams and letters from bondholders demanding payment.

We found the School Teachers of the County three months in arrears of their salaries. We have been able to pay them for one month, and they have been compelled to go home for their Christmas holidays with the County owing them for two months services. Every thoughtful citizen knows that this situation is deplorable.

The County has outstanding notes aggregating \$281,201.24 and \$102,500.00 of this amount is due on January 1st, 1931, an interest due that date of \$32,000.00.

We have unpaid taxes of approximately \$370,000.00 for the years, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930. The Bills Payable of \$281,201.24

## MORE GAS TAX IS ASKED FOR ROADS

### Tax Commission Suggests State Maintenance for All Roads And Highway Gas Tax

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Removal of all property taxes now levied for maintaining public roads, state maintenance of all county roads, a one cent increase in the state tax on gasoline, repeal of the present "refund" provisions of the gasoline tax and use of state's prisoners in highway work are recommended to Governor O. Max Gardner and the 1931 general assembly by the state tax commission.

The tax commission devotes a good portion of its section on recommendations to a discussion of the highway problem of the state and includes in it the findings of the public road survey made of every county in North Carolina during the past year by the United States bureau of public roads and the state highway commission.

The tax commission in 1929 recommended that "the cost of maintaining all public roads should be borne by automotive vehicles through license plate and gasoline taxes, and property should be relieved of all taxes for public road maintenance." The general assembly of 1929 then provided an additional tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline and gave each county the option of accepting its proportional share of the fund in cash for use on county roads or county road debts, or to accept its equivalent in county road maintenance by the state highway commission.

### State Economy "Superior"

The commission report states that this resulted in a few counties asking the commission to maintain their roads and the results "abundantly justify the theory of the superior economy and efficiency of local road maintenance by the state."

Citing that counties and townships spent \$8,233,281 for road purposes in 1930, though the income for the year was only \$17,074,477, the difference coming from balances carried forward the commission found a great disparity between administration of road funds in various counties.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

C. A. Hancock and wife to Eddie Willis, tract Harkers Island, for \$30. Harry Gillikin and wife to Luther Salter, 1 acre Straits Township, for \$20.

Elizabeth Taylor to A. T. Fulcher, 2 lots, Atlantic, for \$175.

## Counties Pay Most Of School Expenses

### (State Superintendent Public Instruction)

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—By furnishing 54.6 cents of every \$1.00 raised for current expense purposes, county ad valorem taxes leads in the support of public elementary and secondary education, it is learned from the current issue of State School Facts, monthly publication of the State Department of Public Instruction.

A total of \$15,021,890.11, that paper points out, was obtained from this source during 1928-29, this amount being \$187,997.07 less than was raised in 1926-27. The sum of \$27,509,674.72 was realized from all sources.

Local district taxes furnished the next largest percentage of the school fund, 22.1 cents of each dollar raised. Approximately \$6,000,000 of the annual school receipts for 1928-29 was obtained from this source. From poll taxes, dog taxes, fines, forfeitures and penalties, the sum of \$1,319,980.66 was received for operating the schools, and from miscellaneous sources and the preceding year's balance on hand nearly \$1,400,000 was added to the school receipts.

The remaining part of the school dollar, 13.4 cents, came from State funds. The money realized from this source during 1928-29 amounted to \$3,688,299.78. This total included the \$3,250,000 equalizing fund appropriation of that year, appropriations for teacher training in high schools, for vocational education including Federal appropriations, and donations from the General Education Board, the Jeanes Foundation, the Rosenwald Fund, and the Slater Fund.

School Facts also presents figures showing the expenditure of the school dollar. More than 75 per cent of every dollar expended for the current operation of the schools, it shows, goes for instructional service, or the actual teaching activities. For operation of the school plant, 6.3 cents of every dollar expended was used, for auxiliary agencies, including transportation, 8.2 cents, for general control 4.8 cents, and for fixed charges 1.3 cents.

## Two Beaufort Men Get Road Sentences

Buck Rhodes and Lovie Davis, two rather young Negro men residents of Beaufort, got road sentences in Recorder's Court Tuesday. The charges against them were assault with a deadly weapon to-wit an ax. The prosecuting witnesses were Richard Glover and Duffy Jones two young white men of Beaufort.

