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STATE RECEIVES AD VALOREM TAX

School Fund Helped by County Payments; Carteret Has Paid \$5,061.27

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, May 8.—North Carolina's 100 counties had paid into the State Treasury \$2,642,395.81 of the expected \$4,250,000 from the 15-cent ad valorem tax on property for 1931, and 90 of those counties had paid \$1,850.50 of the expected \$250,000 in poll taxes, up to May 1. Treasurer John Stedman said today.

The ad valorem tax is on the basis of a total property valuation in the State of \$2,974,464,650, which would produce \$4,461,690 from the 15-cent levy including cost of collections, etc., but State officials do not hope to realize even the \$4,250,000 estimate, particularly as it will be next fall before the full amount is paid by probably a dozen counties which have postponed sales of property for delinquent taxes, unless some action is taken to require the sales.

Ten counties had made no returns on poll taxes at the end of April, but some of them have forwarded installments since then. Collections the past week have carried the State Treasury receipts above \$150,000, leaving an estimated \$100,000 yet to be received from poll taxes. Mecklenburg county sent in a payment of \$10,000 on poll tax collections Friday, Mr. Stedman said.

Also, several additions have been made to the 15-cent ad valorem taxes by counties since May 1. However, many of them are still far behind in payments, the Treasurer said. Those counties which postponed the land sales for taxes will be unable to make settlements until the sales are held. That is why the State has an interest in seeing that the sales are held when the law directs. Also, that is why there is talk of seeking writs of mandamus to force the commissioners of those counties to hold their sales and settle with the State for their part of the 15-cent tax.

Carteret county, with land valuation of \$14,515,048, which would, without deducting costs, etc., produce a maximum of \$21,772 from the 15-cent tax, had sent the State Treasurer \$5,061.27 up to May 1. This county had also sent in \$399.00 of the 11 taxes.

Have Memorial Service In Memory of Veterans

Confederate Memorial Services were held at three-thirty o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Beaufort Baptist Church with Judge M. Leslie Davis delivering the address of the occasion. Only one veteran was present and that was eighty-nine year old J. J. Conway, a native of Jones County who has lived here for many years. One other veteran, a Mr. Freshwater, now lives in Morehead City but was not a native of that place. In the death of Sam Thomas some months ago, Carteret County lost its last native born follower of Robert E. Lee.

One hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung, also "Carolina." The Rev. R. F. Munns made the invocation and pronounced the benediction. Flowers in baskets were offered in memory of Samuel Thomas, Mrs. Susie Poole Robinson and Miss Sarah Thomas, a veteran, and a daughter and a granddaughter of veterans, who have died during the past year. Judge Davis spoke on "North Carolina's part in the Civil War" and also mentioned briefly the part played by Carteret County. Mr. Conway voluntarily sang a song, an old ballad, "Years '61-65." A solo, "Faith of our Fathers," was sung by Mrs. John Brooks.

Prior to the service, Confederate flags were placed at the graves of the various deceased veterans and flowers, a wreath and a flag was placed at the Confederate monument on the court-house square commemorating the Carteret County veterans that have passed on.

LON HILL RESIDENCE UNDERGOING REPAIRS

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hill on Front Street has been repaired and somewhat rebuilt during the past few weeks. Part of the roof has been reshingled, the roof has been extended out further from the porch, new brick work has been built at the front of the house, the residence has also been repainted and numerous other things have been done which has improved the looks of the home.

The average height of men in the United States is 5 feet 8 inches.

Truck Turns Over And Injures Seven People

A truck, in which seventeen people were riding, was accidentally turned over at Otway near the intersection of the state highway and the Straits road last Saturday afternoon and all miraculously escaped with their lives. Bennie Lawrence of Marsh here eyes and her son a lacerated nose told a News reporter that he was driving eastward on the highway near the residence of O. W. Lewis, when a car driven by Jimmy Chadwick of Straits entered the highway. The front right fender of the Chadwick car and the left front fender of the truck driven by Lawrence collided, turning the truck over on its side and injuring several of the occupants.

