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## Postponing Tax Sales Opposed By Johnson

### Law Requires Sales To Be Made But Some Counties May Not Comply With Law; Director Johnson Says Postponement May Give Considerable Trouble; Would Hurt Credit

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, April 25—Movements in numbers of counties of the State to postpone, by action of county commissioners, the sale of property for delinquent taxes until early fall, although a violation of the statute, is gaining momentum and may become effective in some of the counties, while others are planning the sales as the law directs and advertising land for sale.

Attorney General Dennis Brummitt has replied to an inquiry from Joe A. Sherrill, chairman of the Mecklenburg county board of commissioners, that the 1933 General Assembly can pass an act validating sales held at times other than the dates fixed by statute, citing that such an act, validating sales held in 1930 at dates other than those designated, was passed by the 1931 General Assembly. Mr. Sherrill had asked if this could be done in messages to Mr. Brummitt Governor Gardner and C. M. Johnson, director of Local Government.

However, Mr. Brummitt does not advise such postponement, and Director Johnson points out several troublesome results that may follow. One of the most important, as he sees it, is the possible effect on the credit of counties and municipalities. Numbers of the units are finding it necessary to refund and spread out their obligations. If such units should postpone tax sales, the purchasers of notes and bonds would hesitate to buy their securities, Mr. Johnson believes. Moreover, if sales are postponed, say until October or November, the units could collect very little of the outstanding taxes for 1931, even if taxpayers have the money to pay, the result being that the units would have a hard time meeting their operating expenses and other obligations.

It is stated, also, that postponing collection of taxes for part of the taxpayers would be an injustice to those who have paid on a par basis, and, too, the delinquents might be in even worse shape this fall than they are now.

Even though postponement is contrary to law, the question is raised as to how many counties have grand juries that would indict their boards of county commissioners for postponing land sales. By force of conditions, it seems apparent that sales of land for delinquent taxes will be postponed in some counties, even though others are proceeding in accordance with the law.

Morrison Warning Up

Senator Cameron Morrison dropped down from Washington long enough last week to visit several eastern centers, give the lie to traducers who say he is controlled by the interests in which Mrs. Morrison has investments, deny that he sought to influence the 1931 General Assembly to postpone revaluation, and defend his support of Frank R. McNinch as a member of the Federal Power Commission, explaining that McNinch was as good a Democrat as a Republican President ever appoints and that the post would have gone to another state if he had not supported his neighbor. Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville, "moist" candidate and looked upon as Senator Morrison's most formidable opponent, flew down to Raleigh to file notice of his candidacy and post the required \$50, continuing in to the east for speaking engagements. (Continued on page eight)

### STILL FOUND ON ISLAND BY SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES

Wednesday afternoon Sheriff Chadwick accompanied by deputy sheriff R. E. Chaplain and Chief of Police W. R. Longest captured a large still made of a gasoline drum. Some 400 to 500 gallons of mash were found also and destroyed.

The still was located a short distance west of the Villa Hotel on a very secluded spot on an island. No one was around the place when it was located.

Alleghany County farmers have purchased another pure bred Hereford bull to help build up the beef industry of the county.

The cabbage crop of Carteret County is beginning to move in large volume. The cabbages are small but with hard heads.

## COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD MAY 13TH.

### Beaufort Schools Drawing To A Close; May Have Nine Months Next Year

The public schools of Beaufort will close this year on Thursday May 12 so the News has been informed by Superintendent R. L. Fritz. A statement in regard to commencement and other school matters has been obtained from Mr. Fritz which follows: "The Beaufort Schools will close a successful, but rather interrupted, year work on Thursday, May 12th, on which day the pupils will be given their Report Cards, Certificates of Attendance, and their Promotion Cards.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached in the School Auditorium Sunday morning, May 8th at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. P. Harris, pastor of the Beaufort Baptist Church. On May the 9th at 8 o'clock the pupils of Miss Helen Hendrix will be presented in recital. On May 10th, same hour the music pupils of Miss Virginia Howe will be presented in the annual music recital.

