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State Highway Bill Approved by House

Governor Gardner's Measure Passes Lower House By A Large Majority; Gasoline Tax Increased To Six Cents; Senate Passes Local Government Commission

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The controversial Connor roads bill which would have the state take over maintenance of all county highways got final house approval today and was sent to the senate. The vote was 89 to 18.

Its enactment into law was asserted by its proponents in the upper house to be assured.

Meanwhile the senate passed on second reading a state-wide measure—that to create a local government commission and give it virtual control of the financial administration of every county, city and town in the state.

The latter measure, sponsored by Senators Whedbee, Hendren and Umstead, as well as the roads measure has the approval of Governor Gardner.

Among the road bill's provisions is an increase in the gasoline tax from five cents to six cents a gallon. It would also have the state take over county prisoners for work on roads.

The local government commission, created by the Whedbee-Hendren-Umstead bill would supervise all local government finance. No local government would be permitted to borrow money on bond or note without its approval.

Before going into their legislative work, the two houses met jointly and heard an address by Harry Flood Byrd former Virginia governor.

Among other measures passed by the house today was one providing for health inspection of summer camps by the state board of health. It was introduced by Representative Jeffers, of Guilford.

Committee action was at a virtual standstill during the morning. This afternoon the finance and appropriations committees were to resume their deliberations. Unconfirmed reports had it the appropriations committee would reconsider its decision to increase the appropriations for the university, N. C. State college, and North Carolina college. Nothing definite was forthcoming, however, from the committee's secret sessions.

CREW OF YACHT RESCUED AS VESSEL GROUNDS ON SHOALS

Wilmington, Feb. 23.—Their 97-foot motor yacht, Ingomar, having sunk shortly after grounding on Fryling Shoals, on the North Carolina coast late Saturday, Captain Leis Sparre and his crew of eight men were safe at the Capt Fear life saving station, near Southport tonight, awaiting further orders from A. L. Hoffman, New York, owner of the craft.

The crew took to a motor launch when their ship began to sink and remained in the open boat overnight and most of Sunday until succeeding in making the Cape Fear station. Although suffering from fatigue they were uninjured and feeling in high spirits, upon being ashore again.

DR. SWINDELL MADE WILSON HEALTH OFFICER

Wilson, Feb. 20.—At a called meeting of the board of health of Wilson town and county held in the court house last Wednesday evening Dr. Charles L. Swindell, local practitioner was elected superintendent of health of Wilson county to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. L. J. Smith who has accepted a like position with the board of health in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Dr. Smith will leave with his family, for his new home March first at which time Dr. Swindell will assume the duties of superintendent of health of Wilson county.

WASHINGTON DAY BIRTHS

Three charming young ladies celebrated Washington's birthday this year, by first seeing the light of day on that date—February 22. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Windley of Beaufort, name Margaret Ann; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bailey, name Iva Pauline, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manson, Jr.

Bandages made of silver leaf instead of cotton by a Vienna surgeon have been found to have marked antiseptic value.

During 1929 22,888,572 tons of waterborne commerce, valued at \$1,102,986,560, passed through the port of New Orleans.

Vital Statistics For Month of January

Carteret county's vital statistics for the month of January are given below and show a total of 23 births and 19 deaths. However as several of the registrars had not reported to the State Board the list is not complete. The list as reported follows:

Towns	Deaths	Births	Still Births
Beaufort	3	1	
M. City	4	8	
Newport	No Report		
Townships—			
Beaufort	2	0	
Morehead	No Report		
Merrimon	0	2	
Marshallberg	2	0	
Atlantic	2	3	
Sea Level	1	0	
Hunting Quarter—			
Stacy	2	0	
Davis	1	0	
Harlowe	No Report		
Cedar Island	No Report		
Harker's Is.	1	0	
Newport	0	2	1
Portsmouth	No Report		
Smyrna	0	1	
Straits	0	1	
White Oak	1	5	
	19	23	

RICHARD MASON DIES FROM HEART ATTACK

After a short illness from heart trouble Mr. Richard Mason, well-known Beaufort citizen, died Tuesday night at his home on Ann street. Funeral services took place Wednesday afternoon from the residence of Mr. Roy Barbour on Gordon street. The services were conducted by Reverend J. P. Harris pastor of the First Baptist church and Reverend R. P. Munns pastor of Ann Street Methodist church. Interment was in Ocean View cemetery.

Mr. Mason is survived by one son David and four daughters, Mrs. L. H. Woolard, Jamaica, N. Y., Misses Laura, Vivian and Edna Earl of Beaufort. Two sisters also are living, Mrs. W. H. Evers, Jamaica, N. Y. and Mrs. E. S. Robinson of Beaufort. Mr. Mason had a large number of friends in Beaufort and the county who regret his death. He was 55 years old.

