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## Luxury Tax Rejected By Senate Yesterday

### Long And Bitter Fight Ends In Victory For Opponents of All Sales Taxes; Money Must Be Found From Other Sources To Run The Schools If McLean Law Is To Stand

(Raleigh News & Observer)

The Senate yesterday, by a vote of 26 to 24, refused to adopt the Hindsdale "luxury tax." The day before the Senate, by a vote of 36 to 8, struck from the revenue bill the House adopted Day general sales tax. As no substantial number of legislators believe that there is a chance to persuade the Senate to raise enough money to run the six month school term from source other than both ad valorem and sales taxes, in effect the Senate yesterday repudiated the MacLean law, which provides for State support without recourse to ad valorem taxes.

The action of the Senate followed a debate that lasted the better part of two days. So nearly equal were the forces for and against the bill that a change in the vote of one Senator could have resulted in a 25 to 25 tie. And because of that, the advocates of the MacLean law did not give up hope but immediately began plans for a second fight on the sales tax issue.

Including the single pair which was recorded—Ward of Beaufort for and Whedbee against—the actual vote was 26 to 24, but, with defeat apparent, Senator Johnson of Duplin changed his vote from "aye" to "no" before the vote was announced in order that he might move for a reconsideration of the vote by which the Hindsdale plan failed of passage. If, by chance, just two Senators can be changed, the motion to reconsider, and then the motion to adopt the "luxury tax," may be passed.

### How They Voted

The roll call vote on the motion of Senator Hindsdale to adopt his tax, the vote on the most evenly waged major fight this Legislature has seen follows:

Voting for the tax: Senators Baggett, Blount, Clark, Clarkson, Dortch, Gower, Grant, Hardy, Harmon, Hatcher, Hindsdale, Johnson of Duplin, Lindsey, Lynch, McKee, McLean, Peel, Powell, Pritchett, Rodwell, Uzzell Ward of Beaufort, Ward of Craven and Zollicoffer. (Senator Johnson of Duplin later changed for the aforementioned tactical reason.)

Voting against the tax: Senators Bennett, Bernard, Burrus, Burt, Campbell, Clement, Dunlap, Folger, Gravely Grier, Gwyn, Haywood, Hendren, Hicks, Johnson of Moore, Jones, Lawrence, Lovill, McSwain, Nixon, Price, Rankin, Umstead, Whedbee and Williams.

Following the vote and Senator Johnson's charge, the announcement was made that the amendment to the revenue bill had been rejected 26 to 22, a figure derived at by subtracting the pairs and noting the changed vote. Senator Grier, in charge of the opposition's argument then moved that the vote by which the amendment was rejected be reconsidered, and that that motion do lie upon the table—the famed legislative "clinch." Senator Johnson, however, raised a point of order that the committee of the whole, in which all the action yesterday was taken, had no "table" and that such a motion would not be binding. After some argument, Senator Grier withdrew his motion, leaving the chance of another fight, if the Hindsdaleites can increase their strength by two votes.

### Would Change Vote

Intent upon fighting as long as there was a chance, friends of the MacLean bill and the Senate floor immediately after the Senate adjourned, intent upon changing a vote if possible. Several opponents to the bill, fearing that their victory might be snatched from them, hurried back to rally around the doubtful Senators the moment the others left them. They also began "working on" hitherto doubtful Senators who had voted for the amendment, hoping to change them over as a safeguard.

### Fight Far From Over

The Senate fight over State school support is far from being over. The sales taxes by which it was proposed that the six months term be partially supported have been stricken out but nothing else has been offered to take their place. That will come, in all probability, today. Leaders of the fight against both sales taxes propose to put in the bill sufficient taxes to raise enough "new money" to raise the equalizing fund of \$6,500,000, provided in the budget revenue bill, to a fund of at least \$10,000,000 holders.

## Not Much Excitement In Recorder's Court

Business in the County Recorder's Court Tuesday was rather light. A few cases were tried but none was of unusual interest. The matter of sentencing Elbert Gillikin, who was convicted the week before of assault with a deadly weapon, was continued because the prosecuting witness Carroll Lawrence had not yet fully recovered.

Two cases in which Justice of the Peace H. W. Noe was involved were tried. In the first place he was the prosecuting witness and William Parker, colored of Beaufort was the defendant. The latter was charged with disorderly conduct, using abusive language and an assault upon Mr. Noe.

