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Legislative Record Of Past Week Given

Considerable Work Accomplished By Lawmakers; Many Bills Introduced, Some Local But Many of State-Wide Interest; Manufacturers' Tax Proposed.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 16—While the North Carolina General Assembly was in a sense marking time during the second week, waiting for the two measures which will be the all important problem of the present session, the revenue and appropriations bills prepared by the Advisory Budget Commission and promised Monday night of this week, probably more progress than ever before had been made during the second week of a Legislative session.

Delay in preparation of the two important measures, due to the late start of the commission, served the purpose of permitting the committees to organize and get set to go when the bills were presented, along with a second message from Governor John C. B. Ehringhaus, his budget message, Monday night. Bills have been introduced, but studied and action delayed until the will of the executive has become known—and belief is that it will be fairly well followed.

Meanwhile, about 40 Senate and 120 House bills had reached the hopper at the end of the second week of the session, dealing with many public matters, although the majority of them, as usual, were local in their nature. Only a few local bills have been ratified, in addition to such resolutions as the one inviting President-elect Roosevelt to address the body; one of respect on the death of former President Coolidge, and ratifying the "lame duck" Congress measure.

Revenue measures that cause talk have been introduced, one by Senator Hayden Clement, Rowan, being a manufacturers and producers tax bill, levying one-half of one per cent on gross sales value of everything made or wholesaled in the State. Estimates place the revenue at from \$4,000,000 to \$12,000,000. Another is a straight tobacco products tax, aimed primarily at cigarettes. The amount from it is also variously estimated. A third would place a tax of one mill on each kilowatt hour of electricity produced for sale. If municipal plants are included, it would bring in about \$2,250,000, if not included, then about \$1,900,000. One bill would balance the budget without additional taxes, by cutting cost more.

A resolution to study State government, recommend consolidations and eliminations of divisions and activities, providing for debt service and necessary functions of government, and asking the revenue and appropriations committees to report by February 6, is proving an important measure. Its introducer, Senator Larry Moore, New Bern, was named chairman, with Robert M. Hanes, Forsyth, and A. D. MacLean, Beaufort, from the Senate, and R. G. Cherry, Gaston; Tam C. Bowie, Ashe; S. C. Brawley, Durham; R. B. Ehringhaus, Dare, and Ernest Graham, Robeson, the latter secretary, from the House. Numbers of bills are going to the new group.

Salary Cut Not Effective

Efforts to reduce salaries of constitutional and elective officers who took office two weeks ago have been continued, as the bill introduced and passed the first and second days of the session, before inauguration, is not effective, due to a minor oversight in time of ratification. Two or three measures have been introduced, seeking by amicable agreement, to secure reduction in salaries of such officers, executive and judicial, while the General Assembly members will probably agree to pay of \$8 a day up to 75 days, if the session is that long. A reduction of legislative employees of 15 per cent will probably be made, even though much will be saved already from greatly reduced numbers of employees. One bill would reduce salaries of solicitors to a weekly basis, \$150 a week for each week they are required to attend courts and officiate in their districts.

Movements to help land owners appear in several bills. One would ask joint stock land banks, insurance companies and others holding mortgages and deeds of trust to declare a moratorium until Nov. 1, 1934, on principal payments when taxes and interest are paid on property. A former bill would do likewise by borrowers from the State World War Veterans Loan fund to buy or build homes. Another bill would allow former owners to re-purchase property (Continued on page eight)

Democratic Senators All Head Committees

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 16—Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham, as president of the Senate, gave each of the 48 Democratic Senators a committee chairmanship, and had three others to give, causing three Senators to head two committees, while the two Republican members had to be content with membership on committees. Appointments announced by President Graham include the following: Larry I. Moore, New Bern, Senator from the 7th district, has been named head of the important new committee on Reorganization of the Government, and chairman of the regular committee on Corporation Commission. He is also a member of Judiciary No. 1, Public Roads, Senatorial Districts, Banks and Currency, Constitutional Amendments, Education, Internal Improvements, Conservation and Development, Election Laws and Federal Relations.

Senator E. W. Summersill, Jacksonville, also of the 7th district, heads the committee on State Expenditures and is a member of Finance, Judiciary No. 2, Public Welfare, Counties, Cities and Town, Institutions for the Blind, Claims, Commercial Fisheries, Consolidated Statutes, Courts and Judicial Districts, Game Laws.

Speaker of the House, Reginald L. Harris had the same number of committees to name, but had 120 members to select the 51 chairmen from. Among his appointments was the following:

Carteret—Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, chairman of the committee on Propositions and Grievances, and member of Insurance, Judiciary No. 1, Military Affairs, Oyster Industry, Penal Institutions, Public Roads Courts and Judicial Districts.

