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## Revaluation Held Up For A While At Least

**March 15 Is As Soon As Any Thing Will Be Done About Revaluing Property; May Be Postponed For Two Years; State May Operate Schools For Six Months; Sales Tax Bills Introduced.**

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Jan. 20—Revaluation of property, machinery for which has been set up and in many counties is in operation, will be postponed at least until March 15, according to action taken by both houses of the General Assembly, which devoted much of the last two days last week to this matter.

Although revaluation probably has been the most important matter up for consideration has been given to the 10 per cent reduction of salaries of all State, county and municipal employes, a constitutional convention in 1933 to rewrite the constitution and reorganization of the administrative divisions of the State government, bills on all of which have been introduced.

Three bills on revaluation, relating to the four-year revaluation law, were introduced, one to postpone it for two years, another to allow counties to desiring to continue their present valuations and another to postpone the revaluation until the present General Assembly gets further along on its own fiscal policy. The House passed the Neal bill postponing it until April 1, but the Senate changed it to March 15, in which the House is expected to concur.

The argument of many, including the N. C. Tax Relief Association, is that values were inflated at the last property assessment four years ago, the reply to which is that they are depressed now, and if the valuations were too high then they are too low now. It is argued that the machinery is already in operation and that to stop revaluation work, even temporarily, will be expensive to which is the answer that the machinery is apparently too costly anyway and costs of operating it may be reduced. Many inequalities exist now that should be evened up and much personal property should be uncovered, enough to reduce the real estate tax, proponents of revaluation say.

Governor Gardner states that a revaluation now which would reduce taxable values to anything like the figure sought by many would endanger outstanding bonds against practically every unit and make harder refunding some of the bonds falling due and which units will be unable to pay during the next few years. He proposed the two-year postponement, but is apparently satisfied to postpone it temporarily for further consideration.

### Salary Cut Opposed

The 10 per cent salary cut, proposed by Governor Gardner and included in the budget general appropriation bill, presented last week, is meeting with some opposition, largely on the ground that it will demoralize labor in industry and result in general cuts over the State. It is agreed among lawyers that the salaries of the constitutional officers, including seven executives, 25 Supreme and Superior court judges and 170 legislators, cannot be cut during their term of office, but if the bill is enacted, they are not likely to face criticism by not returning 10 per cent of their salaries to the State. Opposition is expressed by State employes in Raleigh and elsewhere, teachers and city and county employes, all of whom would be included, unless their remuneration had been cut to that extent within a year or they receive less than \$50 a month, the cut being effective for two years next July 1.

The constitutional convention proposal of Governor Gardner is before the General Assembly in a bill of Rep. Victor V. Young, Durham, but not as the Governor will propose. The Young bill provides that the proposal be submitted to the people November 3, 1932, delegates to be elected as in the same number as Representatives, 120, to meet in the House of Representatives at noon Wednesday after the first Monday in May, 1932, remain in session not exceeding 30 days for receiving suggestions, adjourn for 60 days and reconvene the total time in session not to exceed 60 days. The idea is meeting with favor, legislators realizing the inadequacy of the amendment-laden constitution adopted in 1868.

While the Educational Commission's report, calling for an eight months school term, elimination of

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### F. R. BELL DRUG STORE ADDS NEW MAN TO FORCE

A recent addition to the force of the F. R. Bell drug store is Mr. C. V. Crooks of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Crooks, like Mr. Bell, is a registered pharmacist and also a graduate of law. He has had twenty years experience in the drug business. Messrs. Bell and Crooks are both veterans of the World War. Two pharmacists, two lawyers and two veterans in the same store is a rather unusual combination.

### Large Crowd Came To See Air Circus

The air circus advertised in this newspaper last week came off according to schedule although bad weather Sunday interfered to some extent. A big crowd was on hand Sunday afternoon, cars from all over the county and some from outside of the county were parked on the field at West Beaufort. Many passengers had the thrill of their lives at a \$1.50 per flight. The weather was very cloudy and rainy at times and was not favorable for stunt flying but the pilots did a few things that interested the crowd such as nose dives and gliding to earth with the motor cut off.

Saturday the weather was much better and the fliers did some pretty fancy work over the town and the field. Looping the loop, nose dives and the like were done and enjoyed by large numbers of people who saw them from the ground below. The exhibition of flying seems to have stirred up considerable interest in aviation around here and some are saying that Beaufort should have a regular airport now.

### MASS MEETING INDORSES TAX COMMISSION PROGRAM

Raleigh, Jan. 17—The mass meeting called by the tax relief commission of the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce today indorsed the program of the commission and indorsed several additional measures offered from the floor. About 14 counties were represented.

