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Legislators Worn Out After Long Struggle

Members Are Nervous And Inclined To Be Touchy; Some Favor Adjournment; Senate And House Locked Horns On Sales Tax Bill; Longest Session On Record

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, April 13—The North Carolina General Assembly has reached such mental and physical—yes, and financial and moral—state that anything might happen.

That, of course, is an exaggeration, for there are too many level-headed and even-tempered members to allow anything unreasonable to get by. But there are those among the membership who have come to a dangerous stage, if they should be allowed to have their way. The strain is telling and the effect on individual members is in evidence by unusual outbreaks and baby acts.

Notable among these incidents was the resolution offered by Senator Rivers D. Johnson, of Duplin, on the day following the defeat of the so-called luxury tax bill, and after the general sales tax had been defeated, asking the Governor to commute the sentence or pardon the "little man" of North Carolina sentenced to death the day before, and give him a chance to live. The next day, while House and Senate were in joint session to elect trustees of the State University, he made a motion that the General Assembly adjourn, sine die, which motion was ruled out of order.

However, talk of adjourning has been going the rounds and many of the legislators are known to look on it with favor, except for the appearance of quitting before finishing the job. The suggestion is made that all of the members, by a joint resolution, tender their resignations to the Governor, and let him call another election to get a new group. The constitutionality of the suggestion is questioned—and the point is made that it would be the same fight all over again.

At this writing a deadlock is not only possible, but imminent, unless some give and take or compromise is brought about. The Senate, sitting as a committee of the whole, killed the general sales tax overwhelmingly, after the House had included it in the Revenue bill by a majority of four. Then the Senate killed the so-called luxury sales tax bill by the close vote of 26 to 24, the same bill which the House had killed two weeks before by an overwhelming majority. The sales tax measure, one of them, was intended to furnish most of the new money needed to operate the MacLean six months school term by the State.

The Senate, after killing both sales tax provisions, sought to go right in to the task of providing the \$10,000,000 equalizing fund proposed in the Senator John H. Folger bill, but was balked for a day by the opponents of that measure. Meanwhile, the House voted a motion which re-affirmed the MacLean school bill thus further complicating the situation, by saying to the Senate, in so many words, that it demanded the MacLean law and would have nothing else. That body had killed one sales tax measure, however, and adopted the other by only four majority.

But the Senate went steadily about its work of preparation for the Folger measure. By majorities of three to six it revised the taxes in the Revenue bill. This means a reduction from the figures adopted by the House, but they were raised with the view that the ad valorem tax would be taken from public service and other corporations. The Senate reduced them on the ground that the ad valorem taxes will be continued, but is providing, in reality, increase in amount sufficient to raise the additional \$3,500,000 needed for an equalizing fund of \$10,000,000, which was adopted Saturday.

When this measure is finally passed in the Senate probably Tuesday, the bill, as amended, must go back to the House. What will happen there as a knotty problem. The House may refuse to concur, probably will, and may refuse a conference committee report, after a joint House and Senate committee has ironed out, or attempted to iron out, the differences. In that case, the deadlock reached would be hard to break.

However, many of the House members who are supporting the MacLean measure say they are convinced it will not give the people what they think and hope and they, in reality, realize the \$10,000,000 equalizing fund would aid them about as much and would not burden them with a sales tax. Many citizens, (Continued on page 8)

First Baptist Church Is Eighty Years Old

Eighty years ago on the 27th of April the Beaufort Baptist church was organized. Since it survived the dangers and pitfalls of youth and has grown to this ripe old age with more force and vigor in its body than ever before in its history the members of the church thought it fitting that a birthday party should be staged. A special committee has worked out a special program that will be of unusual interest to all the people of Carteret county. The program will begin on Sunday evening April 26th, and continue through the entire week except on Friday evening May 1st. During this week the church goes people of this entire section will have the privilege of hearing some of the most distinguished speakers within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. There will be seven of these distinguished speakers coming with vital messages messages direct from the various fields of service in which the Baptist of the South have been vitally interested for the past hundred years.

One of the special features of this Birthday Party will be the special recognition of all who attend the services who are seventy five years of age or older. A special invitation is hereby given by the church to all men and women in the county who are seventy-five years old or more to attend these services. The committee in charge will be glad to arrange in so far as possible, with some friend or neighbor to bring these special guests to these services if their names are furnished to the committee in time.