SHERIFF CAPTURES FIFTY GALLON DISTILLERY TODAY

A fifty gallon whisky still was captured this morning early in the North River section by Sheriff E. M. Chadwick, Deputy R. E. Chaplain and Murray Thomas, Jr. No one was near the still, although it had recently been run. It was said to be a first-class outfit. About five hundred gallons of beer were poured out by the raiders.

NEW CAPTAIN FORT MACON TAKES CHARGE THIS WEEK

Captain Pell B. Austin, of Currituck, is the new skipper of the Fort Macon Coast Guard Station, having taken charge Sunday. Captain George Harrison Meekins, who has been at this station since last summer, has returned to his former station at Avon, which is a few miles north of Cape Hatteras. The Meekins family, which resides here, will move back to Avon within a short while. The Meekins' have made many friends here who regret that they are moving.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Willis of Harkers Island, Tuesday, January 17, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin of Beaufort, Thursday, January 5, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hevia Noe of Beaufort, Friday, January 6, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Day of Lola at Morehead City Hospital, Wednesday, January 18, a daughter.

JOE MORTON KILLED

A telegram received here today by Mr. D. W. Morton told that his nephew Joe A. Morton was killed yesterday. No particulars were given however and it is not known at this writing how the death occurred. He was the son of the late Jos. A. Morton of North Harlowe and has been in the employ of the State Highway Commission for some time. He is survived by three sisters and a brother.

NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Garden Club will be held in the Community Club room Friday evening at 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

NEW COURT MAKES EXCELLENT START

Friday the Thirteenth Good Day For Re-Established Recorder's Court

The re-established county Recorder's court made a very good start last week despite the fact that it was Friday the 13th of the month and that there were 19 cases on the docket. A cold rain fell all day but this did not prevent a right good crowd of spectators from attending the first session of the court since the last of November. Judge Paul Webb and Solicitor M. Leslie Davis, recently appointed officials, kept things moving briskly and except for a few cases that were continued, disposed of the entire docket.

Cases against Ben Gabriel and Hiram Springle, charged with larceny, were continued to next Tuesday. Case against James Ed. Carter and Oleta Davis, colored, statutory offense was continued. W. F. Bell, violating prohibition law, was continued. Ivey Scott, violating prohibition law, and Ray Potter, same offense were also continued.

Earl Hudgins and Price Johnson, through their attorney Charles Steyons, entered pleas of nolo contendere to charges of injury to personal property and disorderly conduct. They were sentenced to the roads for 90 days, judgment to be suspended on payment of costs, payment of \$10 to Styron for injury to personal property and on condition that they remain of good behavior for twelve months. W. E. Skarren owner of the house where the disturbance took place stated that he had been paid \$10 for damage to the house.

Robert Norman, young white man from Morehead City, was tried and convicted on the charge of larceny of some parts from a car that belonged to Ed Lewis of that city. A radiator cap was identified by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis as one that came off their car. Chief Nelson also offered testimony that tended to identify the cap. Norman's sentence was 90 days to be worked at the County Home.

Willie Fulford, colored man of Beaufort, assault on a female, Annie Clyde Vann, was convicted and put under a 90 day suspended sentence on condition that he pay costs and be of good behavior for 12 months. The prosecuting witness did not want to testify against him and it appeared that the affair was a sort of lovers' quarrel.

Jerry Smith, colored, was tried on the charge of cutting Willie Fulford with a knife. The evidence was that Willie got cut in the back and that he was drunk and did not know much about it. Jerry and Willie were the only ones present at the time of the cutting and the court decided that Jerry must have done it. He was given a 90 day sentence to be worked at the County Home. He did not seem to mind the sentence much, saying he spent most of last year there.

Polk Johnson, colored war veteran and often in court for drunkenness was tried on the charge of disturbing public worship. Polk bitterly denied any intention of disturbing the church services and was merely giving expression to his spiritual emotions. It was rather hard for the court to decide whether his conduct was of a spiritual or spiritous origin. He promised that if allowed to go free that he would leave Beaufort in two weeks never to return and this he was given this opportunity.

The charge of injury to personal property against Pete Davis was nolle prossed, the evidence being that he had made good the damage.

In the case of Stacy Willis, young Morehead City man, charged with assault with intent to kill, carrying concealed weapons, disorderly conduct and so on was tried and considered. (Continued on page five)

NO TRIALS IN RECORDER'S COURT WHEN JURIES ARE DEMANDED

RALEIGH, Jan. 10—Demand for jury trial in the Recorder's Court of Carteret County by either the defendant or the prosecuting attorney would require the recorder to transfer the action to the Superior Court of Carteret county and a new and justified bond would be required of the defendant for appearance in the Superior Court, under provisions of a bill introduced in the General Assembly last week by Representative Luther Hamilton. At his request, the bill was passed immediately by the House and sent to the Senate, in which body it was referred to a committee.