RECORDER'S COURT HAS VERY SHORT DOCKET

Only one case was tried in Recorder's court Tuesday morning and that required only a few minutes. Charlie Mason of Beaufort submitted to the charge of driving while under the influence of liquor.

The evidence was that on Sunday Mason was in Morehead City and was more or less intoxicated. Police officer Salter warned him not to attempt to drive a car which he had there. Notwithstanding the warning a few minutes later he got in the car and backed out into the street whereupon he was placed under arrest. Judge Davis gave the defendant the minimum penalty which is \$50 and costs and not allowed to drive a car for 90 days.

BEAUFORT SCHOOL BUILDING ROBBED SUNDAY MORNING

At an early hour Sunday morning thieves effected an entrance into the public school building and stole a few articles. A door in the northwest corner of the building was forced. A dozen brooms, some pencil sharpeners and a few other things were missing as a result of the visit.

At about the same time some one broke into the store managed by Jesse Fulcher just across the street from the school building and stole a few dollars worth of merchandise. No arrests have been made as yet.

BIRTH OF SON

Information has been received here of the birth of a fine son to Mr. and Mrs. George Vernon Harrell of Raleigh, formerly of Beaufort. The son has been named for his father, George Vernon Harrell Jr.

Juries of less than 12 members, except in capital cases, and verdicts, by a majority vote are recommended by the judicial council of Connecticut.

LEGISLATORS ARE AGREED ONE WAY

No Dispute About Taking Pay Checks; Legislators Do Some Good

By CARL GOERCH

If you haven't been up to Raleigh during the last week or so, you ought to take the trip and give the legislature a look-in.

The boys have at last got warmed up, and they're now missing on all six cylinders. The only thing on which they've been able to agree thus far is that it's O. K. for them to take their pay checks.

Each day's session is opened with prayer. The preachers in Raleigh first tried to cope with the situation but found it to be too much for them. Since then, preachers have been coming from all parts of the State, but the legislature seems to be prayer-proof. One of these days somebody is going to open the day's session with a gun, instead of with prayer, and then things may begin to happen.

Business conditions throughout North Carolina have improved a great deal during the last two months. Up until the time that the legislature met, everybody could talk and think of nothing except hard times. Since then, however, attention has been focused almost exclusively on the General Assembly. As a result, business has been moving along much more briskly.

And still there are some folks who do not believe that the legislature does any good.

Statistics also show that there are fewer divorces during the legislative period than at any other time. The average man and wife are so busily engaged in cussing out their representatives up in the legislature that they haven't got time to cuss out each other.

But really, we ought not to complain. Providence has seen fit to bestow certain trials and tribulations upon different peoples at different times. "Way back yonder there was the flood. Then came the seven plagues that infested the Egyptians. Later on, there were various periods of captivity which the Jews had to undergo. And so it has been, down through the ages. Each nation has had some special chastisement inflicted upon it.

Ours is the legislature. The Children of Israel spent forty years in the Wilderness, and in the end they got to the Promised Land. The legislature spends sixty days in Raleigh, and in the end all we get is promised land-tax relief.

Most of the bills pertaining to what the sheriff of Forsyth county shall have for lunch, the kind of flowers to be planted in front of the Buncombe county jail, the bestowal of a new name upon the goat belonging to the treasurer of Onslow county and the providing of a fund to buy two cans of paint for fixing up the steps of the Martin county court house, have been disposed of and the legislature is now beginning to turn its attention to some of the State-wide bills. It looks as though the highway bill and the measure for consolidating the State's educational institutions would pass without any difficulty. Governor Gardner is fighting mighty hard for his other measures, but there's no telling how they will come out.

I got a letter this week from one of the prisoners at the State penitentiary. He thanked me for what I had to say in a previous article about existing conditions at the prison and urged me to continue making references to them. Personally, I don't believe there is any special need for any great publicity about the prison. Practically all of our citizens are acquainted with the inadequate prison facilities of North Carolina. They (Continued on page four)

NO OPPOSITION SHOWN AT HEARING OF PROPOSED NORTH RIVER BRIDGE

No opposition developed to the proposed new bridge across North river at the hearing Saturday. The hearing was held in the County Auditor's office at the courthouse at noon by Major R. A. Wheeler of the U. S. War Department. District engineer H. T. Patterson of New Bern assisted with the hearing.