A special musical program arranged by the choir under the direction of Mrs. G. M. Paul and words of greeting from the pastors of neighboring churches will be given as a preliminary to each evening program. The public is most cordially invited to all these services. We hope to give a complete program in the next issue of this paper.

Two Accidents Sunday In Eastern Section

Sunday is supposed to be the main day for automobile accidents and that may be the reason that two occurred in the eastern part of the county Sunday night.

Grady Davis, a young man from Davis, had a truck skid with him and a young lady who was in the cab with him and the machine turned over. He sustained an injury to one of his knees and came to the hospital here for treatment. He was not badly hurt and went home that night. The young lady was not hurt except for a scratch on her ankle. The cab of the truck was smashed up and it was otherwise damaged probably to the extent of \$250.

Roland Salter who lives in the Otway community sustained an almost complete loss of his car when it caught fire on the road while he was driving along. He was not hurt but the car was just about ruined. Both the truck and the car were insured and were brought to the Loftin Motor Company's place for repairs and adjustment of the insurance.

DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY IN CITY POLICE COURT

Five offenders against the majesty of the law faced Mayor Taylor in court Friday afternoon. It was rather unusual in that all the defendants were colored and all pleaded guilty to the charges against them. The record follows:

Polk Johnson, drunk, \$2.50 and costs or 10 days work on the streets.

Willie Fulford, drunk, \$1.00 and costs or five days.

Willie Stewart, fast driving, \$10 and costs or 30 days.

Beverly Jones, fast driving, \$10 and costs or 30 days.

Many Bailey, liquor in possession for purpose of sale, held for Recorder's Court under \$50 bond.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Albert C. Murdoch and Edna L. McCab, Wildwood, N. C.

RAILROAD CANNOT TAKE OFF TRAINS

Contract Requires Railroad To Maintain Service As Formerly Done

By reason of the action taken by the State Corporation Commission on April 9 trains numbers 7 and 10 between Beaufort and Goldsboro will not be discontinued. The application of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to discontinue these trains has been refused. It appears that the lease of the railroad held by the Norfolk Southern requires the trains to be operated.

A copy of the order of the Corporation Commission has been received by City Attorney M. Leslie Davis who has permitted the News to publish it. The order reads as follows: IN RE: PETITION OF THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY FOR PERMISSION TO DISCONTINUE TRAINS NOS. 7 AND 10, BETWEEN GOLDSBORO AND BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA.—ORDER.

This cause came on to be heard before the Commission upon the application of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company for permission to discontinue Trains Nos. 7 and 10 now operated by that company Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Beaufort, North Carolina, over its line of railroad leased by the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Company, said lease now being held by the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company.

Hearing was held before the Commission on January 20, 1931, after notice had been given to the mayors of towns along the line of the railroad and after objections had been filed by the Town of Beaufort, the County of Carteret, other governmental units, and individuals.

It is found by the Commission from the evidence before it that the lease executed by the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Company and now held by the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, among other things, provides that the lessee shall: "maintain in the operation of said railroad, a regular train service, both passenger and freight, at least equal to that which has been in operation for the twelve months prior to the execution of this lease."

The Norfolk Southern Railroad Company has failed to establish, under the lease and its application, its right to a granting of the petition, and the Commission finds as a fact that the petition should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, That the petition be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: R. O. SELF, Clerk.

This ninth day of April, 1931.

May Be Last Session For Some Members Of General Assembly

By CARL GOERCH
The reason the legislature is staying in session so long is because most of the boys know that this is going to be their last chance at doing work of that nature. And they're not so far wrong at that. It'll be a long time before some of them will ever get sent up to Raleigh again.

It's easy to understand now why the State pays them only for the first sixty days. After that length of time, a legislature just naturally becomes absolutely useless and hopeless. There would be no sense in paying them anything. Not even attention.

The revenue bill is still up for consideration. There seems to be just about as much chance of financing the MacLean law as there would be of trying to erect a Ku Klux monument in Jerusalem. The senate tore things to pieces last week and is trying to mend them this week, which means that the house will promptly proceed to do a little tearing on its own account.

