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School Problem Vexes Conference Committee

Adjustment of Differences A Difficult Matter; Senate Is Opposed To A General Sales Tax; House Stands By McLean School Bill; Senate Favors Equalizing Fund; House Passed Short Ballot Bill

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, April 20—The Senate and House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly are in a deadlock over State support of the public schools — whether hopelessly or not may be indicated early this week, when the joint conference committee attempts to straighten out the snarl.

More of the give and take spirit than has been in evidence so far during this session of more than 100 days will have to be displayed before the differences can be adjusted. For, on many matters, the Senate and House have locked horns and a conference committee has been necessary in more than the usual numbers to get the two houses together.

Although a deadlock was not unexpected, it became more apparent when the House received from the Senate last week the Revenue Bill for concurrence in the many changes made after it left the House. The House voted on a motion not to concur and to name a committee to meet with a Senate committee to seek to bring order out of the chaotic condition of the bill.

The Senate marched right through the bill and by the middle of last week had eliminated the general sales tax provision, along with the full support by the State of the six months school term, as contemplated in the McLean act substituting therefor the Folger-Grier plan of a \$10,000,000 equalizing fund for the schools, and increased the revenue so it would amount to more than the \$3,500,000 increase provided in the equalizing fund.

In fact, the Senate increased the tax on tobacco companies 47 per cent. It also adopted a mild merchants sales tax on one-tenth of one per cent, which is estimated to bring in \$900,000. It increased the income tax rate mildly and added materially to the taxes paid by power and public service corporations, over the House provisions and over the present amounts paid.

The Senate refused to adopt the Baggett proposal of a surtax of 15 and then 8 per cent of the profits of corporations, over 10 per cent, and based on the assessed valuation, by a vote of 23 to 21, and, by vote of 26 to 20 turned down another Baggett proposal to tax the stock in foreign corporations, but did put a tax on the income from such stock. That body voted down the general sales tax by about four to one and killed the so-called luxury tax by a vote of 26 to 24. Threat of reintroduction of the general sales tax when the bill reached the third reading in the Senate did not materialize, and it went to the House, which body could hardly recognize its child.

Conference Committee
Speaker Willis Smith named on the conference committee Union L. Spence, Moore; H. C. Connor, Wilson; Claude W. Allen, Granville; R. L. Harris, Person, and R. G. Cherry, Gaston, and then added A. D. MacLean, Beaufort, and Gurney P. Hood Wayne. He made the point that although he is opposed to either sales or luxury taxes, he named a majority of the committee members from supporters of one or both of these taxes.

President R. T. Fountain, of the Senate, named Frank Dunlap, Anson, and John H. Folger, Surry, opponents of the two taxes, and J. W. Hindsdale, Wake, introducer of the luxury tax bill, and W. G. Clark, Edgecombe, mildly opposed to the sales tax. The Senate declined the invitation to name one or two more members when the House increased the number by two.

The conference committee is spending the week-end trying to work out some solution which both houses will approve, but it is a herculean task. On the committee is a majority for the State support of the six months school term, and a big majority for one or the other of the two taxes. Some, however, for one tax are bitterly opposed to the other. Whether a deadlock will be reached in committee remains to be seen. Whether the two divisions of the tax proponents can get together enough to have a majority over the opponents of any tax is still a question.

And when the committee goes (Continued on page eight)

School Commencement Is Earlier This Year

Owing to the fact that the usual nine months term of the Beaufort Graded School has been cut to eight commencement exercises will be unusually early this year. They will begin on Sunday the 27th of April. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Reverend R. F. Munns, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church, at 11 o'clock. The graduating exercises of the senior class will occur on Friday evening in the school auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock.

The commencement program is as follows:

- BACCALAUREATE SERMON — Sunday, April 27, 11 A. M. Precessional—Hymn — "O Worship The King" Invocation — Rev. J. P. Harris. Anthem—"The Heaven's Resound"—Glee Club. Scripture Lesson — Rev. R. F. Munns. Solo — Mrs. Graydon Paul. Hymn — "Love Divine" Sermon — Rev. R. F. Munns. Hymn — "Still, still with Thee." Benediction — Rev. J. P. Harris. Recessional—GRADUATION EXERCISES Friday, May 1, 8:00 P. M. Invocation — Rev. J. A. Vache. Welcome Chorus — Senior Class. Salutation — Rubie Dail. Historian — Adelia Norris. Statistician — Graham Duncan, Jr. Trio — On the Road to Mandalay —Mattie Weeks, Ruth Lewis, Troy Johnson. Grumbler — Ethel Whitehurst. Prophetess — Nell Windley. Testator — Nora Kirk. Chorus — May, the Month of Flowers — Senior Class. Poet — Troy Johnson. Giftoorian — Sue Norris. Valetictorian — Irene Eubanks. School Song (Words composed by Ruth Lewis) — Senior Class. Presentation of Gift to School — Leon Harris. Acceptance of Gift — U. E. Swann Chairman Board of Trustees Presentation of Diplomas — Supt. R. L. Fritz, Jr. Farewell Chorus — Senior Class. Benediction — Rev. J. P. Harris.

