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## Committee Favorable To Six Months Term

### Proponents of State Support For Public Schools Come Out Ahead; Revenue Bill Provides For Taxes on Soft Drinks, Moving Pictures And Other Things.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—State operation and maintenance of the constitutional six months school term was unquestionably the most important proposal before the N. C. General Assembly the past week and gives promise of taking leading position this week, although numbers of important pieces of legislation have been placed before that body.

The proponents of the bill embodying the fixing of a State policy of operation of the term, legislation for which is to be proposed later, overwhelmingly won in the first skirmish before the joint sessions of House and Senate Education committees, unless signs fail, the bill will pass both houses, although some of the committee members voting for it voiced reservations. The bill was set for a special order in the House Monday night and the Senate for Tuesday of this week. A lively skirmish is expected before the bill becomes a law.

Those supporting the measure, known as the Lindsey-Young bill, argue this is the most effective method of reducing taxes, since schools are more costly than all other county activities. If the State takes over the schools, taxes can be reduced and the burden largely removed, they state, referring to the supposed Constitutional provision requiring the State to operate the schools.

The only note of warning was issued by the only school man speaking before the committee vote, T. Wingate Andrews, High Point, former president of the State teacher organization, who said a policy which maintains no relation between the amount spent for schools and the taxes paid was unsound and he feared for loss of local interest. State Supt. A. T. Allen, who did not speak, also warns that if the six months law proposed is adopted, many small districts now operating eight months with equalizing and extended term aid, will be forced to reduce the length of terms or levy more taxes. The matter of revenue is worrying some of the legislators.

The Educational Commission's eight months school bill has not appeared, but the Butler bill introduced would provide an eight months term, 40 days of which the county board of education could suspend, if attendance dropped low. This bill would require the State to provide \$20,000,000 and that a State-wide tax rate of 23 cents per \$100 property valuation be levied and collected by the counties, the proceeds turned into the "State School Fund" in the State Treasury and salaries and expenses be paid from this fund on order of the county boards. The State Board of Assessment would be directed to raise or to lower the 23 cent rate as conditions warrant. Teachers would receive their present salaries under the State salary schedule for two years, less the last increment earned through training and experience. Extra pay for teachers may be raised by local taxes, not to exceed 5 per cent of the total teacher budget.

A bill that would cut teachers' salaries 10 per cent, already introduced, was the subject of an exchange of letters between State Supt. A. T. Allen and Governor Gardner, the former asking if the latter favors a 10 per cent cut for teachers. Governor Gardner replied that he did not favor a cut for teachers alone, but said he knew bills would be introduced cutting their salaries and concluded that if one group should be cut, all public employees should be treated alike. He estimates that \$4,000,000 will be saved the taxpayers and states that others have received cuts in salaries to that extent or more.

The McDevitt bill would require reading at least 10 verses from the Bible, without comment, in all public schools daily.

Gardner and Fountain Differ

A break, or near break, between Governor Gardner and Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, president of the Senate, has developed over President Fountain's appointments on the committee to consider Governor Gardner's administrative reorganization plan, included the "short ballot." Inference is that the committee was "stacked" with members opposed to the Governor's plan.

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## George H. Webb Dies After Long Illness

Morehead City, Jan. 27.—The many friends of George H. Webb will be grieved to learn of his death which occurred at the Morehead City Hospital Tuesday evening at about 10:45 o'clock. Mr. Webb has been a sufferer from cancer for several months and the end was not unexpected. His father A. H. Webb Sr., lives in this city. His mother died several years ago. He is also survived by the following relatives: brothers Earl W. and Theodore Webb of New York City, Harry Webb of Richmond, Paul of Cameron, Texas, John Webb of Washington, N. C. W. M. and A. H. Webb Jr., Chas. V. Webb and Mrs. C. S. Wallace a sister of this city. His wife who was Miss Ruth Phoenix of Greensboro before her marriage and two small children also survive. Mr. Webb was well and favorably known throughout the state.

## Six Months School Bill Passes House

Advocates of the State supported six months school term won an overwhelming victory in the House of Representatives Tuesday. The vote stood 86 for and 32 against the bill. There were many hours of debate and opponents of the bill offered an amendment and otherwise opposed it but without effect. It is estimated that the State will have to raise \$12,000,000 additional revenue if the bill becomes law.