Mr. Noe stated that Parker cursed and threatened him but did not actually use any physical force. Parker admitted the cursing but said he felt justified and claimed that Mr. Noe was encroaching upon his premises. It seems that they had some dispute about a fence. Parker was convicted and fined \$25 and costs which however his attorney E. Walter Hill succeeded in getting cut down to \$10. Mr. C. R. Wheatly appeared for Mr. Noe.

In the second case Mr. Noe was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon Allen Parker brother of William Parker, the defendant in the other case. This altercation took place in the fish house of S. W. Davis and Brother where Mr. Noe works. Allen Parker said he went to the fish house and that Mr. Noe picked up a hatchet and asked what he could do for him. He said they had some words and dispute about a fence line as to certain property on Queen street. He said the defendant cursed him and hit him on the hip with the hatchet.

Mr. Noe said Parker came into the place in a threatening manner, said he would lick him and started towards him with his arm outstretched as if he meant to strike and that thereupon he hit Parker with the hatchet. It did not appear that any serious injury had been done by the blow. Judge Davis rendered a verdict of acquittal for the defendant Mr. Noe who was represented by Attorney C. R. Wheatly.

The bond of R. L. Gardner of Wilson for \$100 was forfeited. The defendant failed to appear for trial. Burt Sutton of Kinston charged with giving a bad check was acquitted on the ground that the check was a forgery. It was for \$13 and there was some indication that it might have been used to buy liquor.

## Bankers Will Meet At Morehead Villa

Members of group three of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will hold a meeting in the county on Saturday the 11th. The meeting will take place at Morehead Villa. About 100 bankers from the counties of Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson and Wayne counties are expected to attend.

The meeting will open at 7:30 P. M. Reverend J. A. Vache of Beaufort will offer the invocation. The address of welcome will be made by Mayor K. P. B. Bonner of Morehead City and the response by W. B. Harvey, vice-president of the First National Bank of Kinston. There will be music by a quartette of singers and an orchestra. Congressman C. L. Abernethy will make an address on the subject "Things of Interest to all of us in East Carolina." Officers will be elected on other business attended to. The executive committee of the group is composed of U. E. Swann, J. A. Hornaday of Beaufort and E. A. Council of Morehead City. W. A. McGlohon of Morehead City is chairman of group three.

## GARDEN CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Garden Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Skarren, Friday, April 10, at 7:45.

Rubber insects have been invented to prevent soap slipping out of metal holders.

## BEAUFORT SCHOOL WILL CLOSE SOON

### Board Decides Best To Cut Off One Month This Year

For the first time in a good many years Beaufort Graded School will not be operated for nine months. This applies to both the schools for white and colored pupils. The schools will close on the 2nd day of May.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Beaufort Graded School was held on Thursday evening of last week. An expression of opinion of the teachers as to whether the school should run nine or eight months had been obtained and a majority preferred the eight months plan. The board regretted to have to shorten the term but owing to the financial stringency which has hampered the schools here, as well as in a good many other places, it was decided best to cut off one month. Tax money that will accrue will be used for future expenses. The board did not elect a superintendent or any teachers at the meeting.

The News last week carried the information that Representative Luther Hamilton had introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a board of trustees for the Beaufort schools. This bill has passed both houses. It provides that the terms of all members of the present board shall expire June 13 and that the new board shall consist of nine members and that three of them shall be outside of Beaufort. The trustees shall be appointed by the County Board of Education and the Board of City Commissioners. At its meeting last week the Board of Trustees passed a resolution expressing its disapproval of this method of choosing its membership.

## Blood Hounds Bay In Streets of Beaufort

The streets of Beaufort Monday afternoon presented a picture that appeared to be a scene from a moving picture "thriller." A pair of long eared, somewhat ferocious looking bloodhounds, tugging at their leashes and giving mouth to an occasional deep toned bay, was the attraction. A large crowd of excited men, women and children on foot and a long procession of automobiles completed the picture. The object of the hunt was to catch some thief, or thieves, who had invaded the courthouse Sunday night.

