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## Remarkable Session In Several Respects

### Much Power Has Been Taken From Counties And Towns By Acts of General Assembly; Revenue Act Provides For Collection of \$30,000,000 Yearly In Taxes.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN  
Raleigh, June 2—The North Carolina General Assembly, which adjourned sine die at 9 o'clock on the evening of May 27, was, in many respects, one of the most remarkable sessions ever held by a law making body in North Carolina, not only in the length of the session, but in the type of legislation and deviation from normal policies which it achieved.

No other session has lasted for 141 days, or 121 legislative days, except the 1868-9 reconstruction period session of 146 days from which 12 days of Christmas recess must be taken, leaving only 134 days. It establishes a new record for length and developed into an endurance test.

No other session has taken from the local units and vested in the State more authority, particularly in the maintenance of roads and schools and in the administration of county, city, town and local district fiscal affairs. These local units gave up authority and autonomy to a greater extent than ever before, trading, in their distress much loose, inefficient and ineffective administration for what is expected to be greater concentrated and more effective handling of governmental affairs.

No other session has taken back to the property owners of the State a greater measure of tax relief, for which real estate owners were clamoring. All taxes were not removed, but the operation of the highway, the school and the local government laws will bring a reduction of an average of 57 cents to the property owner, or almost half of the tax bill in many counties.

No other session has placed upon big business the amount of taxes that was levied against such business by the recent General Assembly, a tax that would not have been reached but for the insistent demand for land tax relief. The burden has, in a large measure, been placed on more successful business, that is most able to pay, and, while apparently more than a just share, may not be an onerous burden.

The closing day of the session marked the passage and enactment of several of the most important pieces of legislation of the entire session, chief of which were the Revenue, Appropriations, Machinery, School and several others.

The Revenue Act provides for collection of nearly \$30,000,000 a year in taxes, as compared with previous measures providing for about \$18,000,000 a year. Of this \$17,350,000 is for schools, including \$15,700,000 for the six months term, to be supplemented by the approximately \$1,300,000 for fines, forfeitures, penalties, poll and dog taxes, to be collected and used locally; \$1,500,000 for the extended term and \$150,000 as an emergency fund. This sum includes the estimated \$4,500,000 from the 15-cent ad valorem tax for the current expenses of the six months school operation. A cut of 10 per cent in amount paid for salaries, wages and fees of employees and officers in all State departments, a cut of not more than 10 per cent for teachers and a cut not exceeding that of the teachers, for the institutions of the State, are included in the appropriations bill. The University's appropriation was cut to \$721,000 for each of the two years, while the other State institutions generally were cut some to help lessen the expected deficit of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 a year, on the basis of present business conditions.

### No Revaluation

The Machinery act provides for no revaluation of property, the 15-cent ad valorem tax for schools being on the basis of the 1930 valuation. The school bill puts into effect the operation of the six months term by the State with the aid of the 15-cent tax from the counties, and provides for some of the desired economies in school operation and management. State Supt. A. T. Allen is not at all displeased with the outcome of the school measure, which gave promise at times of resulting in crippling the school work.

The last act passed provides for continuing the activities of the State Tax Commission, specifying a study (Continued on page eight)

## SUPERINTENDENT WORKMAN RESIGNS

### Schools Have Made Good Progress During His Administration

The resignation of J. H. Workman as County Superintendent of Schools, which was made May 4th, has been made public since the meeting of the Board of Education Monday. Mr. Workman's resignation was accepted and his successor, who is J. A. Abernethy of Rocky Mount has been elected. Mr. Abernethy is originally from Charlotte. For several years he has been principal of a large school at Rocky Mount and comes highly recommended. He has a wife and two children. He will begin work here the first of July.

Mr. Workman has been County School Superintendent of Schools here for six years succeeding M. L. Wright. During his administration the schools have made steady and consistent progress in increased attendance, scholarship and other ways. It was mainly through Mr. Workman's efforts that the school term in the county was lengthened from six to eight months which is generally regarded as one of the most progressive steps in the cause of education ever made here. Mr. Workman is generally regarded here as a very diligent and efficient school official. Mr. Workman's resignation and the resolution adopted by the board are printed below:

May 4, 1931.  
To Board of Education Carteret County:

Since I am planning to spend next year at the University of North Carolina working in the Department of Education, Bureau of Educational Research, I am herewith offering my resignation as County Superintendent of Schools of Carteret County effective July 1, 1931.

Respectfully,  
J. H. Workman,  
County Superintendent Schools.