The body unanimously indorsed a resolution offered by former Representative George Waul, of Duplin, protesting against any delay in the quadriennial revaluation of property. A resolution by Charles J. Shields of Halifax, objecting to Governor Gardner's proposal for abolishing refunds on gasoline not used on the highways was adopted 31 to 28.

### UNABLE TO COLLECT TAXES TWELVE COUNTIES DEFAULT

Raleigh, Jan. 20—Inability to collect taxes is causing several counties, cities, and tax districts in North Carolina to default in the payment of interest or principle of their notes and bonds, the sinking fund commission reports.

Twelve counties, 20 cities or towns and three districts are behind in meeting their bonded obligations, the commission announced yesterday.

The counties are Brunswick, Carteret, Polk, Yancey, Bertie, Pamlico, Montgomery, Tyrrell, Henderson, Harnett, Swain and Clay.

The cities and towns: Anclander, Beaufort, Boone, Ellerbe, Elkin, Franklinton, Lake Lure, Louisburg, Morehead City, Murphy, Newland, Saluda, St. Paul's, Star, Sylvia, Ayden, Cary, Pantego, Fairmont and Clinton.

The districts: Aberdeen graded school district, Moore County; Foreney Creek district, Swain county, and Davidson Drainage district, Mecklenburg and Iredell counties.

### MISS RACHEL RUMLEY DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

News was received by relatives in Beaufort Monday of the death of Miss Rachel Rumley who passed away at her home in Washington, N. C. after a weeks illness. Miss Rumley has visited in Beaufort at times all through her life and will be remembered by many residents of the town.

## OYSTER AND FISH MEETINGS HELD

**Industry Has Been Neglected Harrelson Says; Great Possibilities Exist**

New Bern, Jan. 19—For the purpose of making arrangements for organization of fishermen and oystermen of eastern North Carolina, a committee was appointed at the oyster institute here this afternoon to ask aid of the state legislature and to call prospective members together next July at the time of the meeting of the state board of conservation and development in Morehead City. At that time a permanent organization will be formed.

The committee to go to Raleigh to represent fish and oyster industries consists of C. H. Sterling, of Washington, chairman; C. P. Goodwin, of Oriental, secretary; Arthur Daniels, of Elizabeth City; R. C. Fergus, of Wilmington; M. S. Lee, of Morehead City; M. L. Lupton of New Bern; and H. V. Grant, of Sneads Ferry.

Col. J. W. Harrelson, director of the state department, presided at the afternoon and evening sessions here. Assisting him was Capt. John Nelson, state fisheries commissioner. A similar institute will be held tomorrow in Raleigh.

Speakers included Elmer Higgins, chief of the division of scientific inquiry in the federal bureau of fisheries; Dr. Paul S. Galtsoff, in charge; W. C. Damoitt, federal oyster and shellfish specialist, and Herbert F. Prytherch, oyster expert, who gave an illustrated lecture tonight on spawning, setting, and developing oysters. A paper on water farming, prepared by Iasvis Ratcliffe, deputy federal commissioner of fisheries, was read in his absence. Illness prevented him from attending.

According to Colonel Harrelson, the fish industry is one of the most neglected industries in North Carolina, but it has not been injured to the extent that it cannot be rapidly built up or properly cared for now.

Captain Nelson said that where North Carolina harvested 472,000 bushels of oysters last year, it should be able to market several millions of bushels.

### OPPOSES SALES TAX

Greensboro, Jan. 20—The North Carolina Retail Clothiers and Furnishers association was on record today as strongly opposed to a proposed sales tax in North Carolina. The association met here yesterday, took its stand against the proposed sales tax and re-elected its officers.

## Legislators Consume Much Time In Discussing Money Matters

By Carl Georch

The legislature has been having a rather interesting week. Most of its time is being taken up in discussing money matters. In that respect, senators and representatives are like the average married couple; there is little chance of reaching an agreement but there is always a mighty fine chance of starting an argument.

I interviewed about fifty representatives and about twenty senators this week. Every last one of them said he was in favor of reducing taxes on real estate. That's what you might call perfect agreement. It was when I began making inquiries about their plan for bringing about a reduction in taxes that I began to find evidences of almost perfect disagreement. The result probably will be that they will spend so much time arguing that they won't have any time to actually reduce taxes.

The State budget for 1931-33 was issued this week. It shows appropriations of \$100,000 for this, \$200,000 for that, and \$300,000 for something else. What's worrying me is where all this money is coming from. Making out a budget is one thing; collecting the money is something entirely different. My wife makes out a budget which includes about five new dresses every year, but she doesn't get 'em.