Class Night-Graduation Exercises, a combined program as was presented last year will be held on the evening of May 11th at 8 o'clock. Prior to these dates the Senior play will be presented and the Junior-Senior banquet will be held. The former sponsored by Miss Lena Duncan on April 28th and the latter, sponsored by Miss Emily Loftin, on April 29th. Eight o'clock being the hour for each.

Due to the fact that the Beaufort District Special School taxes have been coming in so slowly the Board saw fit to eliminate the ninth month of school, both this year and last. The Board has decided, however, that a special effort will be made to run for the full nine months next year—using the 1930 levy which is gradually being paid in for this purpose. It is believed that if the taxpayers will do their best, that sufficient funds, from this levy will be on hand for such purpose next year.

Much fine work has been done during the year in the various departments and every effort is being made to put across a worth while commencement program in spite of our very limited means and we believe that such will be accomplished. We, therefore, most cordially invite you to attend all the public numbers of this program and believe that you will be well pleased with the results."

### D. W. MORTON CANDIDATE FOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Carteret county has a representative in the State wide primary contest which is now in progress and which will be decided in June. D. W. Morton of Beaufort filed his notice last Friday for the Democratic nomination for Commissioner of Insurance. He is the only opponent of Dan Boney the present incumbent of the office.

Mr. Morton has been in the insurance and real estate business in Beaufort for many years and is regarded by his friends as a thoroughly competent man in his field. For a private citizen he has a large circle of acquaintances and friends all over the State, his business having carried him into many sections. His decision to run for the office was influenced by the request of his friends. His announcement was made only a few days ago and since that time he has received many letters and personal expressions of good will and promises of support. An active campaign will be conducted by Mr. Morton and his backers.

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## SLAVE VALUATION IN N. C. IN 1815 WAS TWO THIRDS AS MUCH AS LAND

By M. R. DUNNAGAN  
RALEIGH, April 25—North Carolina's property value in slaves in 1815 was almost two-thirds of the property value in land, slaves being valued at \$40,678,319 and land at \$63,526,519 it is shown by a tabulation printed in the Raleigh Register and the North Carolina State Gazette of November 24, 1815, and reprinted in the current issue of the North Carolina Historical Review.

Twelve of the 62 counties then forming the State of North Carolina had a greater valuation in slaves than they did in land, and 10 counties had slaves valued in excess of \$1,000,000 while in 16 counties the land valuations exceeded \$1,000,000, the reprint shows. The average valuation placed on a

## RECORDER'S COURT DRAWS BIG CROWD

### Salter Path Affray Brought Many To Court Tuesday

Tuesday's session of Recorder's court was an unusually long one. A large crowd was present. With a short intermission at midday it lasted until nearly seven o'clock in the evening. Most of the time was consumed in the trial of three cases, that against Walter Chadwick for assault with a deadly weapon, an affray from Salter Path and the case of H. D. Norcum of Beaufort charged with drunkenness.

The Chadwick hearing was mostly as to what punishment he should receive. The testimony in the case had been heard in court the week before. At the trial Tuesday his attorney Luther Hamilton entered a plea of nolo contendere to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The warrant first charged "assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill" but with the consent of Solicitor Phillips this was changed to the less serious offense. Judge Davis imposed a fine of \$100 and costs, required the defendant to pay William Hazel's hospital bill and put him under a suspended road sentence of four months, capias to be issued any time within two years if the defendant shall violate any law of the State. Mr. Wheatly representing Hazel stated that the sentence was not satisfactory to him and intimated that other proceedings might be started. He said the offense was a very serious one, entirely without cause and that while he had no personal feeling in the matter he thought adequate punishment ought to be inflicted.

