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Work Of Legislature Somewhat Of A Puzzle

Will Take Several Weeks To Find Out What Was Done; School Folks Seem To Be In A Tangle; Expect To Save Considerable Money By Buying Through Purchase And Supplies Department.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

Raleigh, June 8—The State Capital, as well as the entire State, much relieved at the closing of the longest legislative session in the history of the commonwealth, has been busy the past week seeking to interpret just what that body did and to find out just where it is—a process that will continue for several weeks, some phases stretching out into years.

The school folks have been trying to extricate themselves from what seems on its face a great tangle, but which, after interpretations and study, is expected to become simple and workable, even though a definite change in policy—from county operation with State aid to State operation with county aid—has been made.

The State Board of Equalization, charged with handling the more than \$18,000,000 in school funds, held a two-day session last week, making a study of the law and its duties and requirements. The second day of the session was held with county and city superintendents, principals and other school men, gathered at the invitation of State Superintendent A. T. Allen, here to learn what they could regarding the new laws and requirements.

Fear that the schools would be greatly crippled, apparently has died down and the opinion prevails that, in view of what might have been and at times appeared likely, the schools are to be in fair shape and may continue without serious injury, even if the State does have to get on the red side of the ledger in doing it. Local districts will not be materially affected, if local school authorities are able to get the governing boards of the counties and school districts to levy taxes sufficient to supplement the funds to be secured from the State. Economies, including purchases supplies through the State director of purchase and supplies contract, will be put into effect, so bulk buying will result in important savings.

A. S. Brower, purchasing agent, told the officials to go easy on their purchases, until he could work out some plan. E. B. Jeffers, chairman of the State Highway Commission, told them of the plans for county highways especially those on which school buses will operate.

The Local Government Commission probably the most important body of those created by the General Assembly, certainly next to the school changes in importance, held its quarterly meeting last week, but its actions were of a routine nature. The operation is left to the executive committee and particularly to Charles M. Johnson, director. It is expected to be a power in the handling of local financial problems.

The Advisory committee of the State Banking Department also met last week on Friday, and went into problems of bank examining under the new law. This body is expected, with the additional powers conferred and through Gurney P. Hood, new commissioner of banks, to prove a great factor in stabilizing and allaying fears regarding bank failures, following the panic of last winter.

Tyre C. Taylor has entered upon his duties as executive counsel to Governor Gardner and Edward M. Gill, Laurinburg, has assumed his new post of private secretary to the Governor.

Frank L. Dunlap, of Wadesboro, State Senator has been named director of personnel.

Meanwhile, Governor Gardner spent last week at his home in Shelby, in a quest of needed rest, following the long-drawn-out legislative session.

The Capital City took on a quiet aspect following the adjournment, but about every day brings groups to Raleigh for one purpose or another, and normally will soon be reached.

COAST VOYAGERS HOPE TO MAKE RICHMOND, Va., TODAY

Goldsboro, June 9—The Liles party reached Petersburg, Va., at 4 o'clock this afternoon and expect to reach Richmond Wednesday night, according to a message received in Goldsboro tonight. Mr. Liles, who is pulling two children, Gladys and Charles in a goat wagon, stated in his telegram that he pulled 35 miles today.

Raleigh Children Camp On Harker's Island

Raleigh, June 10—Two camps for children have been established on Harker's Island, one of the prettiest and most historic spots along the North Carolina coast, and are now being occupied by carefree boys and girls who are spending their summer outings at this picturesque place. Miss Mary Baggett, a teacher in the Raleigh public school, is conducting the camp for girls, and Jimmy White is supervisor of the boys' camp which is situated just three miles away.

Surf bathing, boating, fishing, sailing and hiking form a large part of the camp routine, while daily boat trips to such points as Cape Lookout Old Fort Macon, Piver's Island, the lighthouse and crab-floats offer entertaining and educational diversions to the young campers. "Camp life with Safety" is the slogan of the two camps, and every precaution is taken against accidents. A regular routine, good food, and daily exercise keep the children in good physical condition.