Duffy Jones was the first witness examined and he stated that he and Glover had a conversation with Buck Rhodes about getting a quart of liquor. He said that Rhodes offered to furnish a quart for \$1.25 and wanted to collect in advance. This brought on an argument which ended in a fight. Jones got hit on the forehead but didn't know what weapon was used. He said Lovie took a hand in the fight and threw the ax at Glover who ran away. Glover went on the stand and corroborated the testimony of Jones.

Attorney J. Wallace Mason who appeared for the defendants put them on the stand and undertook to show that the affair was just a fight between the four men about some liquor. Rhodes claimed that Jones attacked him and struck him with a stew pot and that he got hold of the pot and hit Jones. Davis said he got into the affray as a peacemaker. He said he tried to part the men and did not do any fighting. Van Martin, a young white man, testified that he saw Rhodes and Jones "hooked up" and saw Davis throw the ax at Glover who took to his heels.

Police officers W. R. Longest and Gherman Holland testified that Jones and Glover are men of good character and that Lovie Davis and Buck Rhodes are just the opposite of that. Judge Davis said Rhodes seemed to be more to blame than the other defendant and that therefore he would give him three months and Lovie two. They were also assessed the costs in the case. Both men have been in jail for about three weeks awaiting trial.

Cases against Gaston Hill charged with assault on a female and assault against Frank Taylor and Gaston Hill charging trespass were continued until January 6.

Earl P. Smith of New Bern charged with giving a worthless check to Ball Brothers for \$100 settled the matter of the check and was given sixty days to get up the court costs.

W. M. WEBB, Chairman Board of County Commissioners.

## SHELLFISH TO BE DISCUSSED

### Meeting Will Probably Be Held In New Bern On 19th of January

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Tentative plans for a shellfish institute to call attention to the vast undeveloped fisheries industry of North Carolina as announced today by Director J. W. Harrelson of the department of conservation and development call for an all day meeting January 19 in some eastern North Carolina city, probably New Bern.

The following evening, January 20, it is planned to put on a program in Raleigh with short talks and motion picture which will also be shown at the eastern Carolina meeting.

Besides officials of the state conservation department, a group of officials from the United States bureau of fisheries including some of the world's leading oyster and fisheries authorities, will take part in the two scheduled meetings.

Plans have been made to have oystermen of years' experience in the business to bring the practical side of the industry before the meetings; another speaker will address the meeting on the general subject of water farming which will include oysters, clams, scallops, and other shellfish; still another subject to be considered is the status of laws of North Carolina governing the leasing of shellfish bottoms; and officials of the state conservation and development department and the United States fisheries bureau will discuss various methods in which the governmental agencies can aid in developing the oyster industry.

Director Harrelson said that state and federal officials desire to give every encouragement and aid possible toward developing the important shellfish industry of North Carolina. Application of modern methods of oyster farming, he stated, is essential to the future of the industry. With natural beds being depleted in many parts of the country, he pointed out the markets are being forced to depend more on oysters produced on bottoms leased for the purpose of raising oysters.

## SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES HERE IN CARTERET MONDAY

The regular December term of Superior court will convene here Monday morning. This would have been held the first week in the month, but the serious illness of the son of Judge Walter Small, of Elizabeth City kept the judge from attending at that time. This term of court will only be in session one week and will be for the purpose of disposing of various civil cases. The list of jurors was published in this paper a few weeks ago.

## NEW DENTIST LOCATES HERE

Dr. George A. Wooten, of Kinston, who was formerly connected with the Parrott Memorial Hospital in that city, arrived here and will have an office on the second floor of the Duncan Building.

## 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, Dec. 26	
12:13 A. M.	6:57 A. M.
12:12 P. M.	6:27 P. M.
Saturday, Dec. 27	
1:04 A. M.	6:51 A. M.
1:06 P. M.	7:13 P. M.
Sunday, Dec. 28	
1:56 A. M.	7:48 A. M.
1:52 P. M.	8:01 P. M.
Monday, Dec. 29	
2:47 A. M.	8:47 A. M.
2:48 P. M.	8:48 P. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 30	
3:34 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
3:46 P. M.	9:37 P. M.
Wednesday, Dec. 31	
4:23 A. M.	10:39 A. M.
4:39 P. M.	10:25 P. M.
Thursday, Jan. 1	
5:06 A. M.	11:40 A. M.
5:14 P. M.	11:20 P. M.

\* Miss Ruby Respass is working in Doctor Hyde's office during the few days Mrs. Hyde is recovering from an automobile accident which happened last Thursday.