So far as the best interests of the State are concerned, it might be a good idea to send the whole gang up to Dix Hill for a week and let some of the inmates of the latter institution try their hand at legislating. They certainly couldn't do any worse.

Final action has been taken relative to bringing about a consolidation of the University, State College and N. C. C. W. That's one measure that went through a-kiting. It's going to mean a big saving to the State Under the old system, whenever Dr. Foust got a new pair of pajamas, Dr. Graham and Dr. Brooks immediately put in requisitions for the same things. Neither of the educational institutions wanted the other to get ahead of it, and they watched one

VETERAN TELLS HARD LUCK TALE

Luke Davis Says He Was Gyped of Bonus Money; Also Has To Pay Costs

Hard luck certainly pursued Luke Davis of Goldsboro recently if a story he told is true. Davis who is a World's War veteran, a few days ago was in possession of some \$400 of compensation money he said and was all set for a good time. Now he is minus the money and has a considerable bill of court costs to pay.

Davis was first tried by Justice of the Peace H. W. Noe on the charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. On this charge he was sent to the Recorder's Court where the warrant was amended to reckless driving on which charge he was convicted. Prayer for judgment was continued on his payment of the costs.

The story as told by the war veteran was that on Sunday afternoon he invited Mr. and Mrs. John Dennin and Miss Ella Howell of Goldsboro to take a trip with him to Beaufort. The invitation was accepted and that night the party stopped over in New Bern, coming to Beaufort Monday. They stopped here at the Inlet Inn. Accompanied by Mrs. Lonnie Foreman they ran over to Atlantic Beach and spent an hour or so there.

Davis said that on the way down from Goldsboro he had turned all of his money over to Mrs. Dennin to keep for him. He says that when he asked her for the money she gave him only \$20 back. He then got a warrant for the Dennins and Miss Howell and they were put under arrest by Chief of Police Longest. They in turn took out a warrant from him for driving a car while under the influence of liquor.

Attorney C. R. Wheatly represented the Dennins at the hearing before Justice Noe and succeeded in having the warrant dismissed. At the Recorder's hearing Davis was convicted on the testimony of the Dennins and Miss Howell who said he was too drunk to drive. He admitted drinking a little but said he was not drunk. Judge Davis said he regretted to have to convict the defendant but could not do otherwise with the evidence before him but would be as light on him as possible. After the trial Mrs. Dennin returned a watch to Davis which it seemed she had also been keeping for him.

The sentencing of Elbert Gillikin of Otway, convicted several weeks ago of an assault upon Carroll Lawrence, was continued again. The Judge gave the defendant to understand that if he would pay Lawrence's doctor's bill and some other costs he would suspend judgment on him. (Continued on page eight)

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT REINSTATED BY COUNTY BOARD

Board Listens To Appeal of Women And Rescinds Former Action; County Farm Agent Will Be Continued Also

Beaufort Fishermen Catch Big Sturgeon

The biggest fish that has been seen in Beaufort in some time was brought in Monday to Way's fish house. The fish was a sturgeon nearly nine feet long and weighed 222 pounds. It was caught by Captain Leslie Whitehurst and crew of Beaufort. It was a roe sturgeon and brought the fishermen twenty five dollars.

The sturgeon was caught near the Morehead City drawbridge. Although quite a large and powerful fish it did very little damage to the net. The sturgeon has no teeth and cannot bite like a shark and some other kinds of fish. It is very seldom that a sturgeon is caught in Carteret county and in fact they are scarce in all east Carolina waters.

Captain Tom Nelson and his crew brought in a right good catch of sea bass Monday and also 15 large red snappers. Some of the snappers weighed 25 pounds or more. These fish are caught with hook and line in the ocean and put up a good fight when caught. The prices paid for sea bass this year have been quite low and there has been no profit in them either for the fishermen or the dealers, so the News is informed.

JURY INDICTS NEW BERN MEN

True Bills Found Against Former Bank Officials In Federal Court

New Bern, April 14—Bills of indictment were found on presentments before the federal grand jury here today against W. W. Griffin former president of the National Bank of New Bern, Hugh P. Beal, E. H. Meadows, E. C. Rea and John H. Jones, officers or directors in the same national banking institution. Instantan capias were issued and placed in the hands of the United States marshal, charging the five men with violation of the national banking laws by alleged willful misapplying of funds of the bank by lending certain amounts to insolvent corporations in which they were officers.