Officials arriving at the courthouse Monday morning found that the temple of justice had been feloniously entered during the night time and that the offices of the Register of Deeds, Sheriff and Clerk had been ransacked by some one evidently hunting for money. The pay telephone in the hall was torn from its moorings and carried out in the rear of the old school building but the thieves could not get it open and so did not get the sixty cents which it contained. They had very little luck any way considering the risk they took. They got nothing in the Register of Deeds office, a few cents from the Sheriff's office and about six

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## MAY GIVE TEACHERS CERTIFICATES FOR PAST DUE AMOUNTS ON SALARIES

In order to help relieve its obligations to the teachers in Carteret county the County Board of Education are seeking authority to issue to the teachers certificates of indebtedness. A bill was introduced on April 2nd by Representative Hamilton for that purpose. The county is several months behind with the teachers' salaries and it is hoped that this plan will help to some extent at least. The bill reads as follows:

### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF CARTERET COUNTY TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO TEACHERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the Board of Education of Carteret County, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the County Auditor of said County, and any Board of School Commissioners of any Local Taxing School District of Carteret County, be and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered in their discretion to issue to the school teachers employed in the public schools of said county for the eight months term, and to any teachers employed in any Local Taxing School District for any extended term, certificates of indebtedness or warrants, drawn upon the Treasurer of Carteret County, in payment of the salaries of the school teachers for

## REVENUE BILL IS HOTLY CONTESTED

### Senators Wrangle Many Hours In Effort To Raise Money; Lobbyists Excluded

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, April 6.—The scene of the struggle with the bill to raise revenue for the operation of State activities for the next two years was shifted during the past week from the House of Representatives to the Senate, which body has been sweating over the controversial Revenue Bill since Friday, when it dissolved into the committee of the whole. It has been engaged in taking it up, section by section, and tearing at its provisions.

The House, after having its week, passing it and being prevented from making changes by a filibuster, shoved it over to the Senate as if it were a hot brick, but many of the members voting for it, reserved the right to have another say, if opportunity arose, to take a whack at the general sales tax provision which it contained. Numbers of members voting for the bill as it was finally worked out, expressed the hope that the sales tax could be eradicated by the Senate.

The Senate, pulling off its coat, figuratively speaking, waded into the bill Friday, clearing the lobbies of all visitors, in order to keep its mind on the matter in hand. It scrapped over many of the provisions and the prediction was made that the end would not be reached until well into this week. The sales tax will be the greatest subject of contention. The belief has been and still is that the Senate will not adopt any form of sales tax, general or luxury, unless forced to do so by the House.

As has been the general impression for some time, it now seems that the Senate will eliminate the sales tax provision and substitute for it the increase to probably \$1,000,000 in the school equalizing fund. If it goes back to the House in that form, the result is problematical. The House will not accept that change unless it is forced to. A deadlock may result and a conference committee named to iron out the differences—which will be a big task, if present indications are born out. It may develop into a deadlock, a sort of endurance contest.

At best the session cannot end in less than 100 days from the start, which will carry it well into next week. That would be 40 days longer than the usual 70-day session two years ago. Although adjournment is long past due, the legislators are sticking to their tasks and at the present rate practically all of them will be here at the end, although a few of them may find it necessary to return home.

## Banking Bill Passed

One of Governor Gardner's bills came through to ratification and start in operation last week, the establishing of the Department of Banking. Examination and liquidation of banks is taken from the Corporation Commission, a move that is expected to help restore confidence. Governor

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## County Commissioners Grant Two Electric Power Permits

### Rival Companies Want To Build Power Lines Through Eastern Part of County; Board Abolishes Home Economics Department

## NO STRADDLING RASKOB WRITES

### Wants Democratic Party To Adopt Definite Platform On Prohibition

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Another suggestion that democrats avoid straddling and adopt a definite 1932 platform on controversial subjects—including prohibition—was before that party today in a letter from Chairman Raskob of the national committee.

He asked each national committee man to make individual recommendations for the 1932 platform and give "particular" attention to prohibition.

Once more he advanced his home rule plan as what he believes to be a solution of liquor questions. Answering accusations that he was attempting to dictate to the party he recalled that the last democratic convention charged the national committee of which he is chairman with making "recommendations of policies or procedure for the consideration of the convention."

"Whether we like it or not," he wrote, "prohibition is a critical question in any of our states."

The voters, he asserted, will support the party "whose policies and conduct appeal to them as being sincere, honest, courageous, best guaranteeing preservation of our democracy and promoting freedom and happiness as against a life of tyranny and strife."

"If the democratic party is interested only in winning one election it might be well to avoid all such local controversial issues."

Admitting a difference between the "dry attitude of the party in the South" and the "liberal attitude of the party in the North," he said prohibition is, perhaps a "most dangerous complication."

"How silly it must be for the democratic party to disregard the prohibition issue because of its proposed peril."

His home rule plan—which would call for retention of the eighteenth amendment but adoption of another constitutional change giving states control of liquor—is, to his mind probably the best solution, he said, but added: "Perhaps some of you may have a better solution."

