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## SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE STILL UNDECIDED

### Several Governors To Confer On Tobacco Situation; Gasoline Sales Increase

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Nov. 2.—"Special session" talk continues to be one of the main considerations in Raleigh and over the State, but the trend has been changed as a result of the action of Governor Gardner toward a conference of the governors of four principal bright tobacco states, along with three or four agricultural figures, to see if uniform action can be taken toward relief for the tobacco growers from low prices and restriction of acreage to prevent further overproduction next year again.

The plans under way call for a meeting of Governor Pollard, Virginia; Governor Blackwood, South Carolina, and Governor Russell, Georgia, with Governor Gardner, probably in Charlotte on Friday of this week, to consider joint action on the tobacco situation. Three or four others interested in tobacco and agriculture generally, to be named by the Governors, would be asked to the conference. While legislation might result it is not thought this method would be agreeable. Just what form the action would take is problematical.

Fully 500 messages, letters, telegrams and calls, had come to Governor Gardner's office during the last few days and up to Saturday, Secretary Edwin Gill reported, saying these messages had not been tabulated and it is impossible to say how many are for and how many against the special session of the General Assembly. Belief was expressed that the majority were against the Governor's calling the legislature together for cotton and tobacco acreage reduction. The messages are being tabulated and classified.

Governor Gardner's message earlier in the week that no power or influence could force him to call a session and that no power or influence could force him to refrain from calling one, depending upon his own convictions as to whether it would be or would not be desirable from the point of view of the people of the State, has brought forth many forms of comment. Approval of the sentiment was given in an editorial by Joseph Daniels, who brought out that Governor Gardner should not be influenced by the opposition to the special session, as expressed by Norman A. Coker, head of an industrial group. Mr. Daniels is given credit for being the greatest proponent of the special session movement, and of promoting the movements seeking to influence Governor Gardner to call the session.

### Tobacco Products Lead

Tobacco products took the lead in the value of manufactured goods in North Carolina in 1929, going ahead of textiles which had held the supremacy for several years, figures compiled in the 1930 census and announced by the Department of Conservation and Development show.

Cigars and cigarettes manufactured in 1929 were valued at \$480,038,850, or more than \$80,000,000 more than the value of the same products in 1927, two years before, which was \$392,050,130. Smoking and chewing tobacco and snuff are not included in these figures, which would carry the total considerably above the half a billion mark.

In 1927 all tobacco products were valued at \$413,274,113, at which time the textile products were valued at \$425,437,522, but in 1929 the textile values had increased to only \$452,000,000. Values of textile products increased almost 10 per cent from 1927 to 1929, while tobacco products increased approximately 20 per cent in the same two year period.

Wage earners in cigar and cigarette making numbered 14,081 in 1927 and had decreased to 13,778 in 1929, but wages paid increased from \$11,542,745 in 1927 to \$11,783,472 in 1929. Costs of material, supplies, fuel and purchased electric current increased from \$117,565,177 in 1927 to \$139,613,094 in 1929. These costs do not include the approximately \$250,000,000 paid for government stamps, but this cost is computed in counting the value of manufactured products. By which it is seen that raw material and processing of tobacco products constitute more than half of the value of the finished product, exclusive of the stamp tax cost.

### State general fund revenue collections Tax Collections Better

State general fund revenue collections for the first four months of this fiscal year are about a million and a quarter dollars ahead of collections for the same period last year, or \$6,000,000.

### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blake of Merrimon twin sons October 31st. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Mason of Harkers Island a son November 1st.

## Schools Will Close For Thanksgiving Day

The business transacted by the County Board of Education Monday was mostly of a routine nature.

The old school building on Hog Island, about 45 years old, was sold to Captain J. J. Day for \$36,000.

The board considered the amounts of insurance carried on the county school buildings and decided that it was sufficient except in one or two instances which will be increased.

Thanksgiving day will be observed as a holiday by all the county schools and if they desire they may also close on Friday the 27th so Superintendent Allen states. The schools are asked to prepare suitable programs for Armistice Day which is next Wednesday.

The county schools will have a two weeks vacation this year for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The schools will close December 18 and not resume work until Monday, January 4, 1932.

## RECORDER'S COURT HAD LIGHT BUSINESS TUESDAY

Business was light in Recorder's Court Tuesday. The first case tried was that of Robert Pugh, young colored man from Morehead City, charged with driving a car in a reckless manner and injury to property. He was defended by Attorney Luther Hamilton who after hearing the testimony of Chief of Police George Nelson submitted to a verdict of guilty.