The village of Salter Path does not figure in court very often but when it does it means that a large part of the population is concerned in it. On Tuesday a large delegation was on hand for the trial of seven persons, four women and three men, on the charge of fighting. The trouble started about a piece of land 30 by 63 feet, and a free for all fight occurred in which men, women and one or two children took part. The Salter Path folks indicted were Aleck Willis and his wife Hettie Ann, Jimmie Pittman, Flora Belle Pittman, Charlie Smith, Louise Frost, Gracie Willis. Several of the defendants were represented by W. C. Gorham, C. R. Wheatly and others by Alvah Hamilton. A good many witnesses were examined and then Judge Davis announced that he thought they were all guilty of an affray. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

The case of H. D. Norcum was passed upon by a jury of six men who rendered a verdict of not guilty. Police officer Holland and Charles Hassell testified that in their opinion he was drunk but Charles Owens and Carl Chadwick Jr., testified that they saw him about the time he was arrested and that he was not drunk. Guy Dickinson and Guy Sabiston tried on the charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor on the streets of Newport were acquitted. Witnesses put on by the State failed to identify them.

Charles Chadwick, colored, of Beaufort was tried on the charge of possessing liquor for sale and got 12 months on the roads. Murray Davis, colored, on the same charge was acquitted.

Tom D. Davis, trespass, continued. Council Podrie, false pretense, nolo prosequi. W. N. Parker, bad check case continued.

Herman Carrow of Washington, operating a car without license, plead guilty and was let off with the costs in the case.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Gillikin and Rachel Willis, Beaufort.



Taken by The Helm News Service Washington, D. C. Apr. 23—Washington once more welcomes the Daughters of the American Revolution, who have gathered in their forty-first continental congress. They come to the city that is peculiarly their own—The Federal City—and here they meet the leaders of Government in all its branches. As the years pass the prestige and influence of the D. A. R. are enhanced and broadened. This national society is a potent agency of national welfare because it is founded upon the solid rock of patriotism.

Legislation to empower President Hoover to declare the existence of an economic emergency and order all aliens not gainfully employed to leave the country was voted by the Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A dozen resolutions upholding the efforts of the administration to apply drastic immigration and Americanization enforcement, besides vigorous national defense measures opposing reductions of the Army and Navy, were included in the platform, adopted without any opposing votes. "Supreme confidence in the principles and policies of George Washington" also was registered in a resolution attacking "disloyalty" afoot throughout the country.

During the last few weeks there has been a great rise in the tide of popular demand that the prohibition law be either repealed or modified. But the Women's National Committee for Law Enforcement is as resolved as ever to mop it back. These admirably consistent women have served notice on President Hoover that they would not support him as a personal Dry standing upon a Wet platform. They explained that they "could not trust the sincerity of any candidate willing to lend himself to such a plan."

Great Britain's failure to provide in its budget for payment of the war debts installment due the United States promises to be used as a compelling reason why Congress should not adjourn until after the Chicago political conventions. That became manifest among the group in both Senate and House that is desirous of seeing the present session extended until after June 15, when the current moratorium extended by this country expires. Some Senators want to know what is going to be done at that time by Europe.

The United States has formally requested the 14 European nations, beneficiaries of the Hoover moratorium to sign the legal forms acknowledging their indebtedness and fixing the repayment of the \$252,000,000 postponed annuity over a period of 10 years at 4 per cent. The State Department has decided to take this action in order to forestall any attempt of the European debtors to merge the unpaid sums of last year with a general default.

Recent developments in the contest between Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt and former Governor Alfred E. Smith for the Democratic nomination for President have so widened the breach between them that reconciliation of these two former political friends and associates has become virtually impossible. This was the opinion expressed by close friends of each. The feeling of resentment, which at first seemed stronger on the part of Mr. Smith, is reported to have extended to Governor Roosevelt. The Governor is understood to have been angered by Mr. Smith's veiled criticism of him in his Jefferson Day speech and what he regards as Mr. Smith's attempt to inject the religious issue into the campaign.

