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## A General Sales Tax Law Seems Likely Now

### Balancing The Budget Is The Main Problem and In Order To Do It A Large Sum Must Be Raised; Eight Months School Bill Introduced

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RALEIGH, Feb. 7.—Both houses of the General Assembly have "gone up the hill and back again" during the past week several times, reminding of the gymnastic feat of "running in place" and getting nowhere, but the legislative body is making progress, even though there is apparently much lost motion, and the fifth week ended with them further along in the tasks before them.

The main problem has been balancing the budget and leaving enough for the departments, institutions and agencies necessary to get along on for the next two years. That is still the major hurdle and, in getting down to brass tacks, the joint finance committees have about discarded the Budget revenue bill and a sub-committee is directed to find new sources—and that is interpreted to mean that a sales tax will be levied, even though strenuously opposed.

Another MacLean bill is in to provide an eight months school without any ad valorem tax on property, figures have been produced to indicate that the eight months school can be operated with probably \$2,000,000 more than was appropriated last year and on the same basis or standard. If the salary schedule is reduced, then the addition would be reduced by that much. Moreover, with an eight months school, the proposal is to abolish all local tax districts so far as tax for school operation is concerned, which would eliminate several million dollars in local taxes over about three-fourths of the State.

The MacLean bill would require the eight months school and, to support it and the other requirements, it would be necessary to raise about \$10,000,000 to balance the budget. It would mean a sales tax of about two per cent of general sales, if the license, income and franchise taxes remain as they have been for two years, or a three per cent tax if they are reduced to the 1929 scale. The committees think industry is taxed too much in the new Budget revenue bill. It now looks as if the sales tax is inevitable, since ad valorem will be removed.

About all taxpayers have been heard by the finance, and departments and institutions have had their day with the appropriations committees. Those two groups are about ready to get down to business and bring out in a few days the committee revenue and appropriations measures.

The committee on Reorganization of the State Government is having its troubles. Its first actual defeat came when the Senate, by a 26 to 24 vote refused to abolish the Corporation Commission and set up a Public Utilities Commissioner instead. Concessions were made, but hardly enough. However, the measure was revived and again referred to the committee. It is likely that it will be adopted, but the only thing certain is another fight.

This committee did get through two more bills. One transfers the Local government Commission work to the State Treasurer, now Charles M. Johnson, who developed the local government work. The other abolishes the office of Executive Counsel, but an immediate sawing off was prevented by Governor Ehringhaus, whose request that the office end with the adjournment of the General Assembly was written into the act. Tyre Taylor will thus continue to look after parole matters until the legislature finishes its work, when some provision will probably have been made for the pardon and parole work.

The best farm abandonment, merger of welfare with health work and other reorganization bills did not come up last week. They too will meet opposition.

### Some Bills Passed

Seventy bills and resolutions, predominantly local, have been ratified so far. Ten public measures were ratified last week and 22 local bills. The fifth week saw a slowing down of new bills, about 100 having been introduced, bringing the total for the session to about 475. The number will continue to dwindle.

One of the hardest fights was on the measure to allow the medical profession to revoke licenses of physicians without appeal to the courts. It (Continued on page eight)

## Four Games Won By Local High School

The boys' and girls' basketball teams have played two games each recently and have been victorious in each of them. These were all played on the indoor court in the courthouse annex before large and enthusiastic crowds of spectators. The "Fat-So" band furnished music for these athletic conficts.

Friday evening the Morehead City High School girls' team was defeated by the locals by a score of 21-10. This is the first time in the past several years that Morehead City has been vanquished by the Beaufort High girls. Potter, Duncan and Chapin led the scoring for B. H. S. while Willis was the highlight for Morehead City.

The same evening the boys' team of Morehead City went down in defeat before the locals by the close score of 14-13. This game was neck and neck throughout. At the conclusion of the first half the score was 7-6. This was a hard-fought conflict.

The Farm Life girls of Vanceboro lost a nip and tuck game to B. H. S. Tuesday evening to the tune of a 14-13 score. Vanceboro held a slight lead throughout the entire game. During the last thirty seconds Herring tossed the field goal that put the winners one point in the lead. Herring's play was the breath-taking incident of the evening. Hinnant also led the locals, while Franks was the lone star for the losers.