There was no evidence that Pugh was drunk but he ran into another car and did some damage to it and ran into a sign. He had some girls in the car with him he stated and his attention was not given over entirely to driving. Judge Davis let him off with the costs and gave him three weeks to pay otherwise he will have to go to jail.

Ed Davis, white haired colored man of Beaufort who said that he is 65 years old, plead guilty to the charge of having liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale. He said he sold liquor because he had no other way to live. He was given a sentence of six months to be served at the County Home and told to go and sin no more.

The case of Raymond Garner of Newport and Elijah Robinson of Stacy were continued until Friday week. There will be no court next Tuesday as Judge Davis expects to be out of town that day.

## FARMERS GIVEN POTATO ADVICE

### Big Crop Next Year Means Low Prices A. E. Mercker States

An interested audience of some forty or fifty potato growers and others heard a talk by Tuesday morning by A. E. Mercker, representing the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the outlook for Irish potatoes. County Agent Hugh Overstreet introduced the speaker and the meeting was held in his offices.

With the aid of a number of charts Mr. Mercker made an analysis of the white potato situation. He showed the various factors that enter into the problem of growing potatoes and which affect the price. A large carry over of old potatoes is one of the principal factors so Mr. Mercker said. He showed that when large quantities of old potatoes are carried over that low prices follow. The depressed condition of business also tends to make potatoes as well as other products sell low.

Mr. Mercker stated that 325,000,000 bushels of old potatoes have been stored in the northern states and will be marketed in accordance with demand. New potatoes will sell very low next year, possibly \$1.25 a barrel if a large crop is raised so the speaker predicted. Efforts are being made to induce growers in the early potato belt to keep down their acreage. Meetings have been held at Mount Olive, Vanceboro, Bayboro, Aurora and other places in this State. C. R. Sheffield of the State Department of Agriculture was also present at the meeting and spoke briefly endorsing what Mr. Mercker had said.

This year Carteret county shipped 390 cars of early potatoes which was the largest crop ever produced in the county. A reduced acreage next spring is advised by the State and Federal agricultural authorities.

## COUNTY SETTLING WITH J. H. DAVIS

### Committee Appointed To Settle Accounts With Former Sheriff

A good part of the time of the Board of County Commissioners was taken up Monday in listening to requests of people for lower valuations on property either real or personal. All members of the board were present. Chairman Webb, who has been in Florida for several months, was present and presided over the meeting.

In order to effect a settlement between the county and former sheriff J. H. Davis a committee was appointed Monday to go over the books with him. The committee began work Tuesday. The members of the committee are C. T. Chadwick, Martin Guthrie and W. W. Styron.

A motion offered by Commissioner Carroll instructing the County Auditor to adjust some tax matters of Mrs. George E. Howell and D. B. Turner was passed.

The request of the Standard Oil Company for an amendment of the valuation of its personal property at Morehead City to \$9,345 was heard and on motion of Commissioner Carroll was granted.

The valuation of the property of Mrs. E. B. Salter heirs was ordered fixed the same as in 1930 on motion by Commissioner Carroll.

A request to correct error of \$300 in listing the property of R. L. Piggott was granted on motion of Commissioner Carroll.

The request of Mrs. Dorothy K. Davant that valuation on real estate be reduced was granted to the extent of \$865 on motion by Commissioner Chadwick.

The application of Sam B. Willis of Morehead City to be admitted to the county home was granted on a motion offered by Commissioner Styron.

A reduction of \$500 on the property of E. K. Morris was made on motion offered by Commissioner Chadwick.

A motion offered by Commissioner Guthrie that repairs needed at the county home and jail be made as soon as possible. The motion was passed.

Commissioner Styron offered a motion to allow the Jailor his turnkey fees which was passed. At the afternoon session County School Superintendent Allen went before the board and discussed with the board the question of financing the schools.

## ONLY THREE CASES TRIED IN CITY POLICE COURT

or Taylor in court last Friday afternoon. They all plead guilty and so only a few minutes was required to dispose of their cases.

Bert Lloyd on the charge of drunkenness, second offense, was given the option of paying \$2.50 and costs or serving ten days on the streets.

Joe Buttrely said he was guilty of fighting but the Mayor said he did not see it that way and dismissed the warrant. Buttrely said that Tom Noe used abusive language to his father and that he hit Tom. The Mayor said he thought he was justifiable in doing it.

Ed Davis, elderly colored man, on the charge of having liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale was held for the Recorder's Court under a \$50 bond.

## FLOWER SHOW

The Garden Club will hold a Chrysanthemum show next week. Other flowers may also be entered. Watch Drug Store windows for date.