Leland Willis sustained a broken leg; John Owens a sprained wrist; Jim Simpson a badly bruised nose; Mrs. Bennie Lawrence a bruise over one of her eyes and her son a lacerated nose; Virgil Styron a sprained arm; and Manly Murphy a fractured skull. All of the above named people were from Marshallberg, except the last two who were from Davis.

The injured were brought to Beaufort for medical treatment and Leland Willis and Manly Murphy are confined to the Potter Emergency Hospital.

The truck turned over so slowly that only one of six dinner plates on the driver's seat were broken and the jar never even waked the Lawrence baby. These are two oddities that occasionally happen in automobile mix-ups.

SEVENTH GRADERS ENJOY SAIL TO CAPE SATURDAY

The seventh grade pupils of the Beaufort Graded School, their teacher Miss Lucy Bowers, and Miss Sara Rumley, went on a sail Saturday over to Cape Lookout on Capt. John M. Dickinson's cruiser, the "Idle-On." About thirty of the pupils went. It was a class event that had been favorably anticipated all the school year, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed—despite the fact that the unsettled sea made many of the boys and girls seasick. Lunch was served at the Cape.

Million And Half Fish Caught Here This Week

Fishing for spring fatbacks began last week when Capt. Bonner Willis and the crew of the "King Fisher" brought in some over two hundred thousand of the finny money-makers. This week the catching of menhaden really began in earnest. Although few were seined Monday, good catches have been made every day since.

Tuesday the "King Fisher" caught two hundred and fifty thousand; the "Deutschland" one hundred and thirty thousand; and the "W. A. Mace" one hundred and twenty-five thousand. Yesterday they greatly increased their catches when the "King Fisher" brought in three hundred and fifty thousand; the "Deutschland" two hundred and fifty thousand; and the "W. A. Mace" three hundred thousand.

None of the fishing boats from Beaufort have gone to New Jersey or to Florida so far and the News understands that they will not go this season. The following Morehead City menhaden boats have either gone or are going to Florida for the summer fishing: the "W. M. Webb," "Charles S. Wallace," "The Boys," and the "McIntosh."

D. W. MORTON IS MAKING AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN NOW

D. W. Morton of Beaufort who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Insurance Commissioner is conducting an active campaign now.

Tuesday accompanied by Jim Hassell he visited his headquarters in Raleigh and stopped at various points along the way.

Mr. Morton has already visited about thirty counties in the State and is planning to cover a very large part of it before the primary election in June. He will visit the piedmont and western sections very soon. Mr. Morton has received assurances of support from a great many people and feels very hopeful of winning the nomination.

WILL HOLD RECORDER'S COURT FRIDAY MORNING

No Recorder's Court was held at the usual time Tuesday morning, due to the fact that the clerk, Charles Hassell, was indisposed and it was also the Confederate Memorial Day. All cases that should have been tried Tuesday will come up at the session tomorrow—Friday—at nine thirty o'clock.

LONGER TERM FOR SCHOOLS TALKED

Equalization Secretary Martin Thinks Plan Practicable

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, May 9.—Talk of an eight months term, included in recommendations made by a special committee to the 1931 General Assembly, but completely overshadowed by the movement for State support of the six months term in that body, has again started, this time by a suggestion of LeRoy Martin, secretary of the State Board of Equalization, that the additional two months be taken on by the State, on the ground that from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 a year could be saved.

But Mr. Martin's suggestion goes further than that the ad valorem tax be made 30 cents, instead of the present 15 cents. That thought will probably be poisonous to that element which advocates that all ad valorem tax be taken from real estate, even though several millions of dollars might be saved of the taxpayers by extending the term uniformly and by State operation.

Mr. Martin's plan would eliminate special taxes of 25 cents to \$1.00 or more in special tax districts, also the inequality caused by children from non-tax areas attending schools paid for by special district levies, and thus equalize the costs, as well as tend toward efficiency and uniformity. His plan will doubtless be considered by the 1933 General Assembly.