### Resolution Passed by Board

Whereas, J. H. Workman, County Supt. of Public Instruction has tendered his resignation to the Board of Education effective July 1st, and whereas, his resignation has been accepted by the Board; now, therefore, be it resolved:

That, Mr. Workman has served as County Superintendent for the past six years, during that time he has faithfully and diligently applied his time and talents to the cause of education in the county, he has labored for the building up and improvement of the public school system. His efficiency in handling the many troublesome and perplexing questions arising is fully attested by the satisfactory results had. We commend him for his earnestness and resourcefulness and the zeal and efficiency with which he has carried on.

That a copy of these resolutions be given Mr. Workman, and also spread upon the records of this meeting.

Board of Education of Carteret County.

(Signed)  
W. H. Taylor, Chairman.  
Chas. V. Webb,  
D. Mason.  
Beaufort, N. C.  
May 6th, 1931.

## OLD NEWSPAPERS TELL OF CIVIL WAR TIMES

An interesting collection of newspapers published during and just after the Civil War was shown to a News man recently by Mr. B. King, well known citizen of the county who lives on North River road.

The newspapers now yellowed with age, but still readable, are the Daily Confederate published at Raleigh and the New Bern Journal of Commerce. They contain much matter of historical interest. They show very clearly the terrible strain and anxiety under which the people of the State were living at that time and also the bravery with which they met their misfortunes.

## WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The marriage of Miss Martha Louise Pierce to Mr. Harry Latan Brown will take place on Tuesday afternoon, June 9th at four o'clock, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There will be no invitations issued in Beaufort, and all friends are cordially invited to be present.

## POTATO HARVEST IS RUSHING NOW

### Fine Crop of Potatoes Being Moved; Low Prices Disappoint Growers

The annual potato harvest in Carteret county is now going along at top speed. More than a thousand men and children are in the fields busily digging, grading and packing the potatoes and day and night trucks are rushing over the roads and streets carrying their loads to railroad sidings and boat landings.

The weather has been very propitious for growing and harvesting the potato crop. The yield and quality have been good and in fact every thing is fine except the prices. Growers are disappointed at the low prices. So far the best price the News has heard of was \$2.50 for one of the first cars shipped. The price then dropped to \$2 and yesterday prime potatoes were selling in Beaufort for \$1.50 a barrel. There are no buyers here except representatives of the contracting firms. A large part of the crop was raised on the contract basis.

A redeeming feature of the potato situation is that the yield this year has been very good. With but few exceptions growers have all gotten good yields. Many have gotten 18 to 20 barrels for one barrel of seed planted. This indicates that the crop will be the largest ever grown in Carteret county. Shipments this week have been heavy and will continue so all of next week if the weather remains favorable. The N. B. C. Transportation Line has handled about 2000 barrels this week and expects to send out 1000 barrels today. The Norfolk Southern Railroad has shipped from Beaufort 98 cars this week and will move 40 cars today. A few cars have moved from Morehead City and some shipments to up State points by truck have been made.

## SPRING MENHADEN FISHING PROVES TO BE RATHER POOR

For some unknown reason the spring run of menhaden has not amounted to a great deal this year. Last week Captain Guthrie of the W. A. Mace made several fair catches and some of the boats caught a few but this week nothing has been done so far as the News has heard.

While the spring fishing is never so large as it is in the fall yet usually a good many are caught. Several boats from this section have gone to Florida and reports are that fish are rather plentiful down there. In a few weeks what is known as summer fishing, that is fishing with small boats in the sounds and rivers will start. Prices for oil and scrap are still quite low but manufacturers are hoping for better prices next fall.

## MR. AND MRS. AVERY ENTERTAIN PRIESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Avery entertained Tuesday at luncheon at their residence on Front street, Rev. Father Lane, Pastor of St. Egbert's Church, Morehead City, Rev. Father Julian of New Bern, Rev. Father Placidus of San Antonio, Texas, and Rev. Father John of Scranton, Penn.

Immigrants entering Canada last year numbered 104,806.

## CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET

The last regular meeting of their present board of commissioners of the town of Beaufort was held Monday night at the city hall. Mayor Taylor and Commissioners Chaplain, Maxwell, Rumley and Willis were present.

The business of most importance transacted by the board perhaps, was the adoption of the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931. This budget is on file with the town clerk and a copy of it appears in this issue of the News. The board requests the News to state that citizens are urged to read the budget carefully and if they have any suggestion as to any changes needed to leave the same with the town clerk. As already stated the budget is only a tentative one and is offered in compliance with the law. The final budget will be adopted by the new board next month. Any changes, if any are made, will be made by the new board.