There's going to be a big hole in the State's revenue this year. There are 40,000 fewer automobiles on our roads than there were this time last year. That makes close to a million dollars loss in revenue through the sale of license plates and gasoline tax. There are more folks who will be unable to pay their taxes than ever before, which means still greater loss in revenue. And when we see the pitiful returns that we're going to get out of our income tax returns—well, unless we begin to take steps right

## OUTLOOK IS GOOD FOR ASSOCIATION

**Tobacco Farmers Are Pledging To Join Cooperative Association**

Raleigh, Jan. 21—Creation of a cooperative tobacco marketing association in eastern North Carolina is practically assured, believes Dr. Carl C. Taylor, dean of the graduate school and marketing expert at North Carolina State college.

Dr. Taylor says approximately 6,000,000 pounds of weed have been pledged in eastern North Carolina, nearly twice as much as was used in forming the South Carolina cooperative which successfully operated last year.

Tobacco cooperative work also is beginning in western North Carolina, Dr. Taylor says and with the help of the federal farm board, vocational agricultural teachers and county agents, "organization work is progressing rapidly."

In speaking of eastern North Carolina, Dr. Taylor said:

"I have been working in eastern North Carolina primarily. At Snow Hill, Scotland Neck, Clinton and Richlands the sign-up was most encouraging. At the Snow Hill meeting approximately three million pounds were pledged; at Scotland Neck, one and a half million pounds; at Clinton and Richlands where the work has just begun, more than a half million pounds each were pledged."

Dr. Taylor says the work of the county agents of the state college extension service in making the eastern North Carolina association possible is to be highly recommended.

"Within 24 hours these agents called together the growers of the eastern tobacco sections and elected 47 delegates to the meeting at Raleigh called by Governor Gardner last fall."

The federal farm board and the extension division of State college, he said, together with the Smith-Hughes teachers have been conducting educational campaigns throughout the state, holding at least one meeting in each county and many committee meetings in western North Carolina where programs have been prepared concerning the needs of the tobacco farmer and what cooperative marketing could and could not do.

To these workers and to Dr. J. G. Knapp, secretary of the association, L. V. Morrell, appointed by the governor, and C. R. Page, president of the tobacco association committee, Dr. Taylor attributes much of the success so far attending the movement.

now to bring about a rigid rule of economy, it looks to me like things will just about go bust in six months or so. A number of counties are already defaulting in their bond interest payments, and a lot of others are right on the ragged edge.

I visited the State Prison Monday and had George Ross Pou take me over the institution. Few people really know what is going on out there. One of these days I want to write it up. Their biennial report has just been issued. It's a mighty interesting document. You ought to get hold of a copy and read it. I was looking over one of them a couple of days ago. Out of 1,015 prisoners, who were church members, 618 said they had been affiliated with the Baptist church before they went to prison. Think of that! I'm a Baptist myself, so I don't mind writing about my own crowd. Over 60 per cent of all our church member prisoners are Baptists. The State Prison is one of our big problems. I'll bet that 90 per cent of the members of the legislature are Baptists. They're bound to be, because the legislature is a much bigger problem to our people than the State Prison.

Talking about the prison; pouring money into that old rat-trap for maintenance is like pouring water into a sieve. The old pile of bricks is just about ready to crumble and fall to pieces.

College professors claim that an injustice is being done them in the proposal to reduce salaries ten per cent. The merchant, the manufacturer, the clerk, the laboring man and the farmer have all had to take their cut in revenue and I don't see why the intellectuals should be absolved from their obligation. Just because a man knows how to translate a Latin sentence or how to pronounce hors

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## Prohibition Amendment Should Not Be Repealed

**President Hoover Agrees With Law Enforcement Commission's Report as to The Eighteenth Amendment; Four Members Favor Revision; Two, Baker And Lemann, Want Law Repealed; No Wine And Beer**

### Distribution Ordered Of Tobacco Funds

Raleigh, Jan. 16—Federal Judge I. M. Meekins today ordered the distribution of \$612,736 to the members of the defunct Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative association.

In the order the judge stated that the receiver, J. H. Pou, M. L. Corey and H. S. Ward, had certified to him that the amount could be distributed to the members and that sufficient money would be left from the remaining assets to pay the unpaid expenses of the receivership.

The order instructs the receivers to immediately draw up a list of the members who are entitled to receive money and the amount which they are to receive, taking into consideration the amount which they have received.

This list is to be filed in the five district courts in which the receivership operated and to remain on file for 30 days. During that time members will have an opportunity to complain of any inequalities in the distribution which may be found at the end of the 30 days after the list is filed the members will be paid.

Between 35,000 and 40,000 tobacco farmers are expected to share in the distribution. The association has been in receivership since 1926.

No mention is made in the order of the suit of the four attorneys who forced the original receivership who now seek \$25,000 a piece in extra fees.

