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## State Budget Bureau Cuts All Allotments

### Departments Will Have To Get Along With 70 Per Cent of What They Expected; State Balance Is Running Low; Revenues Are Some Larger Than A Year Ago

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 4.—Stringent economy is required of all State departments, institutions and agencies for the next quarter in a Budget Bureau memorandum signed by Governor Gardner, as director of The Budget, and sent to heads of divisions by Henry Burke, assistant director, as the old year closed. The memorandum announces that allotments are cut to about 70 per cent of the appropriations made by the General Assembly, which were themselves lower than was comfortable.

The State has paid its semi-annual bonds and interest due January 1, about \$6,000,000; recently paid about \$500,000 in Confederate pensions, and paid the approximately \$3,800,000 a month for schools, largely teacher salaries, and is reaching a low point in balance. Governor Gardner has arranged to refund the \$2,300,000 in short term notes on the deficit at the end of the fiscal year, in order to carry on until more revenues are realized.

Revenues the first six months of the fiscal year, just ended showed an increase of about \$1,800,000 over the same period last year but are short of the anticipated revenues, which were boosted about \$4,500,000 for the year to take care of the increase due to State operation of schools. Inheritance and income taxes declined, while franchise and license taxes increased. The new merchants license tax, paid by 16,600 of about 25,000 merchants, is \$220,000 for the half-year. A drop of probably a million and a half dollars, probably to \$5,000,000 is expected in the income taxes due March 15.

When the Local Government Act became effective some eight months ago, the counties, cities and other units in the State had \$1,616,121.77 in sinking funds in closed banks which was not secured as provided by law. Director Charles M. Johnson, of the Local Government Commission, finds from a survey. A very small part of this will be realized by the depositing units, he states.

Sinking funds now deposited in banks amount to \$1,330,667.77, all of few and small but it does show how and dollars in security required by law—and this security will be arranged to meet the legal requirements before the month is over, Director Johnson states. This, he points out, is in itself sufficient reason for enactment of a law, about which one senator, after reading it, remarked: "It's hell, but I'm going to vote for it."

### Will Daniels Run?

A few two-to-one offers to bet have been made—and covered—that Joseph Daniels will be a candidate for Governor this year. This may not be an indication of the general view. The known bets of this nature are few and small, but it does show how some Raleigh folks feel.

While many believe Mr. Daniels would prefer having A. D. MacLean, Beaufort county representative, as a candidate, they doubt that Mr. MacLean will be forced into the race, and feel that Mr. Daniels, if he does enter, will do so because Mr. MacLean will not and he finds no candidate in the list to whom he could give whole-hearted support.

Kinston folks are trying to help show him his "duty" to run, taking up his statement to the Pitt county delegation recently that he would not delay if he is shown it is his duty. He gave no satisfaction to Washington reporters suggesting facetiously that he may be a candidate for President. Whatever he will have to say may be expected soon, and his statement may serve as the spark to set off the dormant but waiting announcements of candidates for other State, district and county offices.

### Strenuous Times Now

The last few days of 1931 were strenuous ones in financial circles in the State, seven banks with four branches closing in one day and bringing the total for December to 19 State banks and six branches. Four National banks, two small, and the large Commercial National, Raleigh, and First National, Burlington closed their doors. More than \$12,000,000 was stied up in the closed State and National banks in December, estimates being that from 50 to 75 cents on the dollar may be realized from them.

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## CROWD ATTENDED BOARD MEETING

### Considerable Business Done But Nothing of A Sensational Nature

Expecting something interesting to transpire an unusually large number of spectators showed up for the meeting of the board of commissioners at the city hall Monday night. The room was crowded and all appeared to be interested in the proceedings although nothing of a sensational nature occurred. Mayor Taylor, Commissioners Gibbs, Glover, King and Parkin, City Clerk Thomas and City Attorney G. W. Duncan were present.

Immediately after the meeting convened Vice-president F. A. Mathes of the Tidewater Power Company stated that he would like to arrange with the board for desk space in the city hall for Miss Martha Carrow to collect dues for water and lights. The board granted this request and the collector will be at the city hall the first ten days of every month. After that she can be found at the Morehead City office.

Mr. Mathes also stated that his company would withdraw its application for a gas franchise as they did not think it practicable to put in a gas plant here now. As to the engine bought from the town and which was damaged in an explosion he said that his company would pay over the balance due, \$5000, right away. He thought the town had done all it could to have the engine put in proper condition.

Attorney E. H. Gorham of Morehead City made a statement to the board in regard to opening a bank here. He said he thought some plan might be worked out to have a large bank with two branches one at Morehead City and one at Beaufort to be owned and directed by citizens of the two towns. He wanted to get an expression of opinion from citizens here as to what they thought of it. A motion was passed instructing the Mayor to call a mass meeting for Wednesday night to consider the matter.