The bill follows: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE RECORDER'S COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CARTERET.

The General Assembly of North

THREE MEN DROWN IN CAR SATURDAY

Automobile Driven Off Trent River Bridge Saturday Night by Negroes

NEW BERN, Jan. 19—The story of a rush of water so strong that it filled the car almost instantly and thwarted efforts to escape until the car rested on the bottom was told a coroner's jury Tuesday morning by Malachi Fisher in connection with the Trent river bridge accident which took the lives of three negroes Saturday night.

Fisher was the owner of the car, he said, Richard Whitehead was driving. He begged Whitehead not to drive further, Fisher said, both when he first noticed cars stopped by the open draw and again when Whitehead had knocked down the barrier at the draw and climbed back into the car after tossing it aside. The answer he got was "It's all right; I've got the wheel."

Whitehead had inspected the open draw, Fisher said. When he again started the car Fisher thought he intended to back up. The car went forward instead. The front wheels dropped over the apron of the bridge, and the apron tipped toward the water to drop the car easily into the river.

Almost immediately the car filled with water. Fisher said. He held his nose with his left hand and groped for the knob which lowered the back window. He and Sam Gaskins were on the back seat in the closed car. The rush of water was so strong that he could do nothing until the car struck bottom. Then he lowered the window. Fisher said, and made his way through it. He thinks Gaskins found the same opening. Unable to swim a lick, he began a crawling motion which brought him to the top and there a man grabbed his hand and dragged him on to the bridge.

None of them had been drinking, so far as he knew, Fisher said. They had been in New Bern only a short time before starting back home. He saw the warning lights and the lowered guard at the bridge, he said, and the other cars waiting for the draw to be replaced. Richard Whitehead never drank so far as he knew. He had acted sober enough previous to the accident.

Fisher's testimony as the owner of the car was the only evidence taken by the coroner's jury Tuesday morning. The verdict of the jury was that "Andrew Ambrose, Rudolph Chance and Richard Whitehead came to their death by drowning from running through an open drawbridge which was properly lighted and barricaded; the car being driven by Richard Whitehead and owned by Malachi Fisher, the latter allowing the same to be driven in a careless and reckless manner."

DR. PRYTERCH WILL GIVE LECTURE BEAUFORT SCHOOL

An illustrated lecture on the life history of the oyster will be delivered at the chapel period beginning at 10:11 tomorrow morning in the Beaufort High School auditorium by Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch, director of the Piver's Island Fisheries laboratory. The motion pictures that will illustrate the lecture are considered to be very interesting and entertaining by those who have seen them. The lecture itself will be highly instructive. All who care to attend at this time are cordially invited by the school to do so.

ATTENTION JUNIORS

There will be special string music at the regular meeting of the Beaufort Council Junior Order Monday night. All members are invited to be present.

Scientists Say T Make Oys

Extension Poultry Conducts School

Carteret County farmers who are interested in poultry raising will be pleased to learn that C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman from State College, will be in the county Wednesday and Thursday of next week for the purpose of instructing poultry raisers.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the office of County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet in the courthouse annex Mr. Maupin will conduct a poultry school, and instructions will be given concerning the scientific production of poultry from the egg to the incubator and on until the grown bird reaches the laying house.

All those interested in poultry are cordially invited to attend this school in order to get the latest information concerning poultry production for profit.

FIRST WINTER CABBAGE SHIPPED AWAY TUESDAY

Earl R. Oglesby, of the Crab Point section, must believe that the early bird catches the worm, for he shipped the first winter cabbages from this vicinity Tuesday afternoon. Twenty-five hampers of these went to a Maryland firm via the N. B. C. freight line. These will be followed by thousands of other hampers, if the price is at all reasonable.

BASKET BALL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN ARRANGED

By Fred G. Lewis
Two weeks ago the coaches of the Smyrna, Newport, Atlantic and St. Paul's schools met in the County Superintendent's office and arranged for a county basketball conference. This project will promote school spirit and friendship among the students of the county. The conference includes girls teams as well as boys' with the exception of St. Paul's. This school has only a boys' team.

St. Paul's School organized its team last year and has made a rapid progress. Of the twelve games played the team lost but three. This year better material has been developed and the two games played were won.

The following schedule has been agreed upon by the coaches of the teams entering the conference:

January 13—Smyrna vs St. Paul's at Smyrna, 7 P. M. Newport vs Atlantic at Atlantic: 2:30 P. M.

January 19—Smyrna vs Newport at Newport: 2:30 P. M.