Until the last few years Harker's Island has been known to few outsiders, but better developed transportation facilities have brought more and more visitors to the island until now it is regarded as one of the show-places of the Carolinas. Endowed by nature with a riotous semi-tropical climate, Harker's Island is indeed a place of primeval loveliness. It is also rich in historical lore, being claimed by some that it is the island upon which Captain John White landed, and that the descendants of the "Lost Colony" are to be found there.

SPORTSMEN NOW HAVING SOME VERY GOOD LUCK

Fishing parties that have been going out from Beaufort recently have for the most part been quite lucky. The News has heard of several good catches that were made recently by sportsmen. On Tuesday afternoon a party from the Davis House went out with Captain Ned Lewis in his boat the William and Gordon, and caught 101 blue fish and Spanish mackerel in a few hours. Those in the party were Judge and Mrs. W. A. Devin, Miss Hilda Jacobs and Mr. Charles E. Brooke and family.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

The session of City Police Court Friday afternoon was a very short one. Only two defendants, both colored, were arraigned before Mayor Taylor.

Willis Fulford, rather well known in court circles, submitted a plea of guilty to the charge of drunk and disorderly. He said the charge against him grew out of some family dispute. The Mayor gave him \$5 and costs or ten days.

Joe Collins admitted driving a car faster than twenty miles an hour through the streets of Beaufort and was fined \$10 and costs.

Aleck Edwards charged with drunkenness was not in court and his case was continued.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin of Lenoxville, Thursday, June 4, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Foderie of Beaufort, R. F. D., Friday, June 5, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Floyd Willis of Beaufort, Saturday, June 6, a son, Ray Mitchell Willis.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hill of Marshallberg, Saturday, June 6, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hamilton of Stacy, Thursday, June 11, a daughter, Frances Jean Hamilton.

GUESTS AT WHITEHOUSE

Washington, June 10—More than 850 disabled World-war veterans were invited guests today at the white house garden party given annually in their honor. Following their usual custom, President and Mrs. Hoover extended personal greetings to each.

BIG LOSS CAUSED BY NORFOLK FIRE

Vessels, Docks And Houses Burned; Officials Estimate Damage at \$3,000,000

Norfolk, June 8—More than six blocks of valuable waterfront property was a smouldering ruin here today, drenched by heavy rain which providentially came to the aid of firemen, civilians, sailors and marines late last night after a battle of almost six hours with the most serious fire in Norfolk's history.

City officials estimated the damage of approximately \$3,000,000. Almost half hundred persons overcome by smoke, burned and blistered or otherwise injured, were treated in hospitals but few of the injuries were serious.

The fire started in the Buxton Line warehouse on the water front, apparently from an exploding oil barge. Flames were fanned by a brisk wind and spread rapidly through the whole sale district and for a long time threatened the retail business section jumping across main street several times. Fire brands were scattered over a wide area by the wind.

Seventy pieces of fire equipment from every city in the Hampton Roads area were brought to the aid of the hard pressed Norfolk Fire department and blujackets and marines were called to duty in keeping order. Thousands of excited persons jammed the streets until a late hour last night.

Heaviest loss was in the destruction of the building of the American Peanut corporation and the Old Dominion Line terminals. A number of other warehouses were destroyed, several tugs damaged and the Victoria hotel, a five story structure which caught fire several times, was badly damaged by the fire water and smoke. Guests fled from the hotel in safety, many without taking time to dress.

The fire started about 5:30 in the afternoon and was not brought under control until after the rainstorm broke at 11 p. m.

WILLIAM POTTER SIGNS UP WITH ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

William Potter of Beaufort, and who graduated from the University of North Carolina this year, has signed up with the St. Louis national baseball club commonly known as the "Cardinals." He left for St. Louis Sunday afternoon. Mr. Potter has been the principal catcher on the University team and was elected captain of the team this spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. R. Potter of Beaufort.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

A. O. Newberry et als to The Meadows Co., 11 tracts in Newport and other Townships, for —

Willie Jones and wife to Alice Jones Culppepper 1 3-4 acres Newport Township, for \$50.