W. L. Stancil, who has been doing some work for the town and who prepared the budget, broke the news to the board that it would be necessary for the new board to increase the tax levy. He stated that the town had not been levying enough for several years, that it had a deficit now of

## Superior Court Will Convene Next Monday

A two weeks term of Superior Court will convene here next Monday. The first three days have been allocated to the trial of criminal cases. If the criminal docket is finished by Thursday the civil docket will be taken up. The county suits against Floyd M. Simmonds and against several former county officials are set for Monday the 15th. The civil calendar is a long one and it is not thought possible to dispose of all of it.

The calendar is as follows:

- Thursday, June 11th
- No. 82. A-Bell vs Jones.
  - 83. Lee vs Willis.
  - 84. Eyer vs Brice Heirs.
  - 85. U. S. F. & G. vs Davis Construction.
  - 40. Springle vs Hyde.
  - 41. Swansboro Fish vs Wade.
  - 41. A-Whitehurst vs Whitehurst.
  - 42. A-Wallace vs Way et al
- Friday, June 12th.
- 49. Elks, Admr. vs M. City et al.
  - 50. Broadus, Admr vs M. City et al
  - 51. Thornton vs Lewis.
  - 52. Thornton vs Howland
  - 56. Gwaltney Co., vs Garner, admr
  - 58. Day vs Styron et al.
- Saturday, June 13th
- 58. A-Graham Bros. vs Jones.
  - 64. Lewis vs Beaufort Fish Scrap.
  - 66. Oglesby vs Gray.
  - 70. Chadwick vs Pigott.
  - 71. Golden vs Carter.
  - 72. Gaskill vs Halland.

- Monday, June 15th
- 92. Styron vs Day.
  - 93. C. Goodwin vs Day.
  - 94. D. Goodwin vs Day.
  - 95. Koonce vs Day.
  - 53. Carteret County vs Stancil and Huntley.
  - 54. Carteret County vs Brooks et al
  - 54. A-Carteret County vs Simmons et al.
  - 82. Carteret County vs Hamilton.
- Tuesday, June 16th.
- 75. Golden vs Insurance Co.
  - 76. Rhue vs Interstate Cooperation
  - 84. Universal Credit vs Lee.
  - 86. Parker & Hull vs Carteret Broadcast.

- Wednesday, June 17th
- 89. Portsmouth Fisheries vs Newport Fisheries.
  - 90. Standard Oil vs Newport Fisheries.
  - 91. Wallace vs Piner.
  - 97. Carroll vs Swinson.
  - 99. Howland vs Naylor.
- Thursday, June 18th
- 102. Koonce vs Fort.
  - 105. Jones vs Carmichael.
  - 106. Lynch vs Golden, Admr.
  - 107. Hamilton vs Salter.
  - 108. Loftin Mortor vs Small et al.
  - 109. Brady vs Norfolk-Southern.
  - 110. Swain vs Golden, Admr.
- Friday, June 19th.
- 111. Universal Credit vs Fulcher.
  - 2. Frisbee vs Frisbee.

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### SERVICES AT ST. EGBERTS

Rev. Father Lane, Pastor of St. Egbert's Church Morehead City announces that there will be Mass at the Catholic Church every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School for Children and Adults at 2 P. M. and evening devotions at 8 P. M. every Sunday during the Summer beginning June 7th.

Four additional silos have been erected by dairy farmers of Chatham County as an evidence of the increased interest in dairying.

## GAME WARDEN FORCE REDUCED

### As A Measure of Economy Some Counties Have Been Consolidated

Raleigh, June 1—Faced by a drop of approximately \$34,074.01 in the collections of hunting licenses last season, upon which the budget for expenditures for the next fiscal year is based, the State Warden force has been reorganized and reduced from 100 to 65 wardens, according to a statement issued yesterday from the Department of Conservation and Development.

Forced to take some action in view of the fact that the game division will, have \$34,074.01 less to spend than was contemplated under the previous estimates of expenditures, State Game Warden, C. H. England, asserted that a reduction in the number of wardens has been decided upon as the logical move.

All the consolidations of warden service has been made where there is less danger of injury to the program. This has been done in small counties which are contiguous and over which one warden can well administer the duties of his office.

The system of one county warden for each county regardless of how small the county is in area and other considerations already mentioned, necessarily is responsible for the low scale of salaries paid the county wardens and to cut them about twenty per cent to absorb the loss referred to above would fix their salaries so low that qualified men could not be secured to carry on properly the work of law enforcement in the field. Savings accomplished under the reorganization will make possible an upward trend in the pay of all wardens and an immediate increase for those wardens who take over additional territory and duties. Expenditures in other branches of operation of the game division of the Department of Conservation and Development are being cut in similar proportions to those for warden service.