On Wednesday the Senate took up the six months bill and spent most of the day and part of the night Wednesday debating it. It comes up again today for debate and a vote may be reached. The opposition to the bill is based on the fact that it does not provide any way to raise the money to run the schools. That job is left to some other bill to be passed in the future. Those who favor the bill say that land is paying more than its share of the taxes and that there are other ways to raise money which have not been reached as yet.

## VOTERS FAVOR SALE OF PLANT

### A Majority of 79 In Favor of Selling Water and Power Plant

The election held in Morehead City yesterday on the sale of the water and light plant resulted in the ratification of the sale by the voters of the municipality. The vote was light, 245 voted for the sale and 15 voted against it. The registration was also small, only 411 persons having chosen to register. As those who did not vote at all, if they were registered, were counted against the proposition it was necessary to get a majority of the registered vote which was done. The majority for the sale of the plant was 79 of the registered vote.

Most of the leading citizens of Morehead City seemed to have favored the sale of the plant and are pleased with the result of the election so a reporter for the News was informed. The town will get \$350,000 for the plant from the purchaser Robert R. Livingston of New York. Rates to be charged for water and electricity will be considerably lower than the town has been charging and if the consumption of power increases sufficiently to justify it may be decreased still further. The contract for rates runs for five years. The property of the plant, which at present is non taxable, will be put on the tax books and both Morehead City and Carteret county will collect taxes from it.

The Morehead City power plant has three dynamos, a 240 horse power Fairbanks and Morse, a 360 horse power aFibanks and Morse and a 800 horse power Delavergne. The plant has been furnishing power to Newport, Wildwood, Mansfield, Morehead Bluffs and Atlantic Beach.

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## FATHER AND SON BANQUET GIVEN

### Agricultural Class Given a Very Successful Entertainment

A very enjoyable entertainment sponsored by the class in vocational agriculture was given at the Newport school Friday evening the 23rd. It was called a father and son banquet and was attended by the 26 members of the class, their fathers, their teacher Mr. C. S. Long and several invited guests. The food was furnished by members of the class and was prepared and served by the home economic class. This group of young ladies demonstrated to the satisfaction of all present that they know how to prepare a good meal and serve it in an attractive fashion. The dinner was served in one of the class rooms on three long tables lighted by candles and prettily decorated. A string orchestra regaled the diners with music while the meal was in progress.

The toastmaster for the banquet was Everett Gould, who is president of the agricultural class. He performed the duties of his position with ease and success. After grace was said by the Reverend R. W. Barfield, pastor of the Newport Methodist church, a "Toast to the Dads" was offered by Everett Gould which was responded to very happily by Charles Wilton. "The Country Boys Creed" was well delivered by Roland Simmons. The first speaker of the evening, W. G. Mebane of Beaufort, was introduced by the toastmaster and delivered an address on the subject of "Faith." In such times as these it is necessary the speaker said for fathers to have faith in their sons, sons in their fathers and all must have faith in their country, in God and in themselves. Reverend Mr. Barfield discussed the progress made in farming and the fine opportunities of the profession M. L. Simmons, member of the school board and himself a successful farmer, spoke on the advantages of a farmer's life. County Superintendent J. H. Workman told of efforts made to get the agricultural class added to the school curriculum and the advantages of it. Superintendent W. E. Powell made a short talk and Mr. Long discussed the plans and purposes of the class. The aims of the banquet were stated to be the following:

1. To establish a feeling of comradeship and co-operation between father and son with reference to the farm business.
2. To bring fathers and others in closer contact with the school and the agricultural department.
3. To show accomplishments of the agricultural department and explain plans for future work.
4. To promote a spirit of good feeling and community consciousness among farmers and other members of the community, to promote pride and appreciation of the work of the boys.

Now is the time to subscribe to the Beaufort News and keep posted on what is happening.

## STATE UPKEEP OF COUNTY ROADS MAY CAUSE SOME TAX REDUCTION

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Property owners of North Carolina have been clamoring for relief from the burden which they are required to bear in the form of taxation. They have formed local and State-wide organizations for the purpose of relieving property of some of its load.

Governor O. Max Gardner, in his proposed State Highway reorganization and county road maintenance plan, offers a program that will definitely afford some of the property tax reduction for which there is such a pronounced demand.

In addition to the economy of operation to be brought about by the proposed reorganization of the Highway Commission, Governor Gardner suggests and recommends that the State take over the maintenance of all county roads, amounting in the aggregate to some 45,000 miles in addition to the present highway system. Figures recently compiled show that the average property levy in the 100 counties of North Carolina for road maintenance amounts to 19-1-2 cents on each hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The Chief Executive's plan would mean, translated into terms of property tax reduction, that a load amounting to approximately \$6,000,000 per year would be lifted from the shoulders of landowners.