Geo. T. Duffy to N. H. Russell, 3 acres Morehead Township, for \$10.

Eugene Dudley to Town of Beaufort 1 parcel or lot, Beaufort, for Relief from taxes and \$1.00.

M. C. Fulford to Safrif Bros. tract timber Straits Township, for \$400.

WILMINGTON BANKER IS PLACED ON TRIAL

Wilmington, June 10—M. Douglas Clarke, former assistant cashier of the defunct Home Savings bank where an audit revealed a shortage of approximately \$186,000, went on trial this afternoon in New Hanover Superior court on 13 counts charging false entry.

Charges of embezzlement of which Clark was also indicted by a grand jury several months ago were not mentioned in the bills of indictment read before the jury by Solicitor Woodus Kellam, and there was no announcement that these charges would be pressed.

The state opened with two witnesses, Mrs. Maude S. Soverel and Miss Tmyra Black, former employees of the bank, who identified 13 entries listed in the indictments as being false as being Clark's handwriting.

Frank Chapman, one of the auditors of the A. Lee Rawlings company Raleigh, who reported a discrepancy in the bank's accounts, was on the stand when court recessed for the day. He will give detailed testimony tomorrow morning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Sterling Dixon, Satter Path and Bernice Davis, Davis.

William Roy Willis, Beaufort and Zuleika Carroll Nelson, Gloucester.

Oil from the shark's liver is said to equal that of the cod.

FIREMAN MISSING NOW IN NEW BERN

Heavy Loss Caused By Conflagration Yesterday

New Bern, June 10—Edgar Elliott, volunteer fireman, who was last seen fighting a blaze that swept New Bern's waterfront early today, is believed to have perished in the \$205,000 conflagration.

Search for Elliott was launched this afternoon when relatives reported he had not been seen since the fire was extinguished. Fellow firemen said they last saw Elliott on the stern of a tugboat which had been moored to a warehouse wharf which later burned.

Boatmen were tonight dragging the Neuse River harbor and fishermen were searching the ruins of a warehouse in an effort to find some clue to Elliott's fate.

New Bern, June 10—Two large barges, a tugboat and the Bishop storage warehouse were totally destroyed with their contents this morning in a fire of undetermined origin, the loss being in excess of two hundred thousand dollars, only partially covered by insurance. A freight car was damaged and a gasoline launch was also burned in the blaze.

Two firemen were injured in the fire fighting that saved adjoining buildings, Tobe Roberts, a Negro watchman, is at a local hospital with a dislocated ankle, sustained in his escape from the burning tug, and Captain and Mrs. R. N. Quidley, and little daughter, Mercedes, of Cape Hat terras, on the larger barge escaped barely with their lives, due to the prompt assistance of Mack L. Lupton.

Heavy Loss, Little Insurance

Harry Kahn, of the Carolina Distributing Company, today estimated that his total loss was eighty thousand dollars, including forty-five thousand dollars for his barge, tug and cargo, on which he did not have a cent of insurance, and thirty thousand dollars for his large stock of soft drinks and crates and office furnishings in the warehouse. On this latter part he had fifteen thousand dollars floating insurance. The warehouse, owned by E. K. Bishop, was valued at twenty-five thousand. It was a huge structure, with the front and roof of galvanized iron. Dating back sixty years, the original structure had been frequently added to during more recent years. At one time it served as the Old Dominion Line boat pier. Its loss was partly covered by insurance.

In the other part of the warehouse were stored twelve thousand bags of sugar, shipped here by the Pennsylvania Sugar Company for distribution through Carolina Lines, Inc., of New Bern and Norfolk. This entailed a total loss of sixty thousand dollars completely covered by insurance, according to L. P. Sutton, of the local concern.