The result may be, if prediction is admissible, that the eight months term will be operated by the State, but with no ad valorem tax, and a sales tax of some kind enacted to supply the 15 or 30 cents, unless some other source of revenue is discovered. Angus D. MacLean, Washington, author of the 1931 MacLean law, said last week to the bankers at Pinehurst that he can see no other method of raising the budget for the State, and largely for schools, than by some form of sales tax. He would balance the budget and pay off the \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000 deficit at the end of this year with the aid of a sales tax, in two years. And another "long session" may be expected.

Raleigh abandoned its daylight savings plan after three days. The State and Federal governments and numerous other inter-city or inter-State organizations refused to join in the movement. So the confusion that existed and would have continued was ended by a decision of the city commissioners to return to the old, or eastern standard time.

MISS MAGGIE ARRINGTON WINS HOSPITAL DIPLOMA

Miss Maggie Arrington, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Arrington, was graduated from the Baptist Union Hospital at Boston, Mass., Wednesday evening May 4. Shortly after completing her high school course here in the spring of 1929, Miss Arrington went to Boston and began her training. This is one of the larger New England hospitals, and is considered quite an honor to be a graduate of the institution. There were about twenty-five in the graduating class. Miss Arrington will arrive here late in the fall on a visit to her parents, just after she takes the Massachusetts state nursing examinations.

CITIZENS' MEETING NAMES TICKET FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

In accordance with a motion adopted a week previously at a citizens' mass meeting at the Court-house another meeting was held Saturday and a ticket for the board of county commissioners was nominated.

The meeting was called to order by J. F. Duncan in the absence of the chairman N. H. Russell, who has been sick and could not attend. W. L. Hassell Jr., the secretary of the meeting was not present when it was called to order and W. H. Pridgen of Newport was elected assistant recording secretary. Later the secretary came in. The attendance at this meeting was not as large as the previous one and some of those present took no part in its business.

The chairman stated that the principal purpose of the convention was to nominate a ticket for the board of commissioners and asked for nominations. C. R. Wheatly offered a motion that the chair appoint a nominating committee of five and that this committee select a ticket and submit it to the convention. The motion carried and the following were appointed: C. R. Wheatly, Dr. C. G. Ferebee,

Washington Snapshots

Taken by The Helm News Service

A feeling of elation swept through Washington when the commutation of sentence in the Hawaiian manslaughter case was announced. This satisfaction was immediately tempered by a wide demand that the "stigma" of even one hour's imprisonment must be removed by a full pardon for the defendants.

Despite the doubts of other leaders Senator Charles L. McNary, assistant Republican leader of the Senate, renewed his prediction that the session of Congress would end before the national conventions. He said he had not given up hope of adjournment June 12, which is two days before the Republican convention opens at Chicago. Possibility of a prolonged tariff fight in connection with the tax bill is giving concern to Senator McNary. Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic leader, however, has indicated he is skeptical whether the session can be ended by the time the Republican convention meets. Senator McNary indicated he would endeavor to have sessions three nights a week.

The sensational run made by Speaker John N. Garner at the preferential primary election in California gave the Roosevelt Presidential boom a setback even more serious than the sweeping victory won by ex-Governor Roosevelt in the Massachusetts primaries. Friends of Mr. Roosevelt have admitted as much. In some quarters unfriendly to Governor Roosevelt as a candidate the prediction was ventured that his defeat in California would prove a death blow to his Presidential aspirations. This view, however, is not generally shared in Democratic circles in this city.

Alfred E. Smith, who selected John J. Raskob as his national chairman when he was the Democratic Presidential candidate in 1928, has appealed to the party to rid itself of the financial obligation to Mr. Raskob, which the party has incurred since its defeat of four years ago. He based his appeal on the ground not only that the party justly should pay Mr. Raskob the some \$320,000 which it still owes him, but that it should free itself from obligation to any one individual so that it might be able to function as an untrammelled organization. He said he made no plea for Mr. Raskob personally.