The State Highway Commission was represented at the hearing by Commissioner C. R. Wheatly, engineers W. L. Craven, W. G. Winslow, M. Markham. Plans for the bridge were submitted by the State engineers and Major Wheeler asked if any present cared to discuss the matter either for or against it. Several citizens were interested onlookers but offered no objection to the project. The report will be referred to Washington and the understanding is that

State's Farm Income Reduced Last Year

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The farmers of North Carolina received \$42,760,355 less money during 1930 than they did in 1929, according to the N. C. Farm Business, published by the State College Extension Service. In 1929, the net farm cash income was \$104,470,000 and, in 1930, this income was approximately \$62,000,000, a decrease of 41 per cent. Last year, the farm cash receipts were \$192,842,633, farm cash expenses were \$131,123,136, leaving only \$61,719,697 for farmers of the state to use in paying taxes, buying clothing, paying bills for food, feed, fertilizer and other expenses.

The average net cash income for the year from 1922 to 1930 was \$89,472,396. The 1930 net cash income was approximately \$10,000,000 less than 1929. This condition in the state, which is very serious, is due to the lower prices of cotton, tobacco and peanuts in particular. Cotton declined from 16.4 cents a pound in 1929 to 9.5 cents; tobacco, from 18 cents to less than 14 cents; and peanuts also. The low price of cotton was due to a world over-supply of American cotton, which increased from 19,320,000 bales in 1929 to 20,547,000 bales in 1930, with a corresponding drop in use of cotton by mills. Tobacco stocks on hand increased from 1,342,000,000 pounds in 1929 to 1,400,000,000 in 1930, despite a small increase in the use of cigarettes.

Reduction of these three crops is necessary in order to obtain a price which will cover the cost of production this year, the bulletin says. The state government is urged to cooperate in every possible way. The bulletin goes on to say:

"There is evidence that the world situation will not improve rapidly during the next year or so. If the present production of cotton continues with a falling off in purchasing power of our customers, then North Carolina farmers will find themselves in dire circumstances in 1931 and 1932. Referring to the tobacco situation, the bulletin says that, if the crop is not cut materially, "indications are that North Carolina producers will experience during 1931 one of the most disastrous years since the war."

ONE CASE IN POLICE COURT

Only one case was tried in Police Court Friday afternoon. Dowdy Austin charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty and was fined \$1 and costs. Alfred and Fairley Wilson, colored men, against whom a charge of burglary has been lodged did not have a hearing. The case may be taken up tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Laura G. Holmes and husband to H. K. and F. A. Norris, 80 acres White Oak Township, for \$1000. Allen Oglesby and wife to Beatrice Simmons, 27 acres, Newport Township, for \$10.00.

E. H. Gorham Trustee to J. S. McLoon, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$3000.

W. H. Irving and wife to Della H. Pritchett, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$100.

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County of Carteret to E. L. Willis, 27 acres Straits Township, for \$102.38.

James Downing and wife to Edward Gaskill, 1 acre Cedar Island, for \$50.

OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING TUESDAY

Many Friends of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Taylor, Join With Them in Celebration of Their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson W. Taylor charmingly entertained their many friends Tuesday in celebration of their golden anniversary, at a tea in the afternoon and lovely reception that evening.

Guests were greeted by Miss Georgia Neal and standing at the entrance to the living room, and introducing guests to the receiving line was Mrs. Hugh Overstreet, of Burgaw. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, two of the bridesmaids and the best man at the wedding fifty years ago—Mrs. Nannie Thomas, Miss Emma Manson, Mr. Lee Taylor of New Bern—Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. S. M. Buckman of Baltimore, children Mrs. Bessie Taylor O'Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hinnant, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Taylor, Mrs. Sam Thomas, and close friends, Miss May O'Bryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bartus Spicer of Washington, D. C. Greeting guests at the entrance of the music room were Mrs. J. S. Gutsell and Mrs. Joseph House. At the entrance of the dining room stood Mrs. C. L. Duncan. Presiding over the punch bowl were Mrs. Hal Potter and Mrs. Ed. Hancock. Punch, cake and mints were served by the grandchildren, Misses Mary Taylor Hinnant, Mariann Taylor, Catherine and Helen O'Bryan and Master Taylor O'Bryan, and grand nieces Misses Sidney and Julia Thomas.

At the entrance of the dining room from the hall stood Mrs. J. T. Hoggard of Wilmington and Miss Virginia Sloan. As the guests were leaving they registered in the guest book graciously presided over by Miss Marjorie Lewis and Miss Maybelle Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Taylor are greatly beloved in Beaufort. He has long been connected with the business life of the town, and has always been interested in anything that would make for the betterment of Beaufort and vicinity. Both have been very active in church and social life of the community and have kept open house for friends throughout the years. Everyone no matter how rich or how poor have always felt welcome in the home, at any time.