Six trucks and six trailers, owned by the Carolina Lines, Inc., were saved, being driven from out the garage that was shortly afterwards burned to the ground. Mr. Sutton had only returned to the city late last night from Norfolk, where he was called by company losses in the Norfolk fire. Their loss in Norfolk totaled ninety thousand dollars, including six trucks, five trailers, office furnishings and a quantity of merchandise. The Norfolk cargo was fully insured and the trucks there were half covered by insurance, and there was no insurance on their office equipment.

The barge, "Connecticut," owned by the Southern Transportation Company, of Norfolk, valued at forty thousand dollars was a total loss. It was said to be insured. Its load of cement had been taken off and placed in the nearby stores of M. D. W. Stevenson, which was saved by the firemen.

Lupton Hero of Fire

Shortly after three o'clock this morning the blaze was first discovered by Mack L. Lupton. Immediately he gave the fire alarm, but though the firemen rushed to the scene, they found the blaze breaking through the warehouse roof.

Mr. Lupton then went to warn the persons on the barges and boats at the docks. A number of boats were released safely. Carrying the alarm to Captain and Mrs. Quidley and their little daughter on the larger barge, Mr. Lupton then went to work briskly in another section, hat and coat at one time afire, until he heard a woman call from the Connecticut. He rushed back there and found the Captain and his family and mate, Cecil Menley, of Norfolk, in grave danger, unable to get ashore. To them he hurried with his boat and saved their lives.

The Captain's hair was singed by the flames.

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PENITENTIARY SENTENCES GIVEN DEFENDANTS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Noted Rum Runner Gets Three Years; Walter Garner Sent There For Examination; Trial of Civil Cases Now in Progress; Many Set For Trial

Potato Shipments Are Still Going Forward

Potato shipments from Carteret county continue quite heavy and digging is still in progress. Shipments are heavy from other potato growing sections and prices remain low.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad has sent out 75 car loads from Beaufort this week, 33 cars went today, and has handled in all so far 298 cars. Potatoes are packed 200 barrels to the car. Including last Saturday's shipment the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Transportation line has handled about 3000 barrels. Prime potatoes have sold as low as \$1.30 a barrel on the local market but the price today is \$1.50 so the News is informed. The New York market today is \$3 a barrel.

COUNTY HOME INSPECTED AND FOUND SATISFACTORY

The committee appointed at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last week to inspect the County Home made its inspection and reported that nothing wrong was found. There had been a complaint filed with the board and a committee of three, composed of Commissioners Carroll, Guthrie and Styron, was appointed to investigate the matter. They stated that they believed the institution was being conducted in a proper manner.

PONY PENNING A SUCCESS

The pony penning held Thursday a week ago by Captain David Jones of Marshallberg proved to be a big success. A large number of people were present for the occasion and also a hundred or more ponies were rounded up. Several ponies were sold and the News understands that more could have been sold if there had been any means of transporting them away. This was the first pony penning that had been held in the county for several years.

WELL KNOWN BLIND MAN MARRIES SECOND WIFE

Raleigh, June 10—James Colon Johnson, known to thousands of North Carolinians as "Blind" Johnson, the door-keeper of the hall of the house of representatives, was married here last night to Miss Ethel Stanley, who is also blind.

The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the Central Methodist church by the Rev. J. F. Herbert. Mr. Johnson is 64 and his wife is 29. Both attended the state school for the blind here.

For 33 years Mr. Johnson lived at New Bern. Mrs. Johnson lived at Four Oaks. Both now make Raleigh their home, residing with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, who are also blind.

The marriage was kept a secret until today.

PRISON POPULATION NOW IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

Raleigh, June 9—With a net gain of 70 prisoners for May, state's prison again set a new record for total population on June 1 with 2,679 persons held in Central prison here or in prison camps over the state.