## HOME GROWN CABBAGE ON LOCAL MARKET

I. N. Moore, well known Beaufort grocer, claims the distinction of putting the first spring cabbage on the local market. Mr. Moore had some very nice cabbage on sale Monday which were grown in his garden right here in Beaufort. If anybody can beat this record let him put in his claim.

## 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 10    |             |
| 2:19 A. M.          | 8:38 A. M.  |
| 2:51 P. M.          | 8:43 P. M.  |
| Saturday, April 11  |             |
| 3:23 A. M.          | 9:39 A. M.  |
| 3:53 P. M.          | 9:50 P. M.  |
| Sunday, April 12    |             |
| 4:21 A. M.          | 10:31 A. M. |
| 4:47 P. M.          | 10:47 P. M. |
| Monday, April 13    |             |
| 5:09 A. M.          | 11:01 A. M. |
| 5:34 P. M.          | 11:15 P. M. |
| Tuesday, April 14   |             |
| 5:52 A. M.          | 11:35 A. M. |
| 6:13 P. M.          | 11:53 P. M. |
| Wednesday, April 15 |             |
| 6:31 A. M.          | 12:16 A. M. |
| 6:49 P. M.          | 12:25 P. M. |
| Thursday, April 16  |             |
| 7:06 A. M.          | 12:52 A. M. |
| 7:23 P. M.          | 12:56 P. M. |

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

P. D. Cahoon and Minnie Morehead City.

The proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners were considerably enlivened Monday by a contest between rival interests wanting permission to erect electric power lines. It was the regular meeting of the board and all of the members, Commissioners Carroll, Chadwick, Guthrie, Styron and Charman Webb were present.

After the board had been in session a short time Stanly Woodland, manager of the Morehead City power plant, which is now owned by the International Public Utilities Company of New York, came before the board and asked that a franchise or permit be granted his company to erect and maintain power lines along the roads in the eastern part of the county, going as far as Cedar Island, also to Marshallberg, Gloucester, Straits and Harker's Island. A motion offered by Commissioner Chadwick that he put his proposition in writing was passed and about half an hour later the written application was submitted to the board.

When the board took the power matter up again J. F. Duncan was also on hand and asked for action on an application for a franchise which he had a month before. He said that he was trustee for a corporation to be organized to be called the Carteret Electric Corporation, or some similar name, and that his firm was prepared to start work within thirty days and would guarantee to finish it in not less than eighteen months. After considerable argument between Mr. Duncan, County Attorney Luther Hamilton and Mr. Woodland, the board decided to recess until two o'clock and take the matter up again. Most of the afternoon was taken up with discussion of the matter. Mr. Woodland, who had forced Mr. Duncan and made a strong argument for the Duncan application. The final decision of the board was to grant a permit to each of the two applicants and they both filed written statements binding their firms to start work within thirty days, to protect the county against any suits for damages and other details.

Tax Listers for 1931 were appointed by the board Monday. They are R. W. Wallace, Morehead City, John Johnson, Beaufort; J. W. Mason, Hunting Quarter; Duffy Jay, Cedar Island; C. M. Hill, Newport; J. Raymond Ball Harlowe, W. F. Taylor, White Oak, Hugh Salter, Merrimon, Theodore Salter, Portsmouth; Richard Lotters, Straits; Eugene O. Moore, Marshallberg.

After the first of July the Home Economics Department will be abolished. This is provided for in a resolution offered by Commissioner Styron and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie which was passed unanimously.

A motion offered by Commissioner Chadwick to allow G. W. Huntley for a garage site sold to the County Board of Education.

The board adopted resolutions instructing the chairman and auditor to renew the following notes: Two notes of \$20,000 each to the N. C. Bank and Trust Company of Raleigh and two notes of \$9000 and \$5000 to the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company. The auditor was instructed to adjust a tax matter for D. W. Sabison.

The board recessed to meet again tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock.

## LINEN THREAD COMPANY MOVES NEW YORK OFFICE

As stated in an advertisement carried on another page in this newspaper the Linen Thread Company has transferred its New York office to Baltimore. A branch office will be maintained in New York.

The Linen Thread Company has a factory in Baltimore and it is considered advisable to have office and factory nearer together. Baltimore is also more central for a greater part of the territory served by the New York office and under the new arrangement orders can be filled more quickly than heretofore. Branch offices are maintained in several other cities as the advertisement sets forth.

## OLD NEWSPAPER FOUND

A copy of a special edition of the Raleigh News and Observer dated August 24th, 1899 was resurrected here recently by H. C. Jones. It was 228 pages in six sections and had Rice, writeups of a great many cities and towns all over the State.