Once more reversing itself, the Senate Finance Committee voted in the \$1,000,000,000 tax bill tariff duties not only on oil and coal, as the House did, but on lumber and copper. This was done over the protests of Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, and other tariff opponents. Decision to put in the tariff items was reached after numerous votes and a series of maneuvers which the opponents of tariffs called log rolling. Senator Wesley L. Jones, Republican, of Washington, led the fight for the tariff rates.

More than five hours of debate on a bill providing for government operation of Muscle Shoals was insufficient for the House to reach a vote. This debate consisted of numerous short speeches, usually of a bitter nature. (Continued on page four)

Car Kills 'Possum O' Ann Street This We

A mother 'possum with four or young ones in her pouch was run over and the mother killed on Ann Street near the St. Paul's School property. That seems strange in this quiet, two hundred year old town, but that is just what happened sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

It is thought that the 'possum was the one that Burnie Willis got up on the inland waterway some time ago and has been keeping it in a cage. At least that one also had several young "possumettes." The Willis 'possum got away from its owners some time over the week end and has not been apprehended so far. Several of the young of the dead mother were alive when the animal was discovered early Tuesday morning.

The 'possum is the only marsupial animal in North America; that is, the only one on this continent that has a pouch for carrying its young. In this respect, the 'possum is closely allied with the kangaroo of Australia. At birth, the young 'possums are so small that eighteen can be placed in one teaspoon. They are then too small to even half way take care of themselves, so Mother Nature provides the mother with a pouch in which to carry and suckle the young until they get large enough to scamper around.

IMPROVEMENT NOW BEING MADE ON MERRIMON ROAD

The road over around Merrimon and South River is undergoing improvements. Some of the smaller bridges have been rebuilt and the road somewhat widened. The stumps that were left on the shoulders of the road when the trees were cut down are now being removed and those trees that are still too close to the road are being felled. Thus the road is being gradually improved from time to time, much having been done during the past few years to make the thoroughfare better for traffic.

Twenty-five Graduates At Smyrna High School

The Rev. R. F. Munns, of Beaufort, preached the baccalaureate sermon before a large gathering and the twenty-five graduates in the Smyrna High School auditorium Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, the subject being "The Choice of a Career." Commencement exercises were held at the school Tuesday evening, with Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, delivering the address to the graduates.

The twenty-five graduates were: Alfred Norman Chadwick, Guy Waddell Daniels, Julian Burgess Davis, Margaret Christine Fulcher, Alma Bell Gillikin, Sallie Rebecca Gillikin, Marjorie Marie Jarvis, Edward Neal Jones, Alberta Bell Lewis, Cora Marie Lewis, Eloise Virginia Lewis, Ralph McDonald Lewis, Reva Mae Lewis, Reginald Burnett Moore, Evelyn Elaine Murphy, Marjorie Ellen Murphy, Eldred Edward Nelson, Osborne Griffin Pigott, Bertha Carroll Smith, Elmer Wyatt Smith, Ruth Mae Wade, Ruth Lewis Whitehurst, Guy Roberts Willis, Louis Bertram Willis and Reva Pearl Yeomans.

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, May 13	
12:59 a. m.	7:24 a. m.
1:44 p. m.	7:41 p. m.
Saturday, May 14	
2:03 a. m.	8:20 a. m.
2:48 p. m.	8:50 p. m.
Sunday, May 15	
3:06 a. m.	9:03 a. m.
3:46 p. m.	9:55 p. m.
Monday, May 16	
4:06 a. m.	10:05 a. m.
4:41 p. m.	10:54 p. m.
Tuesday, May 17	
5:05 a. m.	10:57 a. m.
5:33 p. m.	
Wednesday, May 18	
5:59 a. m.	11:51 a. m.
6:24 p. m.	11:49 p. m.
Thursday, May 19	
6:50 a. m.	12:45 a. m.
7:16 p. m.	12:39 p. m.