Vanceboro's Farm Life boys' team lost the same evening to the B. H. S. boys, the score being 16-11. Captain Hattell and Moore led the scoring for the locals, while Heath was the outstanding player for the visitors.

Hassell and Davis were the officials for the first two games, and Hassell and VanHorne were the officials for the second double header.

## FOUR BASKET BALL GAMES TO BE PLAYED THIS WEEK

Four promising basketball games are slated for this evening, and Friday and Saturday evening. Tonight the local high school on the indoor court in the courthouse annex. Friday evening the Wake Forest Intramural basketball team will play against the B. H. S. Boys. Saturday evening the Wake Forest boys will pit their athletic skill against the local town team. Games will be called at 8 o'clock each of these evenings. The "Fat-So" band will be on hand before and during each of these conflicts to furnish the music.

## TO THE CITIZENS OF CARTERET COUNTY:

We appeal to you to use every effort to pay your taxes in full, or make partial payments to County Auditor Whitehurst or Tax Collector Hamilton as quickly as you can that you may make it possible to provide our school teachers with money enough to at least pay their board while they are providing extended school term for the children of the County.

We know the conditions confronting you, but if all will help, we will in a measure show our appreciation of the services and sacrifices of our teachers.

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CARTERET COUNTY

### INCOME TAX RETURNS MUST BE FILED SOON

Income tax time has rolled around again whether many people can pay it or not. Collector Gilliam Grison of Raleigh notifies the News that a representative of his office will be here February 24 and 25 for the purpose of aiding any who desire his services in filling out their income tax returns. He will be in Morehead City February 23. All returns have to be made before March 15.

## POLICE COURT ITEMS

Charles Wilson, colored, charged with drunkenness, judgment suspended upon payment of the costs. The cases of Will Fulford, Harry Davis, Charles Green and C. G. Thomas were continued for various reasons until the next session Monday evening of next week.

## SCHOOL MASTER GETS IN FIGHT

### Principal of Newport School Receives Bruises Saturday at Hands of Infuriated Parent

Ben Oglesby must have seen red when he talked last Saturday with W. E. Powell concerning the alleged wrongdoings of the former's son, Cecil Oglesby, according to the testimony given in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. This and other trials drew a large crowd of spectators into the court-room.

It was stated by witnesses that two children of Mr. Oglesby, including Cecil, have given considerable trouble to the school truck drivers who carry them to and from their home at Mill Creek. One day last week Cecil got very unpleasant and abusive toward Manly Barfield, the truck driver, who reported the occurrence to Mr. Powell, the principal of the school.

As a consequence of this, Cecil was administered corporal punishment by the school master. Just before this, while Mr. Powell was talking about Cecil's conduct, one of the young fellows in the office stated that sometime back Cecil had run his sister about with a knife. Cecil then was asked—and Mr. Powell assured the court that this was in a spirit of levity—whether he had a butcher knife concealed in his boots at the time. A negative answer was received.

Cecil then returned to his home and told his elders about the whipping he had received at the hands of Mr. Powell. Mr. Oglesby testified that the chastisement did not worry him, but that he did not like the fact that Mr. Powell questioned his son about the knife affair. Mr. Oglesby also heard that it was said in the school master's office that his son had threatened the truck driver with a knife.

Mr. Oglesby saw Mr. Powell in front of the Beaufort News office last Saturday and they talked at some length concerning this matter, and both testified that they tried to straighten out the seeming misunderstanding, but both thought the other in the wrong. Later in the day they again met in the back part of Carlisle Bell's store in Newport, and the subject was reopened. In the heat of the argument, Mr. Oglesby knocked Mr. Powell down, then sat on him and beat him until he was pulled off by people who were nearby when the affray started. It was agreed that Mr. Powell did not strike Mr. Oglesby at all.