Attorney C. R. Wheatly representing some Norfolk clients asked the board for a franchise to install and operate a gas plant here. The matter was discussed and after some amendments were made a resolution was passed granting a franchise. It will not be final however until it is voted on at two more regular meetings. It is supposed that it will cost about \$100,000 to install machinery lay pipes and so on for a gas plant.

Mr. Bishop of the Utility Engineering and Manufacturing Company and his attorney Mr. Wheatly, discussed with the board the matter of a commission on the sale of the water and light plant which it is claimed the town owns. This firm did have a contract with the former board to sell the plant but the board annulled this contract just before going out of office. Mr. Bishop said the agreement was to pay his firm four per cent on the sale which would be \$8400. However he offered to cut this amount down one half. The board declined to take action on the matter and Mr. Bishop said he would take other steps to collect the claim.

The board authorized the payment of some notes and bills for the water and light plant. These were notes in favor of the Fairbanks-Morse Co., and amounted to \$24,101 and a bill for this company for \$1561.42 for repairs on the engine caused by an accident there about a year ago. Barbour Brothers bill for repairs on the plant for \$616.00 was allowed and a bill for the Standard Oil Company for \$1646.46 and one for the Texas Oil Company for \$477.22 were also ordered paid. The board recessed subject to the call of the Mayor.

A Tennessee educator has invented a combined dirigible balloon and airplane, from which the wings and engine can be dropped in an emergency passengers remaining with the gas bag.

Jack to enable one man to lift a pole weighing a ton has been invented by a Californian.

## STATE TREASURER O'BERRY IS DEAD

### Able and Popular Official And Business Man Dies Suddenly

GOLDSBORO, Jan. 6.—Capt. Nathan O'Berry, treasurer of North Carolina and prominent in state educational, manufacturing and political circles, died at his home here early today thirty minutes after being stricken with angina pectoris.

Yesterday he had been in his usual health, which was considered excellent for a man of his age. He was 75 years old.

About 12:30 this morning he became ill. He died at 1:05 a. m. He was in excellent spirits a few hours before and his sudden death came as a shock to this community.

Captain O'Berry journeyed every day from Goldsboro to Raleigh to carry on his duties as state treasurer and made the 52 mile trip and return in usual fashion yesterday. Funeral services will be conducted here Thursday and burial will follow but the hour has not been designated by relatives.

Born in Tarboro January 26, 1856, he grew to manhood during the days of reconstruction, without a college education and with only what public information was available in his home town at the time.

He moved to Goldsboro soon after his maturity, and organized a corporation to market long leaf pine products.

After being appointed state treasurer, succeeding the late Benjamin R. Lacy, he continued to maintain his home here, commuting the 52 miles to his work in Raleigh.

Too young to serve in the civil war, Captain O'Berry won his title as captain.

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## New Bern Has Another Rather Large Fire

NEW BERN, Jan. 2.—Damage estimated at \$50,000 was done by fire, smoke and water early this morning to a large two-story wooden building on Middle and Pollock streets, all occupants suffering heavy losses only partially covered by insurance. The structure was badly gutted and is considered a total loss, there being no chance for repair work.

Shaw's drug store was the heaviest loser, fixtures, furnishings and stock being ruined, at a loss estimated at \$30,000. On the second floor Wooten-Moulton studio had a loss of about \$4,500 about a third covered by insurance. Damage of several thousand dollars was done by water and smoke to the Central Cafe and Hill's clothing store in an adjoining building.

The building was owned by the Dr. Frank Hughes, estate, with the long-term lease in the hands of Craven county. Insurance of \$4,000 was carried on the structure. All local fire equipment was called into play from the time the first alarm was sounded around 3 o'clock, and the valiant work of the firemen prevented further spread and damage.

Origin of the blaze is not definitely known, but it is thought to have started in the prescription room of the Shaw store. Among the ruined stocks of Wooten-Moulton were many of the photographic cuts made for the Davidson and University of North Carolina annuals.

Manila, Dec. 12.—The first anti-noise ordinance in the Philippines has been enacted here. It regulates use of automobile horns at all hours and hits at persons who let radios run all night.

### Rods Find Support

Washington—The government has found more than "superstition" to a lightning rod. Out of every 100 buildings struck by lightning only two are protected by lightning rods.

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## CARNIVAL MAN HELD IN RALEIGH ON CHARGE OF KILLING A SHOWMAN

Joe Truitt and Bob Styles connected with a carnival company that exhibited in Beaufort in November have been arrested on a murder charge and are being held in Raleigh. The man killed Gilford (Kid) Brown, was also one of the showmen. His body was discovered in a patch of woods near Raleigh in December showing unmistakable signs that he had been killed.