Issue Certificates To Carteret Teachers

By M. R. Dunnagan
Raleigh, April 21—Representative Luther Hamilton's bill to authorize the school authorities and county auditor of Carteret county to issue certificates of indebtedness to the teachers in the public schools of the county, in lieu of their salaries, passed the Senate Friday and was ratified Saturday.

Representative Hamilton had Carteret county included in the bill, passed by the House of Representatives Friday and ordered sent to the Senate. "To authorize, empower and direct the sheriff or other collector of certain counties and municipalities to establish a partial payment plan for the collection of taxes." Carteret and all municipalities in that county are included in the provisions of this bill, which would allow payment of one fourth of the tax due at a time.

FARMERS APPLY FOR \$45,383 LOANS IN HALIFAX SECTION

Weldon, April 19—Applications for loans totaling \$45,383 have been completed by farmers in the north-west section of Halifax county and forwarded to Washington for final action, reports County Agent W. O. Davis.

Two hundred and eighty-eight farmers had filed last week with an equal number of applications yet to be completed. Assistance in making out these forms is being given the individual by local and county committees. The greater part of the loans are to be used for buying seed and other farm supplies with a small percentage shown as being needed for food.

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VIRGINIA FARMER DOING WELL HERE

K. W. Wright Produces Variety Of Truck Crops And Other Crops

By Hugh Overstreet
County Farm Agent
K. W. Wright is a real asset to the agricultural development of Carteret County.

Four years ago Mr. Wright came to Carteret County and purchased a farm five miles north of Beaufort on the old New Bern highway. Since then he has purchased an additional farm in the same community and is at present cultivating 225 acres on the two farms. All of which he has in excellent condition. Mr. Wright is a native of Virginia and before locating in Carteret County he owned and operated a truck farm in the Norfolk trucking area.

The following crops are being grown on his farm this year: 10 acres Broccoli; 20 acres Radish; 27 acres Beets; 12 acres Cabbage; 51 acres Irish Potatoes, 50 acres Cukes, 10 acres Bell Peppers; 5 acres Corn; 50 acres Sweet Potatoes and 15 acres Soy Bean Hay. It will be noted that quite an acreage of this land is double cropped.

This farm is equipped with eight head of good mules, a Farm All tractor, riding cultivators, horse drawn sprayers and all other farming equipment necessary for economical production.

Mr. Wright employs from ten to one hundred hands on his farm in producing and harvesting his various crops.

He has erected a sweet potato curing and storage house with a capacity of 8000 bushels of potatoes, and a 65 ton Silo. He is using ensilage for green feed for the ten head of young cattle he is carrying on the farm. Four acres have been seeded to a permanent pasture, and this acreage will be increased from year to year to take care of the herd increase. It is Mr. Wright's intention to buy a few pure bred Jerseys in the near future and in the course of a few years to produce only pure bred stock.

In 1928 he invested \$80.00 in hogs, buying a pure bred boar and a few good grade gilts. In 1929 he sold \$1500 worth of pork, and in 1930 he sold \$2070 worth. He expects to sell \$3000 worth in 1931. He is now carrying 101 head of hogs on the farm. There is enough poultry kept to supply the family with fresh eggs and chickens to eat the year round.

He is planning, at present, to build a packing shed 40x60 feet, with concrete floor, equipped with running water, to wash his beet and radish crops. This shed will be used in the spring and summer for packing vegetables and in the winter months for housing his dry cattle, so as to preserve the manure for the farm.

Mr. Wright is not only a hustler, but is a booster for Carteret County. He says he will recommend this County to all farmers who wish to make a change and are willing to hustle.

END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINALLY SEEMS TO BE IN SIGHT

By CARL GOERCH

Seven different varieties of plagues were necessary before the Egyptians finally consented to let the Children of Israel leave the Valley of the Nile. There were locusts, boils, darkness and other things. If the Lord had threatened to send a legislature to Egypt and keep it in session for more than 110 days, discussing revenue measures, no other plagues would have been necessary. The Children of Israel would have been told to get out of the country immediately, if not sooner, in order that such a catastrophe might be averted. Not only that, but the Egyptians probably would have left with them.

The session in Raleigh is now approaching its close. The end is bound to be in sight. Members of the house and senate are almost exhausted. Human endurance cannot withstand much more. But then, there are grave doubts whether some of that crowd really are human.