### DREDGE BOAT LEHIGH STARTS WORK SOON

Morehead City, Jan. 21—The Dredge "Lehigh" owned by the W. H. Gahagan Realty Company of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived here late Monday afternoon and is tied up at the old depot pier at the foot of Arendell Street. It was towed here by the tug boat Cortwell and Studwell from New Bern where it has been since early in November to lay in fresh water while being repaired and also waiting orders for the next work to begin on No. 10 section of the inland waterway project. It is expected that the dredge will proceed to Wilmington the latter part of this week. On it will be a crew of twelve men. Others of the crew will leave on the houseboat the sleeping quarters of the dredge men. This will be towed inland while the dredge will go out to sea, making a quicker trip. The work will be started near Wrightsville Beach and working towards Morehead City.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Geo. S. Golden Beaufort and Lucile Davis, Marshallberg.  
Robert Golden, Beaufort and Mildred Davis, Marshallberg.  
Beiford Dudley and Nancy Felton, Morehead City.  
Leon Guthrie and Maybelle Nelson, Harkers Island.  
William Taylor and Georgia Salter, Sea Level.

### THREE MORE BANKS HAVE OPENED UP AGAIN

Raleigh, Jan. 17—Three more North Carolina banks which were forced to close recently will reopen this week-end, John Mitchell, chief bank examiner, announced today.

The banking department issued orders today allowing the bank of Dallas, at Dallas, the Citizens Bank of Yancey, at Burnsville, and the Clayton Banking company, at Clayton, to resume business.

Many of the banks which closed in late November and December were forced to stop operations even though they were solvent, Mr. Mitchell said.

### FIRE ALARM BOX MOVED

The fire alarm box at the corner of Front and Moore street has been moved back on Moore street about fifty feet. This is considered a better location than the other one.

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Washington, Jan. 20—The long-debated report of the Wikersham commission, broadly upholding constitutional prohibition but leaving the door ajar for basic revision, was put on the crowded calendar of a divided Congress today by President Hoover.

The President agreed with the commission that the dry amendment should not be repealed. He disagreed with a suggestion that revision might be the better part of wisdom. He pointed out to the lawmakers that all the commissioners favored large expansion of enforcement facilities and said he hoped Congress would consider that at some appropriate time.

The arrival of the report on Capitol Hill set off explosions there that promised to be heard in the next election.

### Proposes Referendum

Senator Borah of Idaho, an advocate of prohibition, said repeal or no repeal the 18th amendment was the issue and demanded that it be taken to the people.

"I should like to see those opposed to the 18th amendment present their alternative and let the people choose between them in an orderly and proper fashion," he said.

Senator Blaine, Republican, Wisconsin, an opponent of the dry law, introduced a resolution for a substitute prohibition amendment similar to that the commission outlined. His proposal would give Congress the power to regulate liquor traffic, but not to prohibit.

After the first term of words subsided, Congress turned back to its burdensome legislative task. The report was sent to the judiciary committee of the house and senate with indications that it would remain there until next session at least.

### Ignores Personal Views

Chairman Norris of the senate judiciary committee said he expected no action by it at this session, although he would name a subcommittee to study the Blaine proposal if the Wisconsin senator desired.

With the report went the letter of President Hoover. The President briefly reviewed the personnel of the commission and the scope of its 18-month study.

Mr. Hoover made no direct reference to the fact that six of the 11 commissioners asked for repeal or modification. Nor did he mention the statement by the whole commission that a revision to give concurrent power to the state and nation would be wise.

He reviewed the general recommendation. (Continued on page eight)

### POLICE COURT TRIED ONLY ONE CASE FRIDAY

Only one case was tried by Mayor Taylor in Police Court Friday afternoon. Garland and Clarence Willis submitted to the charge of fighting and were fined \$1 each and costs.

### 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, Jan. 23	
10:46 A. M.	4:34 A. M.
11:03 P. M.	4:59 P. M.
Saturday, Jan. 24	
11:23 A. M.	5:18 A. M.
11:25 P. M.	5:35 P. M.
Sunday, Jan. 25	
12:05 A. M.	6:05 A. M.
12:06 P. M.	6:16 P. M.
Monday, Jan. 26	
12:49 A. M.	6:58 A. M.
12:55 P. M.	7:01 P. M.
Tuesday, Jan. 27	
1:40 A. M.	7:56 A. M.
1:50 P. M.	7:55 P. M.
Wednesday, Jan. 28	
2:38 A. M.	8:59 A. M.
2:54 P. M.	8:49 P. M.
Thursday, Jan. 29	
3:38 A. M.	10:01 A. M.
3:57 P. M.	9:48 P. M.