Mrs. Taylor was unusually lovely in a creation of gray lace with accessories to match. She wore a lovely corsage of yellow rose-buds. In the evening Mrs. Taylor wore a pair of gold slippers, a gift of her grandson, grandson.

During the afternoon and evening, there were a number of lovely vocal solos, accompaniments played by Mrs. Joseph House. The program was as follows:

"When You and I Were Young, Maggie"—Mr. J. A. Vache

"Love's Old Sweet Song"—Mrs. John Brooks

"Sweet Miss Mary"—Mrs. H. M. Hendrix

"Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms"—M. Leslie Davis

"Sweetest Story Ever Told"—Mrs. Buell Cooke

"Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes"—Mrs. Bayard Taylor

A number of messages from loving friends in distant parts of the country were read, also the account of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor fifty years ago, which had been preserved through the years in a scrapbook of Mrs. Taylor's.

The large spacious home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Thousands of jonquils, trailing smilax and bamboo were used effectively throughout the house and over the whole lovely scene gleamed the soft candle light from myriads of yellow candles in brass candlesticks. Gold color was carried out effectively in all parts of the house, and in the refreshments. The gifts were displayed in the music room, on several large tables, each covered with lovely lace covers over gold. The dining room was unusually lovely in its appointments. In the center of the dining table which was covered with a beautiful lace cover was a three-tiered wedding cake, with fifty lighted candles. Extending from the center to the candlesticks were streamers of yellow tulle, ending in fluffy bows. Yellow tapers burned in brass candlesticks.

Punch was served from the far corner of the dining room. The table was lovely in its decoration of bamboo and all over the lace cloth, which extended to the floor on all sides were small bunches of jonquils and fern.

Just thirty-one years ago in October (Continued on page five)

LEGISLATURE NOW NEARING THE END

Over Seven Weeks Gone; Much Remains To Be Done

M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Governor Gardner's highway measure, to eliminate the nine districts, reduce the number of commissioners and take over the county road systems, which has been raging for two weeks, came up in the House last Thursday with an overwhelming favorable committee report, only to be set for special consideration Monday night. It is expected that a week will elapse before the bill is finally disposed of.

The vote by which the consideration was postponed was not taken as an indication of the strength of opponents. In fact, an unofficial poll of the General Assembly was made last week by a proponent of the measure, who said 86 out of the 120 House members and 38 of the 50 Senators were favorable to the bill, as it came from the committee, without changes. If this is any indication, the measure will pass.

The main opposition is from some of the larger counties which stand to lose more in equipment, convict camps and other such items. Three-fourths of the Mecklenburg delegation oppose the measure; half of the Durham, and some from other large counties. Forsyth legislators appear for it, as do all of the Buncombe representatives, and probably the Guilford delegates.

Governor Gardner has changed from four to six commissioners and a chairman, and has agreed to other minor changes in the bill, behind which he has thrown the entire force of his administration.

The six months State operated school term, quiet for two weeks, came up again Friday with the introduction of bills seeking to make effective the State operation. They recede from the original stand of complete State costs, setting a minimum to which the State goes and leaving improvement in the hands of the county authorities. They provide \$19,500,000 for the cost and seek to raise this fund from sales, production and income taxes.

More and more the view is being accepted that the State will not be able to find sufficient sources for the additional \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000 needed to take over the entire term and that the final result will be that the equalization fund of \$6,500,000 will be increased, probably as high as \$10,000,000 and the present method continued. However, the education committees are continuing their efforts to find the money needed and are going through the nearly a dozen sales, production and other tax measures offered.

Very Important Bill

Vitaly important is the "Local Government Commission" bill which brought on a night session Friday. This commission takes over functions of the County Government Advisory Commission and local functions of the State Sinking Fund Commission, the bill placing all counties, cities, districts and units under its control as to bond and note issues and elections. All such acts must be approved. (Continued on page five)

Mountsville, Ga., a village of less than 1,000 inhabitants, has a blind night watchman.

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, Feb. 27	
4:03 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
3:27 P. M.	9:22 P. M.
Saturday, Feb. 28	
4:11 A. M.	10:35 A. M.
4:37 P. M.	10:30 P. M.
Sunday, March 1	
5:14 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
5:38 P. M.	11:33 P. M.
Monday, March 2	
6:08 A. M.	11:30 A. M.
6:31 P. M.	12:22 P. M.
Tuesday, March 3	
6:59 A. M.	12:28 A. M.
7:22 P. M.	1:10 P. M.
Wednesday, March 4	
7:47 A. M.	1:23 A. M.
8:11 P. M.	1:55 P. M.
Thursday, March 5	
8:35 A. M.	2:16 A. M.
9:00 P. M.	2:39 P. M.