## POWER COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES AND CITY BOARD MEMBERS CONFER

Three representatives of the Tidewater Power Company, Messrs. Kilburn, Womack and Poisson, met with the city commissioners Monday night at the city hall and discussed the matter of the transfer of the power plant to the Tidewater Company. Representing the city were Mayor Taylor, Commissioners Gibbs, King, Glover and Rumley, City Attorney G. W. Duncan and Clerk Thomas. The discussion lasted about an hour.

Both the board members and the Tidewater men showed every desire to be fair about the repairs which are being made, due to an explosion that occurred at the plant about two weeks ago. A letter from the Fairbanks-Morse Company was read which stated that this company would do the repairs to the engine for \$959, and if desired to do all repairs to the machinery and building would do the same for \$1895. The Tidewater men said all they wanted was to be protected against any damage caused by

## ACCIDENTS CAUSE MUCH LOST TIME

### Less Accidents In The State Last Year Than In The Year Before

RALEIGH, Nov. 2.—Time lost from work through industrial accidents in North Carolina in the past two years would extend nearly 2,400 years, or to about 500 years before the birth of Christ, the report of the N. C. Industrial Commission, administering the Workmen's Compensation Act, shows.

Accidents have been materially reduced the past year, ended June 30, 1931, as compared with the year before, however, due largely probably to two factors: the lessening of industrial operations during the depression period, and the efforts of the Commission, employers and insurance carriers to reduce the accidents thru safety conferences and instructions.

During the past year accidents reported reached 28,750, or 4,959 less than the 33,709 of the year before. Compensation paid to injured workers and families of deceased workers amounted to \$979,078 and the fees paid to doctors reached \$532,728 last year, as compared with compensation of \$1,583,025 and doctors' fees of \$719,757 the year before.

Death cases numbered 81 last year and 138 the year before; permanent total disability cases last year numbered five and 15 the year before; permanent partial disability cases last year numbered 657 and 943 the year before; temporary total disability, 7,702 last year and 9,004 the year before, while medical cases only, those in which the worker was able to return to work within a week, reached 20,305 last year and 23,609 the year before.

The report shows that Carteret county industries furnished 32 of the accident cases, but 17 of them were medical cases only, in which no compensation is paid for disability of less than one week. In the other cases the injured employees received \$2166 in compensation and the medical fees in all cases in this county amounted to \$1454 for the past year.

Accidents are divided into five classes, the number of each class in this county being as follows: fatal, permanent total disability, 2; temporary total disability, 13; medical cases only, 17.

Every county in the State is represented, but four of them had less than 10 accidents. Guilford led in number of accidents, with 2,650, while Mecklenburg led in amount of compensation paid, \$74,467 to injured employees or dependents of deceased employees, and \$46,202 in medical fees.

## RED CROSS SOLICITS AID

There is not to be any Armistice Day celebration here so far as the News is informed. Governor Gardner has issued a proclamation calling on the people to aid the Red Cross in its drive for funds for relief purposes. The period in which funds will be solicited is from November 11th to the 26th.

## MAIL INFORMATION

Postmaster R. B. Wheatly has asked the News to state again that the mail going out of Beaufort in the morning by bus takes only newspapers and first class mail and the mail arriving here in the evening by bus handles the same class of mail. However special delivery letters and what is known as special handling mails can go on these busses.

## Month Of October Exceptionally Dry

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the weather for this section during the month of October was its exceptional dryness. The weather records for the past thirty years show only one October that equaled it, that of October 1909, when the rainfall was .89 of an inch. This year it was .94 of an inch. The mean rainfall for October for a long period of time has been 4.68 inches.

There were 28 days of sunshine in October and no severe weather. The coldest was 46 degrees above zero and occurred on the 19th. The hottest, 87, was on the 6th and 7th. The wind blew from the northeast 12 days, north 5 days, northwest one and the rest of the time mostly southerly. The temperature day by day follows.

	Max.	Min.
1.	80	60
2.	82	59
3.	79	65
4.	84	64
5.	86	65
6.	87	65
7.	87	68
8.	82	69
9.	82	67
10.	75	62
11.	78	55
12.	78	62
13.	75	58
14.	83	63
15.	86	66
16.	80	62
17.	64	55
18.	70	47
19.	67	46
20.	73	48
21.	79	49
22.	75	53
23.	75	52
24.	75	53
25.	79	64
26.	76	54
27.	74	49
28.	79	64
29.	77	67
30.	73	57
31.	71	56

## LARGE MULLET CATCH

The biggest catch of roe mullets brought into Beaufort harbor this season was brought here Monday night by Captain Bonner Willis aboard the Kingfisher. The fish were unusually large, some of them weighed eight to nine pounds. The fish were not salted. They were handled by local dealers and were shipped in boxes, mostly by trucks to various parts of the country. The fish were caught near Hatteras and amounted to about 40,000 pounds.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

D. L. Ward et al Trustees to B. B. Sugg et al 3515 acres, in Craven and Carteret Counties, for \$17,350.00.

W. L. Stancil, Trustee to Mary & Robert Tillett, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$600.00.

Jas. R. McClamroch and wife to Grace West McClamroch, 5 lots West Beaufort, for \$10.