BEAUFORT SCHOOL FINALS ARE HELD

Graduating Exercises Held Wednesday Evening; Rev. J. P. Harris Preached Sermon Sunday

The school year came to a conclusion in this community last evening with the graduation of twenty-two seniors from Beaufort High School at the commencement exercises. A large assemblage of friends and relatives gathered in the school auditorium for the finals. Usually there is a prominent man that addresses the graduating class on the final night of commencement but this year—like last year—commencement was held on only one night and the customary address dispensed with. All of the expected members of the senior class were graduated.

The stage was beautifully decorated for the occasion with snowballs and spirea. The young ladies of the graduating class were attired in evening gowns of pastel shades, while the young men wore dark blue suits. Members of the city board of trustees and the superintendent sat on the stage during the senior exercises.

The Rev. R. F. Munns offered the invocation. The following parts and the seniors participating were: Salutatory, Irene Hood; Class History, Minnie Stanton; Class Statistics, Josephine Wilkins; Class Poem, Doris Chapin; Class Grumbler, Mabel Truitt; Class Prophecy, Minnie Tallman; Last Will and Testament, Alberta Parkins; Class Gifts, Eleanor Willis; Valedictory, Shearon Harris; Presentation of Class Gift to School, Eleanor Taylor; Acceptance of Gift, N. W. Taylor, Chairman Board of Trustees; Presentation of Diplomas, Supt. R. L. Fritz; and the Class Song—words by Eleanor Taylor—was sung by the graduates. The Rev. Mr. Munns also pronounced the benediction.

In his remarks concerning the school as a whole before the presentation of the diplomas, Superintendent Fritz stated that a hundred and twenty-eight students in the school were neither absent nor tardy during the past school year.

Robert Munns, a member of the Class of 1931 who failed to meet the foreign language requirements last year, was presented a diploma last evening. The graduating class this year was composed of Ella Myrtle Austin, Doris Leah Chapin, Sarah Belle Herring, William Shearon Harris, Henry Wilson Hattell, Adels Irene Hood, Kenneth Earl Johnson, Winifred Earle Lewis, Alberta Virginia Royal Parkin, Carlton Parsons Rose, Minnie Edward Stanton, Minnie Elizabeth Tallman, Eleanor Wilson Taylor, Mabel Oriet Truitt, Francis Caldwell Tyler, Josephine Elizabeth Wilkins, Eleanor Reeh Willis, Louise Willis, Lucille Willis, Virginia Lue Willis, and Clarence Edward Styron. Virginia Willis was ill and unable to attend and receive her diploma personally.

A large crowd attended the baccalaureate sermon, which was preached last Sunday at eleven o'clock in the high school auditorium by the Rev. J. P. Harris. His subject was "The Three Certainties and the Three Uncertainties of Life." The glee club and a quartette of young ladies of the school rendered several vocal selections.

Monday evening Miss Helen Hendrix' music class presented a program of playettes, readings and a number of songs in the school auditorium that was well received by the large crowd that was present for the occasion. Tuesday evening the pupils of Miss Virginia Howe gave a recital in the same place, which was composed of instrumental and vocal music.

New Jersey Sportsmen Get Fish by Hundreds

A trio of northern anglers, now stopping at the Davis House, have been going fishing every day during the past week and have been very successful, catching from one to two hundred hogfish, oysterfish, black bass and other finny creatures that inhabit the rivers, sounds and ocean around here every day. These Montclair, N. J., people are: Dr. J. A. Caldwell, S. B. Girdler, and Warren Stevens. They were very enthusiastic over their hook-and-line in this vicinity, and jovially told the News reported there was absolutely no need for any other anglers to come down here for they had already caught up all the fish. At any rate, they have evidently caught enough to appease their sporting appetites.

Pressure between automobile gear teeth sometimes are as great as 400,000 pounds to the square inch.