Under the budget set up, the State Game Warden explained, approximately \$97,000 is set aside for law enforcement through operations in the field; approximately \$48,000 is provided for the operation of the State Game Farm, the establishment and maintenance of state and county refuges and the purchase of quail and other game for propagation. The remainder of about \$30,000 is spent for supplies and materials, licenses and license buttons, motor vehicles, repairs, insurance, equipment operation of the Raleigh Office, and incidental expenses.

The budget set up at the first of the biennium estimated the receipts from licenses at \$200,000 last season. This is a few thousand dollars less than had been collected annually under the game law until this year. Failure of collections this year to reach that sum by about \$34,074.01 makes it necessary to cut expenditures to conform with the total available operating fund. Each branch of the work of the game division is sharing in this reduction.

Although the number of county wardens has been reduced, the work of conservation and law enforcement will not be allowed to lag, officials of the Department asserted. The Department has built up a strong deputy warden service throughout the State, and those counties that do not have a resident warden will have deputies, who, under supervision of the regular warden assigned to the county, will carry on aggressively the conservation program.

## INLET INN REOPENS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The hotel facilities of Beaufort will be considerably increased by the fact that the Inlet Inn has reopened for business. It is under the management of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilmott. It will be run on the American plan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmott have been here since last November but did not attempt to open the hotel during the winter season.

The Inlet Inn has been conducted here off and on under different managements for more than twenty years and has had patrons from many states. It faces the ocean and the view from the porches is very fine. Guests there get the full benefit of the ocean breezes. Manager Wilmott says he has had quite a number of inquiries from former patrons and others and he hopes to have a very good business this summer.

## BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Moore today at Potter Emergency Hospital a girl.

## BOND RESOLUTION PASSED BY BOARD

### Board Asks That Jury From Another County Be Gotten For County Cases

The county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting here Monday. In the absence of Chairman W. M. Webb, Vice-chairman C. T. Chadwick presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carroll, Guthrie and Styron were present.

The board expected to have a conference with Bruce Craven of the firm of Craven and Craven bond attorneys, but were unable to do so as Mr. Craven was detained in Raleigh and was unable to be present. A resolution relating to the matter was adopted.

The record of business transacted as shown by the minutes is as follows:

On motion of Commissioner Guthrie, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, that upon the request of attorneys employed in the County cases the Board recommends to the Court, a jury from another County, for the trial of County cases.

On motion of Commissioner Carroll, seconded by Commissioner Guthrie, that petition presented by Mr. C. R. Wheatly, requesting State Highway Commission, to take over and build road from Atlantic Beach to Fort Macon Park, be recommended by Board of County Commissioners, Carteret County.

On motion of Commissioner Guthrie, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, that Board of Commissioners, request that the Board of Trustees of Beaufort Graded School, make immediate payment of premium on insurance policy due Mrs. Jennie Bell.

Board recessed for dinner to meet again at 2 P. M. Board reconvened at 2 P. M.

On motion of Commissioner Carroll, seconded by Commissioner Styron, that World War Veteran, be granted a peddlers license.

On motion of Commissioner Styron, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, that the advertising of property for taxes be deferred until first Monday in July 1931.

On motion of Commissioner Styron, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, that correspondence on file between the Chairman and attorneys relative to Carteret County suits pending, be placed upon the minutes of this board.

On motion of Commissioner Guthrie, seconded by Commissioner Styron, that the County furnish one thousand feet of sap lumber for bridge on Old Mill Road, Harlowe Township.

On motion of Commissioner Carroll, seconded by Commissioner Guthrie, that Hannah F. Taylor, Sealevel, be placed upon the poor list at \$5.00 per month.

On motion of Commissioner Styron, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, that Grady Willis, of Atlantic, be recommended for position on Highway Commission, Eastern section Carteret County roads.

On motion of Commissioner Guthrie, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, that appointment of Tax Collector for Carteret County, be deferred until first Monday in July.

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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, June 5	Low Tide
11:11 A. M.		5:27 A. M.
11:44 P. M.		5:29 P. M.
Saturday, June 6		
12:00 M.		6:13 A. M.
11:41 P. M.		6:25 P. M.
Sunday, June 7		
12:51 A. M.		7:03 A. M.
1:38 P. M.		7:25 P. M.
Monday, June 8		
1:44 A. M.		7:51 A. M.
2:33 P. M.		8:25 P. M.
Tuesday, June 9		
2:40 A. M.		8:38 A. M.
3:22 P. M.		9:22 P. M.
Wednesday, June 10		
3:31 A. M.		9:29 A. M.
4:08 P. M.		10:14 P. M.
Thursday, June 11		
4:21 A. M.		10:07 A. M.
4:51 P. M.		11:03 P. M.