For the first time in history of the state more than 600 prisoners are held in Central prison here. Warden H. H. Honeycutt said.

Monthly population statistics, announced today by J. K. Powell, prison bookkeeper, showed that courts sent 168 persons to state's prison last month. Other admittances raised the total to 187 while discharges, escapes, deaths, paroles and transfers aggregated only 117.

On June 1 there were 2,218 white men, 1,369 negro men, 32 white women and 60 negro women confined in the prison or its camps.

GETS ACQUITTAL VERDICT

Charlotte, June 9—Luke Melles, convict camp watchman who killed John Alexander March 23, received a directed verdict of acquittal at the hands of Judge E. P. McElroy. It was shown his gun was accidentally discharged.

Seven Die In Cloudbursts. Bucharest, Rumania, May 14—Cloudbursts in Rumania today caused the loss of at least seven lives, and enormous damage.

The trial of cases on the criminal docket was finished this morning in Superior Court. There have been a considerable number of convictions and submissions and three defendants have been given penitentiary sentences. Trial of the cases on the civil side of the docket has been started. The number set for trial is a large one and some of the lawyers say that they do not think it possible to reach them all.

Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford is the presiding Judge. Solicitor David Clark, as usual, has represented the State in the trial of the criminal cases. Court convened Monday morning a few minutes after 10 o'clock. The formalities of getting organized and the Judge's charge took about an hour. Judge Devin went fully into the functions and duties of the grand jury and impressed upon that body the responsibility resting upon them. He stressed strongly the need for enforcing the laws and stated that certainty of punishment for misdeeds was more effective than severity. John Chaplain of Beaufort was appointed forman of the grand jury and Herbert Forlaw was appointed officer in charge.

Attorney W. B. R. Guion of New Bern who is one of the counsel for the county in certain suits brought against the Simmons Construction Corporation and several individuals offered a motion that two of the cases on the calendar be taken up for trial next week and the other two continued. This motion was resisted by Attorneys, C. R. Wheatly, Larry Moore, A. D. Ward, Luther Hamilton and J. F. Duncan. Judge Devin decided to take up the cases in the order in which they appear on the calendar. The cases referred to are, Carteret county against Stancil and Huntley, Carteret county against Brooks and others, Carteret county against Simmons and others and Carteret county against Hamilton. The first case is set for Monday; three other cases are ahead of it and set for the same day.

Of the criminal cases tried perhaps the one of most general interest was that of Herbert Morris, a New Bern Negro who bears the reputation of being a noted rum runner. He it was who some weeks ago to avoid arrest ran his car into Chief of Police Longest and broke one of his ankles. D. L. Ward Jr., of New Bern, who represented Morris, after evidence for the State had been put on decided to enter a plea of guilty and beg for mercy. His client got a sentence of three years in the penitentiary. Various police and county officers testified as to the bad reputation of Morris and that he was exceedingly hard to catch. When the warrant was sent to New Bern for him however he voluntarily surrendered to the sheriff.

Walter Garner, a rather well known young white man, who some weeks ago hit his stepfather Tom Noe with a club and fractured his skull was tried. After hearing evidence of Tom Noe, his wife and one or two

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, June 12	
5:07 A. M.	10:48 A. M.
5:31 P. M.	11:10 P. M.
Saturday, June 13	
5:52 A. M.	11:46 A. M.
6:10 P. M.	11:29 P. M.
Sunday, June 14	
6:33 A. M.	12:30 A. M.
6:50 P. M.	12:11 P. M.
Monday, June 15	
7:13 A. M.	1:13 A. M.
7:42 P. M.	12:54 P. M.
Tuesday, June 16	
7:55 A. M.	1:56 A. M.
8:15 P. M.	1:39 P. M.
Wednesday, June 17	
8:40 A. M.	2:44 A. M.
9:03 P. M.	2:27 P. M.
Thursday, June 18	
9:28 A. M.	3:27 A. M.
9:49 P. M.	3:17 P. M.