In addition to Truitt and Styles the police are also holding R. B. Jones, Mrs. Nellie Styles and Raymond Appleby and are questioning them to see what they know if anything about the murder. Elaine Lang, woman friend

## HEALTH GOOD IN NORTH CAROLINA

### Past Year Free From Epidemics; Pellagra Has Declined Considerably

(Special to The News)

RALEIGH, Jan. 4.—North Carolina's health conditions are in better shape than they have ever been, the State has been free from epidemics and the death rates in preventable diseases have been materially reduced during the past year, in which a shift in organization of the State Health Department was made, Dr. J. M. Parrott, State health officer, reports in a summary of the year.

Pellagra, which took 945 lives the first five months of 1930, caused only 643 deaths in the same period of this year, he points out, a notable achievement, which he attributes in large part to the live-at-home program, with its variety of foods, since pellagra is at least increased by malnutrition and lack of balanced diet. The death rate from diphtheria dropped from 8.6 per cent to 6.2, while diarrhea, in children under two years of age, was reduced from 35 to 21.1 per cent for the first 11 months of the year.

A comparison of mortality figures on some of the common diseases show the advance in combatting them over a 15 year period, remembering the increase in population in 15 years. The deaths from these diseases follow:

	1915	1930
Diphtheria	525	275
Measles	13	2
Whooping cough	274	303
Scarlet fever	30	41
Diarrhea, under 2 yrs	1,730	1,112
Typhoid fever	744	151
Tuberculosis	3,710	2,425
Pellagra	831	1,015

## Court Docket Shows Very Good Behavior

Recorder's court had a very light business Tuesday. The usual after the holiday array of booze sellers and fighters did not show up. Some say the reason is that money has been too scarce and although liquor is cheap those who want it cannot buy it.

The Nat Eborn case was continued again; this time because the defendant's attorney A. B. Morris had to go to Baltimore on business. It is to be tried next Tuesday with a jury.

Manly Bailey, colored Beaufort, man on a liquor charge submitted. Officer Gherman Holland testified that he and other officers searched Manly's premises and did not find any liquor. They followed him to his girl's house and found that he had a little over a pint. Solicitor Phillips and the officers said they did not want him severely punished. Chief Longest stated that Manly is a bootlegger but is about the squarest one he ever saw. He said he did not desire to shield Bailey or show him any special favors as the police force had been accused of doing.

Judge Davis said the defendant had been convicted two or three times before and while there was no evidence of sale he would have to put a fine of \$50 and costs on Bailey. He is also required to come to court on the first Tuesday of every month and show good behavior. Violation of this sentence automatically gives him 12 months on the roads.

Cicero Jones of Harker's Island submitted to a bad check charge and was let off with the costs. He was given 30 days in which to pay the costs.

### BARBER SHOP HAS A FIRE

A small fire in the rear of the Beaufort Barber Shop on Front street yesterday brought the firemen to the scene in a hurry when the alarm was turned in. The fire started under the water heater and burned a small hole in the floor. It was extinguished in short order when the firemen got it located.

## BOARD ENDORSES STELLA ROUTE

### Highway Commission Asked to Route Number 24 by Way of Stella

As is usually the case a considerable number of people were on hand Monday when the Board of County Commissioners met seeking to get adjustments of tax matters. The board met at 10 o'clock with all members present.

A resolution passed at the afternoon session endorsing the petition of citizens as to the routing of highway 24 via Stella instead of following another proposed route via Swansboro. The petition was ordered sent to the State Highway Commission for such action as it may be disposed to give the matter. Citizens in the western part of the county say that the Stella route will be of much greater advantage to Carteret county than the other one would be.

A resolution offered by Commissioner Chadwick was passed which amends a resolution of November 2, 1931 for extended school term purposes and appropriates the sum of \$77.50 to pay three eighths of the salary and travel allowance of C. S. Long teacher of agriculture in the Newport school. The State pays five eighths of his salary.

A resolution was also passed, on motion of Commissioner Carroll, to straighten out an error in the listing of "Bell and Pringle" lands and refund be made to George P. Street holder of tax sale certificate.

The matter of insuring county school buildings was brought to the attention of the board by Superintendent Allen who stated that a number of the policies were about to expire.

A motion was passed to restore the valuation of the Isaac Taylor property at Sea Level to the 1930 valuation. A motion was passed to defer action on the appraisal of lands belonging to Solomon Willis, Julian Fulcher and Mr. Ricks to the February meeting and the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to look into the matter. A motion was passed instructing the County Auditor to correct the valuation of the Mattie E. Davis land owned now by Gibbs brothers. A motion was passed to refund poll tax to G. E. Sanderson, Newport as he was under age at the time tax was paid.