Mr. Oglesby seemed to think that Mr. Powell had been harboring a grudge against him and his family during the four years the school master has been teaching in Newport. On the other hand, Mr. Powell stated that he had done every thing possible for the Oglesby family, even to the extent of aiding the welfare agent in giving them some much-needed clothing, but that Mr. Oglesby had been trying to tell him how to run the Newport school.

Mr. Oglesby was found guilty of the assault and fined five dollars and costs. Witnesses in the case were: W. E. Powell, Carlisle Bell, Manly Barfield, J. E. Barbour, D. G. Godwin, Nick Allen and Ben Oglesby.

C. C. Dennis, of White Oak, pled (Continued on page eight)

## LOCAL FUGITIVE FOUND RECENTLY

### Jimmie Oden Gets Into Trouble in Virginia and is Turned Over to Carteret Authorities

Getting in an altercation with the captain of a freight boat at Gloucester, Virginia, proved the undoing of Jimmie Oden, the colored man who escaped from the county jail here last fall while awaiting the October term of Superior Court on various and sundry charges preferred against him by his wife, Priscilla Oden, and her sister, Blanche Pearsall. Oden is again the guest of the county jailor.

When Jimmie Oden took French leave last fall he went up in the commonwealth of Virginia. Since then he has worked in various sections of that state and in West Virginia. At the time of the Gloucester, Virginia, affray, he was working on a freight boat plying out of that port. After the affair with the captain he was arrested. Following this, various papers including his army discharge, was found on him.

Sheriff Elbert M. Chadwick was immediately notified of the colored man's whereabouts and was asked if the man was wanted here. The Gloucester authorities were then informed to hold Jimmie Oden until the sheriff could get there. Sheriff Chadwick and T. M. Thomas, Jr., left here early Sunday morning for the Virginia city, and returned late that afternoon with Oden.

The fugitive evidently understood that the officer had him, for he waived all right to the extradition requirements and came on with the sheriff peacefully. On the way home Jimmie told the officer and Mr. Thomas about his meanderings during the last few months he has been a fugitive from the law.

Priscilla Oden and Blanche Pearsall had Jimmie arrested several times late last summer for numerous alleged misdemeanors, among which were listed attempted arson, stealing, and attempting to scare Blanche Pearsall with a pistol. Immediately after his last trial in Recorder's Court last fall, after Judge Davis had sent the case to Superior Court on bond, Jimmie went out and dangerously stabbed his wife about ten times with an ice pick and his sister-in-law, Blanche Pearsall, a number of times with the same instrument of punishment.

Within thirty minutes after the case had been continued by the Recorder, Jimmie had committed the crime, returned to the jailor and told him of the offense and then was reincarcerated in the county jail. Early in September the heat got too bad for Jimmie, so he broke jail and led for parts unknown. He left two notes in his cell which were addressed to R. E. Chaplain, the jailor. Both told that he did not have a lawyer to defend him in Superior Court and no money to retain one, and that he was going away to work in order to get money to employ a lawyer. Weeks rolled by, the October term of Superior Court came and passed and Jimmie did not return. Nothing was heard from him until the Virginia authorities made their inquiry Saturday.

## Lull Lookout High Activities This Week

There is now a momentary lull in the activities of the Cape Lookout Highway promoters, which is due to the fact that the report of the consulting engineer, George J. Dodge, has not been filed as yet with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington. It is now expected that this report will be filed within the next few days, after which other investigations will be made. If other investigators are as favorably impressed as Mr. Dodge was, it is very likely that the highway promoters will be granted a hearing before the officials of the R. F. C. in the near future.

It is said that everything is progressing as rapidly as possible and favorably as can be expected of a thing of this nature. But a good many local people, especially the unemployed, seem to be rather impatient. There is much talking and speculation concerning this matter on the street and wherever people gather. It is the general opinion of those expressing themselves that the proposed Lookout highway is a much needed transportation facility and that now is the most opportune time for constructing it. Hundreds of people living in this locality will try to get employment in the construction work if the loan is extended the Cape Lookout Highway, Inc., by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

## WILLIAM CARROLL MASON PASSES SUNDAY EVENING

After suffering intermittently for fourteen years from asthma, William Carroll Mason passed away here at his home on Orange Street Sunday evening at about eleven o'clock at the age of 24. Mr. Mason had been confined to his home for several months, but he was able to be up and about the house. Sunday he ate dinner at the table with his mother. That afternoon and evening when the weather changed radically, Mr. Mason's condition took a turn for the worse, and death came just before midnight.