Governor Roosevelt's speech in St. Paul was generally regarded in Washington as good campaign strategy, whatever its merits as a document showing the position of the leading contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination on issues before the nation. Int that he refrained from striking back at Alfred E. Smith and even complimented him in one respect, the New York Governor was regarded as having put the titular leader of the party in a position where it will be difficult for him to strike again at Governor Roosevelt with grace.

William Allen White, editor of the Emporia (Kansas) Gazette, sees Alfred E. Smith as a "Republican as" (Continued on page five)

## ONE REPUBLICAN CONTEST IN JUNE PRIMARY ASSURED

### J. F. Newell, Republican Nominee Opposed By G. W. DePriest

#### MANY DEMOCRATS IN RACE

By M. R. DUNNAGAN  
RALEIGH, April 25—If the Republicans of North Carolina didn't "put one over" on the Democrats in the June primary preparations deliberately and designedly, they, or at least one of the number, did it as effectively, even if unwittingly, as if it had been planned. The Democrats have "one over" on them, regardless of how it got there.

George DePriest, Shelby, is the only Republican contesting for a State-wide office with the regular nominee of the Republican State convention—Jake F. Newell, Charlotte, for the U. S. Senate nomination. Mr. DePriest will probably deny that other Republicans put him up to it. But for his candidacy, all State-wide contests would have been strictly among Democrats. When among Democrats only the poll holders would be Democrats entirely. With DePriest in the Senate race, the Republicans have one judge at every polling place, even with only one Republican State-wide contest. Instead of being a fight within the dominate party as it really is, the primary will be a Democratic contest with a Republican judge at every polling place. Moreover, presence of Mr. DePriest is the contest will cost fully \$2,000 more.

Few surprises were sprung in the closing hours for filing for State offices at midnight last Friday. Dan C. Boney, insurance commissioner, has a Democratic opponent, Stanley Winborne, corporation commissioner, also has one, but not the opponent expected. A few variations from the expected are shown in the following list of State-wide candidates for the June primary:

U. S. Senate, Democrats, Cameron Morrison, Charlotte, incumbent; Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville; Thomas C. Bowie, West Jefferson; Franklin D. Grist, Lenoir; Arthur Simmons, Burlington. Republicans, Jake F. Newell, Charlotte; George W. DePriest, Shelby.

Governor, Democrats, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Elizabeth City; A. J. Maxwell, Raleigh; R. T. Fountain, Rocky Mount. Republican, Clifford Frazier, Greensboro.

Lieutenant Governor, Democrats, A. H. Graham, Hillsboro; D. F. Giles, Marion; D. P. Delinger, Cherrylville. Republican, Boone T. Tillett, Charlotte.

Attorney General, Democrats, Dennis G. Brummitt, Oxford, incumbent; Peyton McSwain, Shelby. Republican, H. S. Williams, Concord.

Secretary of State, Democrats, J. A. Hartness, Statesville, incumbent, Stacey W. Wade, Raleigh. Republican, C. R. Brady, Concord.

Treasurer, Democrat, John F. Stedman, Raleigh incumbent. Repu P. H. Gwynn, Leaksville.

Auditor, Democrats, Baxter L. ham, Raleigh, incumbent; Chester C. Bell, Raleigh; George H. Adams, (Continued on page eight)

### 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 29	
3:33 a. m.	9:43 a. m.
4:05 p. m.	10:11 p. m.
Saturday, April 30	
4:27 a. m.	10:29 a. m.
4:54 p. m.	11:04 p. m.
Sunday, May 1	
5:15 a. m.	11:19 a. m.
5:38 p. m.	11:11 p. m.
Monday, May 2	
5:57 a. m.	11:48 a. m.
6:18 p. m.	11:47 p. m.
Tuesday, May 3	
6:35 a. m.	12:29 a. m.
6:54 p. m.	12:22 p. m.
Wednesday, May 4	
7:13 a. m.	1:05 a. m.
7:28 p. m.	12:57 p. m.
Thursday, May 5	
7:47 a. m.	1:39 a. m.
8:00 p. m.	1:30 p. m.