The proposed plan, according to its proponents, goes further than merely making a suggestion, it recommends definite means by which the necessary funds may be raised to effect this relief. The suggestion is that the levy on gasoline be increased

## TWO SESSIONS OF RECORDER'S COURT

### A Considerable Number of Cases Disposed of; Most Defendants Convicted

A session of Recorder's Court was held Friday the 23rd and another on Tuesday. Four cases were tried on Friday and two were rather vigorously contested.

W. E. Abbott, who lives near Morehead Bluffs, was tried on the charge of violating the prohibition law. His attorney Alvah Hamilton entered a plea of not guilty for him. The witnesses against him were deputy sheriffs and police officers R. E. Chaplain, W. R. Longest, George Nelson and Gherman Holland. The officers raided Mr. Abbott's home about midnight January 3rd and found about a half gallon of whiskey, some wine and home brew. There were also on hand a supply of empty bottles and jugs.

The defendant Abbott testified that he was away from home for several hours on the night of the raid and did not know the prohibited stuff was in his house. He thought some enemies of his more or less connected with the notorious house known locally as "Blue Heaven" had framed up on him. It was brought out however that Abbott had been tried once before on a liquor charge while he was running the Charles Hotel last summer and was acquitted. Police officers testified that his reputation was bad for selling liquor.

Judge Davis said that he thought the defendant was guilty and gave him a suspended judgment sentence of four months and required him to pay the costs.

George Johnson, colored, submitted to the charge of resisting police officer Holland and was let off with the costs under a suspended judgment.

Four young Morehead City colored men, Aleck Beckton, Lio Davis, Leroy Bell and James King answered to the charge of having stolen a hog from George Oglesby, well known Crab Point farmer. Their attorney C. R. Wheatly plead not guilty for them and succeeded in getting the men acquitted.

David Sparrow, Beaufort colored man, admitted an assault upon Warren Henry with a knife. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

At the Tuesday morning session of court Charlie Suggs of Beaufort, colored, was tried on the charge of selling a pint of liquor to Willie Williams, Henry Turner, Floyd Hill and Charlie Chadwick, all colored. Suggs charged that these men came to his house very early Sunday morning and tried to buy liquor, that he did not sell them any and that they assaulted him and threw a brick against his door breaking out a panel.

All of the defendants denied the charges against them but the court held that they were all guilty. The first four were given a suspended sentence of four months and a fine of \$10 and costs. They also have to

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## Squirrel And Coon Legislation Not Main Thing Needed Now

By CARL GOERCH

### Shipyard Now Ready For Business Again

The Bell-Wallace shipyard destroyed in a disastrous fire last November is now about rebuilt and has already started work on some vessels. The large building, 98 by 70 feet is practically finished and a smaller building which is to be used for a machine shop will soon be completed. The firm will not operate a laundry as it did prior to the fire.

The loss on account of the fire was estimated at \$35,000 and was only partly covered by insurance. Besides the firm's loss the John A. Nelson, a fine boat that belonged to the State Fish Commission, was practically ruined and also one or two smaller boats. The Bell-Wallace Company has been in the boat building business for a good many years and has turned out crafts of many kinds including freight boats, fishing boats and several very handsome yachts. The owners of the establishment are John F. Bell and Charles S. Wallace of Morehead City.

### Atlantic Fisheries Plant Destroyed

A fire of unknown origin that occurred some time before day Tuesday morning destroyed the principal building of the Atlantic Fisheries Corporation. This plant formerly owned by the late W. S. Chadwick was located about two miles east of Beaufort on Taylor's Creek. It was built for the manufacture of fish oil and scrap and was used for that purpose for a number of years. The principal stockholders of the corporation are W. B. Blades of New Bern and W. A. Mace of Beaufort.

The main factory building and the scrap house were destroyed by the flames. The owners of the plant did not operate it last fall but had installed some machinery for canning oysters and it might have been used for that purpose this year. There was some insurance on the buildings and machinery but not enough to cover the loss. The News has not learned whether the plant will be rebuilt or not.

### ROAD COMMITTEE WILL PREPARE A BILL

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—The house roads committee today declined to take any stand for or against the governor's plan to abolish the present highway commission, but authorized the chairman to appoint a subcommittee to draw up a highway bill.

The members of the subcommittee appointed by the chairman, Representative Connor, of Wilson, are Jefferson, of Guilford, Crudup, of Vance, Gill, of Scotland, McBee, of Mitchell, and Mr. Connor.