The revenue bill is still up for discussion. Agood many of the legislators are opposed to a so-called "nuisance tax." The reason for their opposition is that they, themselves probably would be classed as nuisances and, therefore, would be taxed accordingly.

Governor Gardner will probably announce his new highway commission during the next day or two—if he hasn't already done so by the time this appears in print. Judging from what I heard in Raleigh this week, it looks very much as though

OYSTER CULTURE WILL BE BOOSTED

Beaufort Station To Be Center Of Extensive Study Of The Oyster

The station of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries located on Piver's Island in Beaufort harbor is to be the center of extensive oyster investigation for the South Atlantic states. Dr. H. F. Prytherch, who will succeed Dr. S. F. Hildebrand July 1 as director of the station, spent a few days here this week and gave this information to a reporter for the News. Dr. Hildebrand who has had charge of the station for two different periods has been called to Washington to assume duties there with the Department of Fisheries.

The new director of the station, Dr. Prytherch, has been with the department for a considerable time. For the past ten years he has been at work in Connecticut and has given especial attention to the study of the oyster. In the New England states oyster cultivation has grown to be a very large industry. A good many million dollars are invested in the business there and many people are employed in the industry. Dr. Prytherch thinks that a great opportunity exists for oyster cultivation in the sounds and rivers of eastern Carolina. One trouble here is that the business has not been done on a large enough scale. The supply of oysters is not large enough to supply a big demand and so the trade has to look to other sections.

According to Dr. Prytherch, the oyster is a very valuable food for human beings. It contains vitamins, copper and iodine. The copper is especially good for the blood and the oyster is highly recommended for anemic persons. Oyster consumption is steadily increasing and may become very much greater. Chain stores are handling them extensively. By what is known as the "quick freezing" process oysters can be shipped successfully to very distant points and this has widened its radius for commercial purposes. As in the past the Bureau of Fisheries will cooperate with the States Fisheries Department and with individuals who are interested in oyster propagation.

MUTUAL EXCHANGE ORGANIZED BY ONSLOW COUNTY FARMERS

Jacksonville, April 19—Farmers of Onslow county have organized a mutual exchange and will buy and sell farm supplies and produce for members, reports County Agent N. M. Smith.

Nine subordinate units in the various sections of the county form the exchange and representatives from the units compose the governing body for the main exchange.

Officers elected are J. W. Fountain, president; R. K. Heritage, vice-president, and Roy Justice, secretary-treasurer, with a director from each of the remaining six subordinate units.

FIGHT NOT ENDED YET

The latest news from Raleigh is that yesterday by a vote of 26 to 24 the Senate declined to instruct members of the conference committee to vote for the Hindsdale bill to tax luxuries. The purpose of the luxury tax is to raise revenue for the schools without levying an ad valorem tax on land.

There are some signs that indicate a compromise of some sort may be reached soon between the forces that have fought each so bitterly, now for more than 100 days and that the longest session of the General Assembly in history will terminate soon.

Baptist Anniversary Program Is Announced

The committee in charge of the plans for the anniversary week celebrating the Eightieth Anniversary of the Beaufort Baptist Church has announced the following speakers and their subjects.

Sunday, April 26th, 7:30 P. M.—Sermon, "Baptist and The Bible by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board, Raleigh, N. C.

Monday, April 27th 8:00 P. M.—Address "John Haynes Mill" or the story of the Orphan Child in N. C. by Dr. B. W. Spilman, of Kinston, N. C.

Tuesday, April 28th., 8:00 P. M.—Address by Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, President of Wake Forest College.

Wednesday, April 29th, 8:00 P. M.—"Baptist and the Home Program of Jesus" by Dr. Arch C. Cree, who was formerly secretary to Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and now pastor First Baptist church, Salisbury, N. C.

Thursday, April 30th. 8:00 P. M.—Address, "Baptist and the World Program of Jesus," by Dr. J. M. Kester, pastor of the First Baptist church Wilmington, N. C. and State Representative Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Sunday, May 3rd, 11:00 A. M.—Address by Dr. B. W. Spilman, Kinston, N. C.

Sunday, May 3rd 8:00 P. M.—Address, "Baptist and Evangelism" by Dr. Oscar Haywood, formerly of New York City and now pastor First Baptist Church, New Bern.

The above program brings to Beaufort and Carteret County the greatest group of public speakers ever brought to Eastern North Carolina in any one religious program. It will be a rare privilege for the public to hear these gifted speakers. The committee has rendered the church life of our county a great service by bringing these speakers into our midst. The public is cordially invited to note the hour of each service and be present to hear each speaker. J. P. Harris, Pastor.