Chas. H. Barker and wife et al to Chas. H. Barker Jr., et al 1 tract Merrimon Township, for \$200.

Ruth Lupton to Geo. W. Daniels, 1 acre Cedar Island Township, for \$10.

The little man pants for fame; the great, like Gandhi, arrived without pants.

## 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, Nov. 6	Low Tide
4:28 a. m.		10:37 a. m.
4:52 p. m.		10:49 p. m.
	Saturday, Nov. 7	
5:21 a. m.		10:59 a. m.
5:45 p. m.		11:33 p. m.
	Sunday, Nov. 8	
6:10 a. m.		11:38 a. m.
6:35 p. m.		12:27 p. m.
	Monday, Nov. 9	
7:00 a. m.		12:25 a. m.
7:25 p. m.		1:18 p. m.
	Tuesday, Nov. 10	
7:48 a. m.		1:13 a. m.
8:13 p. m.		2:08 p. m.
	Wednesday, Nov. 11	
9:02 p. m.		2:58 p. m.
9:02 p. m.		2:58 p. m.
	Thursday, Nov. 12	
9:29 a. m.		2:50 a. m.
9:53 p. m.		3:46 p. m.

## Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service.

A ten point program of essential action to speed business recovery, coupled with a rebuke to the purveyors of gloom, was made public by the committee on employment plans and suggestions of the President's organization on unemployment relief. The report, a 6,000 word document, was made public without advance notice following a session in Chicago. This committee is headed by Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, and its membership includes seventeen other business leaders and economists.

Control of the closely divided House continues to ride the whirling wheel of fortune. Word comes from New Hampshire that the normally Republican first district will be unable to send a successor to the late Representative Fletcher Hale until near the end of December because of the election laws. Loss of this district cuts the Republican advantage to one vote, even if the party's candidates are successful in four special elections in traditionally Republican districts.

Senator Tydings renewed his request to the Navy Department to have the U. S. S. frigate Constitution, recommissioned last July after having been reconstructed from donations by school children throughout the country, be de-commissioned and berth permanently at Annapolis. Scores of patriotic societies, civic organizations and other groups in Maryland, Senator Tydings said, have endorsed the proposal that Old Ironsides be kept at the Naval Academy, where it would ever be an inspiration to the future officers of the navy.

Directing its attack for the first time at President Hoover personally, the Navy League of the United States has come out unreservedly in opposition to the administration's naval policy, from the earliest proposal to make food supplies immune from interference in time of war to the latest decision to agree to a general one year construction holiday. The studiously restrained, factual style with which the Navy League phrased its statements in the past was abandoned as William Howard Gardiner, president of the organization, turned the attack directly on President Hoover, accusing him of "abysmal ignorance" about naval matters and declaring that his policy is subordinating the United States Navy to those of foreign powers.

President Hoover has come out strongly for a Navy adequate only to protect the country against invasion, adjusted to the minimum based on the present day outlook. To maintain greater forces, he declared, "is not only economic injury to our people, but a threat against our neighbors." "Ours is a force for defense, not offense," said the President.

For the third time since President Wilson sent Governor Burton Harrison to the Philippines in 1912 to prepare the Philippines for full independence a Presidential investigator has returned to Washington to report that the withdrawal of American sovereignty would not be an act of wisdom, grace or kindness. Secretary Hurley's verdict on the independence movement is in essence a repetition of the findings published, in much more elaborate form and after exhaustive investigation, by General Leonard Wood in 1921 and by Mr. Carmi Thompson in 1926; that the islands are not economically prepared to carry on alone and that a large but unorganized body of Philippine opinion is strongly opposed to cutting the island adrift.

Although a group of Wisconsin Representatives has called a conference of Progressive Republicans to formulate a series of demands to be laid before the regular Republican leadership of the House when the session opens in December, it is not to be inferred from this circumstance that those who are associated with this movement are ready to throw the organization of the new Congress into the hands of the Democrats. Insurgent Republicans are nearly always willing to cooperate with Democrats in matters of legislation, but they are extremely reluctant to cooperate in matters of organization.

Railroads of the country have buckled down to the preparation of a revenue-pooling plan which they hope will satisfy the conditions under which the Interstate Commerce Commission

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