W. W. Griffin, H. P. Beal and E. H. Meadows are charged on March 18, 1929, with unlawfully misapplying four thousand dollars to the Farmers' Credit Company, an insolvent corporation, of which Mr. Griffin was president, allegedly knowing that the loan would be a total loss.

In a second bill of indictment, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Meadows and E. C. Rea were charged with injuring and defrauding the National Bank by misapplying \$6,500 to the use and advantage of the Investment Company, an allegedly insolvent corporation, receiving worthless notes in return.

The third bill of indictment charges Mr. Griffin, Mr. Meadows and John Haywood Jones with misapplying \$4,000 to the Terminal Corporation, an alleged insolvent corporation, of which Mr. Jones was president and Mr. Meadows vice-president, for a promissory note which they were alleged to have known was worthless, according.

These are the first bills that have been brought against local men in connection with any of the banking failures in New Bern.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Gillikin of Otway, Thursday, April 9, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wheelington Robinson of Atlantic at Morehead City Hospital, Tuesday, April 8, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Day of Lola, Thursday, April 9, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hamilton of Atlantic, Monday, April 12, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Daniel of Roe, Wednesday, April 15, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson of Harkers Island, Monday, April 13, a son, Melvin Lee Nelson.

BAND CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S

There will be a band concert at St. Paul's School next Wednesday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to attend and hear the music.

The board of county commissioners marched up the hill and then marched down again on the Home Economics question. As told in the News last week the board decided at its regular meeting on the first Monday to abolish this department but it changed its mind Friday when confronted by a delegation of some twenty-five women who insisted that the work be continued.

Mrs. Estelle Smith of Goldsboro, District Home Economics Agent, made the principal speech in favor of retaining the agent in this county. The State contributes largely to the expense of the department and Mrs. Smith said that if Carteret did not want the money that there were other counties that would like to have it. Her talk evidently made a good impression. The outcome of the matter was that a motion was offered by Commissioner Guthrie and seconded by Commissioner Styron that the former action of the board be expunged from the record. The motion carried unanimously.

A delegation of some six or eight men asked that the County Farm Agent work be continued. They set forth the advantage to the farming interest of continuing this department. Commissioner Chadwick offered a motion which Commissioner Guthrie seconded that the appropriation for a Farm Agent be continued. This was also carried unanimously. The appointment of a County Tax Collector was deferred to the June meeting.

The application of Carl Willis, disabled war veteran, to be relieved of poll tax was granted.

PRISONER MAKES ESCAPE BUT IS SOON RETAKEN

Ransom Smith, young white man who is a prisoner at the county jail, decided last week that he preferred the wide open spaces to jail life and so took his departure. At the time he ran away he was working on the courthouse grounds under the supervision of Deputy Sam Darling who has charge of the courthouse and grounds. Being left alone for a short while Smith took advantage of the opportunity and disappeared.

Sheriff Chadwick and Deputy Darling decided that Smith would go back to his old home in the Crab Point section and so they went to look for him there. They went around by Newport and coming back towards Bell's Corner met Smith walking along the road. He was brought back to Beaufort and will now lose the time which he would have had off for good behavior.

Smith was convicted at the March term of court for a statutory offense and given a road sentence of two years.

Hay production in Caldwell County will be increased this summer due to greater plantings of soybeans. More than 300 bushels of seed beans have been ordered cooperatively to date.

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 17	
7:40 A. M.	1:29 A. M.
7:53 P. M.	1:28 P. M.
Saturday, April 18	
8:12 A. M.	2:04 A. M.
8:25 P. M.	1:59 P. M.
Sunday, April 19	
8:45 A. M.	2:39 A. M.
8:56 P. M.	2:32 P. M.
Monday, April 20	
9:18 A. M.	3:16 A. M.
9:32 P. M.	3:08 P. M.
Tuesday, April 21	
9:53 A. M.	3:57 A. M.
10:12 P. M.	3:48 P. M.
Wednesday, April 22	
10:34 A. M.	4:43 A. M.
11:00 P. M.	4:33 P. M.
Thursday, April 23	
11:01 A. M.	5:33 A. M.
11:24 P. M.	5:27 P. M.