Board of Education Members Terms Fixed

By M. R. Dunnagan
Raleigh, April 20—Representative Luther Hamilton introduced a bill in the General Assembly Thursday, April 16 to amend the general omnibus bill which appointed county boards of education, as it applied to Carteret county. The bill was passed by the House and sent to the Senate the same day.

It provides for the terms of office of the three members of the Board of Education of Carteret county as follows: W. H. Taylor, term lasting until 1933; Charles V. Webb, term lasting until 1935, and Dennis Mason, term lasting until 1937.

Representative Hamilton and Representative James W. Thompson, of Brunswick, jointly introduced a bill April 16 to amend House Bill No. 202 ratified by this session of the General Assembly on March 16, regulating the taking of shrimp in public waters of the State. It was passed by the House and sent to the Senate on that date.

CONTINUES FIGHT TO REMOVE TRAINS

New Bern, April 22—The Norfolk Southern Railroad company filed exception to the denial by the state corporation commission of its request to take off passenger trans Nos. 7 and 10 between Morehead City and Goldsboro, and the corporation commission yesterday overruled the exception.

This is the first step necessary, if the railroad desires to appeal to the courts from the ruling of the corporation commission in not permitting the trains to be discontinued. No announcement has been yet made as to whether the railroad officials will continue their fight in courts.

MILL CREEK FIGHT RED IN COURT

Lively Scrap Between Two Neighbors Stirs Up Considerable Interest

The chief interest in Tuesday's session of the County Recorder's Court was furnished by a Mill Creek delegation. This was the case in which Hugh Whaley, a young man of that community, was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, to wit a weapon sometimes known as a knuckle-duster or commonly called "knucks," upon Leon Dowdy. After a considerable contest Whaley was convicted. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs or 30 days in jail. He was defended by C. R. Wheately of Beaufort. Ken Hardesty well known citizen of Mill Creek, was present at the trial and aided in the defense.

The real cause of the dispute and fight between the two men did not come out in the evidence. It seems that one accused the other of telling a lie on him, that they had a considerable argument that ended in a fight. It seemed that Dowdy who is a small man but apparently a good scrapper, threw Whaley and got on top of him after first throwing a tricycle at him. He claimed that Whaley struck him on the back of the head with the knucks and showed a small scar to prove the assertion. Clinton Mason and Earl Graham testified that they saw the fight and also saw the knucks on Whaley's hand. Cyrus Lilly saw the fight but did not see any knucks. Mrs. Lula Mason at whose home the fight took place, did not see the knucks and neither did K. R. Hardesty who saw the scrap. Whaley said Dowdy called him a liar and that he thereupon slapped him down but did not use any knucks or weapon of any sort. After the fight was over Whaley went home and come back with a gun in his hand but did not attempt to use it.

Another case tried was that of James Long 17 year old Morehead City youth charged with reckless driving and assault with a deadly weapon, a truck. He was defended by Attorney Alvah Hamilton of Morehead City. The prosecuting witness was Elijah Willis of Morehead City. Attorney A. Baker Morris assisted Solicitor Phillips with the prosecution.

The evidence was that there was a collision one night at about 8:30 o'clock, at twentieth and Bridges street between a car driven by Willis and a truck driven by Long. The car was considerably damaged. Three girls were in the car with Willis and one of them, Miss Lucy May Forbes, sustained some slight injuries. The verdict of the court was not guilty. One or two cases were continued.

Elbert Gillikin of Otway who was convicted some weeks ago of an assault upon Carroll Lawrence was given until May 12 to pay the doctor's bill and other costs in the case or pay a fine of \$50 and costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Loren Gaskill Portsmouth, and Flora Bell Salter, Davis.
Burns B. Phillips, Morehead City, and Lila Wade, Morehead City.

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 24 | |
| 11:59 A. M. | 6:30 A. M. |
| 12:29 P. M. | 6:29 P. M. |
| Saturday, April 25 | |
| 1:06 A. M. | 7:33 A. M. |
| 1:44 P. M. | 7:40 P. M. |
| Sunday, April 26 | |
| 2:17 A. M. | 8:37 A. M. |
| 2:55 P. M. | 8:55 P. M. |
| Monday, April 27 | |
| 3:25 A. M. | 9:37 A. M. |
| 4:00 P. M. | 10:05 P. M. |
| Tuesday, April 28 | |
| 4:28 A. M. | 10:33 A. M. |
| 4:58 P. M. | 10:59 P. M. |
| Wednesday, April 29 | |
| 5:25 A. M. | 11:30 A. M. |
| 5:50 P. M. | 11:20 P. M. |
| Thursday, April 30 | |
| 6:16 A. M. | 11:03 A. M. |
| 6:40 P. M. | 12:09 P. M. |

Every cable used on the new electrical driven battleship Colorado, is thoroughly insulated.