A motion offered by Commissioner Guthrie was passed allowing B. H. Braddy \$35.07 for provisions furnished the family of J. E. Lewis who is serving a term in prison.

A motion offered by Commissioner Carroll was passed which authorizes the clerk of the court to make application for admittance to the State Hospital for Mrs. Belle Midyette, the county to pay \$30 a month for her maintenance.

Commissioner Guthrie offered a motion that former sheriff J. H. Davis be given sixty days more to settle with the county. The motion passed. A motion offered by Commissioner Guthrie was passed postponing the election of a County Welfare Officer until the February meeting.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Styron, which was passed, allowing \$7.50 per month to Mrs. Lola Davis and asking the State Welfare Department to pay a like amount. A motion was also passed allowing Mrs. Ruby Tolson Lockett \$11.00 per month on the same terms.

Commissioner Chadwick offered a motion which carried that \$50 be paid James W. Mason for commission on collecting back taxes.

Miss Ann Mason, County Home Agent, made her monthly report showing the work of her department.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Duffy Wade and wife to Reba W. Roberts, 63 acres Morehead Township, for \$1000.

M. L. Mansfield and wife to George E. Gillikin, 1 lot Morehead City for \$10.

Davis and Wheatly, Commissioners, to Ruth Whitehurst, 2 tracts Beaufort Township, for \$10.

Ruth Whitehurst to B. F. Gibbs et ux et al 2 tracts Beaufort Township, for \$10.

E. G. Campen and wife to T. A. Campen, 127 acres Beaufort Township, for \$6075.

H. L. Potter and wife to James D. Potter, part lot Beaufort, for \$100.

John M. Lewis and wife to T. C. Gillikin, 10 acres Marshallberg, for \$10.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Willis of Davis, Sunday, December 3, a daughter.

## Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service Washington, D. C. Jan. 4.—With the approach of the Presidential primaries, the leaders bent on "stopping Roosevelt" are redoubling their efforts to prevent the New York Governor taking the Democratic nomination virtually by default. The movement in opposition to the New York Governor has progressed to a point where the opposition has undertaken to canvass the states to checkmate the claim that Mr. Roosevelt already is assured a majority in the Democratic Convention.

While the revival of third-party talk is not being taken very seriously by veteran observers, it is significant of the determination of the Republican Insurgents to go to any lengths to defeat Mr. Hoover for reelection. Several of them are openly favorable to Governor Roosevelt. His nomination by the Democrats would settle the question of their political allegiance in 1932. Nomination of a Democratic conservative President would make somewhat more likely the formation of a third party. It could have no real hope of electing its candidate. The object would be to split the Republican Party.

According to reports, the United States will not be represented by an observer at the conference on German reparations to be held about January 20. This means that a precedent of some years' standing will be broken, for an American representative has been present at every important reparations conference since the war. The word from Europe is that this conference will deal exclusively with reparations without direct reference to the war debts. If such a limitation can be imposed, it will be by far the wiser course. In view of the attitude adopted by Congress on the matter of war debts, any action that may be necessary with regard to this problem may, perhaps, be better left to the future, despite the uncertainty that it thereby created.

Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, renewed his fight on cancellation or reduction of foreign debts when he said that he had become convinced that the American people are "100 to 1" against cancellation. Obviously Senator Johnson made this statement in connection with the new European debt conference which is scheduled to meet at Lausanne, Switzerland, on January 20. He said it was well enough for Europe to settle the debts of European countries, "but I do not wish Europe to settle our debts." He predicted defeat in Congress for any proposal looking toward a cut in the debt, and asserted that, while his fight against the moratorium was lost, it had focused such attention on the debt problem that no like measure could pass in the future.

President Hoover announced the full staff of the American delegation (Continued on page five)

## 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, Jan. 8	Low Tide
8:12 a. m.		1:31 a. m.
8:32 p. m.		2:29 p. m.
	Saturday, Jan. 9	
8:56 a. m.		2:21 a. m.
9:20 p. m.		3:10 p. m.
	Sunday, Jan. 10	
9:39 a. m.		3:08 a. m.
10:05 p. m.		3:51 p. m.
	Monday, Jan. 11	
10:21 a. m.		3:55 a. m.
10:52 p. m.		4:31 p. m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 12	
11:02 a. m.		4:42 a. m.
11:03 p. m.		5:11 p. m.
	Wednesday, Jan. 13	
11:40 a. m.		5:33 a. m.
11:44 p. m.		5:51 p. m.
	Thursday, Jan. 14	
12:27 a. m.		6:22 a. m.
12:29 p. m.		6:34 p. m.