Three plans for the bill have been informally considered by the committee:

1. Increasing the gasoline tax to six cents per gallon and distributing the proceeds among the counties.
2. Increasing the gas tax to six cents and taking over all roads marked class "A" on the survey by the United States bureau of public roads, with aid to the counties in maintaining class "B" and "C" roads.
3. Increasing the gasoline tax to six cents and taking over all county roads in the state.

There are two variations of the third plan, which is the one most generally favored. The first would follow the governor's recommendation in detail and includes the abolition of the present highway commission and the creation of a new commission of five members.

The second variation, supported by the Highway Commissioner John Sprunt Hill, would turn all the county roads over to the present highway commission.

### RUTHERFORD N. J. BANK MAKES A FINE SHOWING

The hard times which have been reflected in bank statements in most parts of the country do not seem to have hurt the Rutherford National Bank of Rutherford, N. J. A recent statement published by the bank shows that in the past six months its deposits have increased over \$400,000 and that the total deposits now stand at more than five millions. The bank has a surplus fund of \$550,000. Col. F. S. Dickinson, who is president of the Bank of Rutherford, is a native of Carteret county. He is well known and popular here and his friends no doubt will be pleased to

Carrie Droughton  
Carteret State Library

After reading in the papers about some of the bills that have been introduced lately in the legislature, I believe I'll sit down and write a letter to Willis Smith, Speaker of the House, and a mighty fine fellow.

Hon. Willis Smith,  
Raleigh, North Carolina.  
My dear Willis:

I've been following proceedings of the legislature with a whole lot of interest and I've been watching some of the bills that have been introduced.

There was a bill presented a few days ago by Representative Johnson, of Halifax, to amend the law on squirrel and raccoon season. There was another bill, introduced by Senator Lawrence, of Hertford, to make blue and white the regular and standard colors of State automobile license tags. Representative McDevitt, of Madison, presented a bill to require at least ten verses from the Bible to be read at the opening each morning of public schools. And Senator McSwain, of Cleveland, came forward with a bill to change the date of the primary from the first Saturday in June to the first Monday in June.

New Willis; I'm not saying a word of criticism against any of those bills. So far as I'm concerned, all of them may be splendid measures and they may react to the advantage of our people as a whole. I'm not claiming that squirrels and raccoons don't deserve special consideration, and as for the Bible, it's the greatest of all books. Neither have I any objection to a permanent blue-and-white color scheme for license tags and if you want to have the primary on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, it's O. K. with me.

But Willis; we folks back home are interested in something else besides those bills. The things that is uppermost in the minds of most of us, is this business of reducing the tax on real estate property. And that brings me up to the suggestion that I had in mind.

When Mr. Johnson, of Halifax, comes up with a bill to give consideration to squirrels and raccoons, I want you to give him polite and courteous attention. And I want you to ask him a few questions.

"Mr. Johnson," you might say, "I think this bill of yours is a mighty fine thing. But will it help to cut down the tax on real estate in North Carolina?"

"Why, of course not." Mr. Johnson will reply.

"All right then," you'll say. "Then if it's just the same to you, Mr. Johnson, we'll table this bill until later on during the session."

When Senator Lawrence appears before you with his license-tag color-scheme bill you might quiz him along the same line.

"Will it help cut down taxes?"

"Of course not."

"Then I'm afraid you won't get very favorable consideration of your measure when your bill comes over to our side of the legislature."

Tell the same thing to Representative

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## 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	Friday, Jan. 30	Low Tide
4:38 A. M.		11:02 A. M.
5:00 P. M.		10:47 P. M.
	Saturday, Jan. 31	
5:34 A. M.		11:15 A. M.
5:57 P. M.		11:56 P. M.
	Sunday, Feb. 1	
6:28 A. M.		11:55 A. M.
6:50 P. M.		12:48 P. M.
	Monday, Feb. 2	
7:17 A. M.		12:40 A. M.
7:41 P. M.		1:35 P. M.
	Tuesday, Feb. 3	
8:06 A. M.		1:34 A. M.
8:31 P. M.		2:21 P. M.
	Wednesday, Feb. 4	
8:54 A. M.		2:28 A. M.
9:21 P. M.		3:07 P. M.
	Thursday, Feb. 5	
9:43 A. M.		3:22 A. M.
10:12 P. M.		3:53 P. M.

learn of the splendid showing of the bank of which he is the official head.