January 20—Atlantic vs St. Paul's at St. Paul's: 3:30 P. M.

January 27—Atlantic vs Smyrna at Smyrna: 7:00 P. M. Newport vs St. Paul's at St. Paul's: 3:30 P. M.

February 3—Smyrna vs St. Paul's at St. Paul's: 3:30 P. M. Atlantic vs Newport at Newport: 2:30 P. M.

February 10—Newport vs Smyrna at Smyrna: 7:00 P. M. St. Paul's vs Atlantic at Atlantic: 3:30 P. M.

February 17—Smyrna vs Atlantic at Atlantic: 2:30 P. M. St. Paul's vs Newport at Newport: 3:30 P. M.

This schedule subject to change due to condition of weather.

ATHLETIC FIELD FENCE BUILT AT LOCAL SCHOOL

A fence has been erected around two sides of the Beaufort Public School athletic field during the last several weeks; the river will form the other two sides. Lumber for this was received in exchange for the timber cut off the woods land near the school building. Money necessary for the erection of this fence in addition to the lumber exchanged for the logs was received from public subscription. Supt. Robert L. Fritz stated to a News reporter.

The land where the timber stood is being cleaned up and made more presentable. Since the trees have been cut down, the school building can be seen clearly from the highway coming into Beaufort from the east. There has been some criticism concerning the cutting down of the trees, but Superintendent Fritz said that it was done to provide a fence for the athletic field and in order that the children would have sufficient healthful sunlight. There are enough trees left to provide the necessary shade during warmer weather, Superintendent Fritz said.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Nolan and Annie Felton, Beaufort.

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Green-Gill and Clams Better

By JAMES G. WHITEHURST

While the average user of eggs demands that the yolks be of a darker coloration—and hence richer, they believe—the selfsame person positive ly refuses to eat what is popularly termed "green gill" oysters, although the green gill is caused by a similar and equally harmless substance. Since early in the autumn the oysters and clams in Newport River and the vicinity of Beaufort have been "green," and hence the market for these has been nil. And the shattered market is in direct consequence of the greenish coloration coming from the food consumed by the oysters, despite the fact that these bivalve mollusks are in far better condition when "green" than at any other period.

But custom is hard to change. Regardless of the fact that green-gill oysters are far better for human consumption than those free of it, people will perhaps in this locality go on demanding those without this discoloration. And customs are fickle, too. Over in France and many other European countries the oyster-farmers bring about the conditions to produce green-gill oysters, because these are in far better demand than those without the green gill! Such is the eternal paradox.

Scientists have for more than a hundred years studied green-gill oysters and have learned just what causes this phenomenon in Nature, states Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch, Director of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries Laboratory on Piver's Island. It was found that the oysters eat millions of microscopic—those far too small to see with the human eye—animals and plants. Some years there are prevalent in the waters a certain greenish microscopic plant, known to the scientists as Navicular ostreae, which the oysters eat, and it is the greenish coloring matter from these plants that causes the so-called green gill after it is deposited in the tissues of these organs.

Oysters grow principally in this locality during the fall and spring. Doctor Prytherch told a News reporter; both hot and cold weather seems to stunt their growth. An oyster four or five inches long normally takes in fifteen or twenty gallons of water every twenty-four hours, and from this seemingly large amount of water strains the food upon which it subsists and grows. Whenever the Navicular ostreae is prevalent in the water, it does not take the oysters long to assimilate enough of the greenish-colored microscopic plants to change the gills to green.

Doctor Prytherch states that during the green stage that the oyster and clam are in the prime of condition, and that during this period they should enter more into the diet of those who like oysters. The chlorophyll that is taken out of the microscopic green plants and deposited in the gills of the mollusk, then renders the oyster and clam healthful in the same way that spinach is well known. It is Doctor Prytherch's opinion that if a sufficient amount of green-gill oysters and clams were eaten by a person, spinach and other similar foods could be dispensed with to a certain degree.

Oysters are rich in the principal (Continued on page 8)

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, Jan. 20	
2:22 a. m.	9:07 a. m.
2:34 p. m.	9:05 p. m.
Saturday, Jan. 21	
3:32 a. m.	10:11 a. m.
3:46 p. m.	10:12 p. m.
Sunday, Jan. 22	
4:41 a. m.	10:49 a. m.
4:57 p. m.	11:15 p. m.
Monday, Jan. 23	
5:47 a. m.	11:14 a. m.
6:01 p. m.	12:15 p. m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24	
6:46 a. m.	12:17 a. m.
7:00 p. m.	1:10 p. m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25	
7:39 a. m.	1:13 a. m.
7:57 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	
8:29 a. m.	2:05 a. m.
8:46 p. m.	2:45 p. m.