Mr. Mason, who was known to a host of friends as "Charlie," was born at Stacy, the original home of his parents. The Mason family moved here about twenty years ago. He was the son of Mrs. Aleta Mason and the late Vann Buren Mason. His father passed away several years ago here.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Worth Wicker conducting. A large attendance of friends and relatives were present for the last rites and many floral designs were sent. Interment was at the cemetery at Stacy and a large crowd of friends and relatives in that section of the county were present.

The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Aleta Mason, and one brother, L. A. Mason, both of Beaufort.

## DOCTOR GUTSELL TO GIVE LECTURE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. J. S. Gutsell will deliver an interesting and informative lecture to the students in the Beaufort High School auditorium during the chapel period Wednesday morning. The chapel period begins at 10:10 a. m. Fathers and mothers of those attending school are cordially invited to attend and hear Doctor Gutsell.

## 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, Feb. 10	
8:01 a. m.	1:54 a. m.
8:21 p. m.	2:30 p. m.
Saturday, Feb. 11	
8:40 a. m.	2:34 a. m.
9:03 p. m.	3:05 p. m.
Sunday, Feb. 12	
9:21 a. m.	3:16 a. m.
9:45 p. m.	3:30 p. m.
Monday, Feb. 13	
10:02 a. m.	3:59 a. m.
10:28 p. m.	4:18 p. m.
Tuesday, Feb. 14	
10:45 a. m.	4:44 a. m.
11:01 p. m.	4:57 p. m.
Wednesday, Feb. 15	
11:14 a. m.	5:37 a. m.
11:29 p. m.	5:42 p. m.
Thursday, Feb. 16	
12:05 a. m.	6:36 a. m.
1:17 p. m.	6:39 p. m.

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD HELD ON MONDAY

### Several Applications For Relief; Settlement Made With Tax Collector For 1931 Taxes

## MARCH TERM JURORS CHOSEN

Considerable business was transacted by the Board of County Commissioners at the regular monthly meeting. As usual there were several applications for aid from the Poor Fund and some tax adjustments were made. Those present were Chairman W. M. Webb, Commissioners E. H. Fulcher, Martin Guthrie, W. Z. McCabe and County Attorney Luther Hamilton.

A motion offered by Commissioner Guthrie and passed accepted a final settlement with Alvah L. Hamilton for 1931 taxes. The Bank of Morehead City, Bank of Newport and N. C. Bank and Trust Company of Raleigh were made depositors for Carteret county funds.

A motion was offered and passed, to the effect that the bonds of Hugh Murdock, Standard Keeper and R. S. Tilden, Township Constable, be accepted and filed.

A motion made by Commissioner Smith was passed that no special calls shall be made by the County Physician unless authorized by the Chairman, Vice-chairman or County Auditor.

Upon motion offered by Commissioner Guthrie and carried the N. C. Bank and Trust Company was made depository for the county's debt service fund.

A motion offered by Commissioner Fulcher was adopted, which instructed the County Auditor to adjust a tax matter with the N. C. Mortgage Corporation.

A motion was passed instructing the Auditor to pay Duffy Rhodes \$1:50 a week for not more than four weeks.

The County Auditor was instructed by motion adopted, to pay bills for material used in constructing an infirmary at the County Home and \$10 to Elijah Guthrie for gasoline used on the job, he having given his services free of charge.

A motion was adopted authorizing the payment of \$30 on the burial expenses of Mrs. Wheatly Glancey, widow of a Confederate veteran.

A motion was passed correcting an error in the listing of the personal property of Allen Taylor in Harlowe township. Also similar action was taken as to an error of \$200 in listing a boat for D. J. Gaskill. D. P. Garner was relieved also of an error of \$100 in listing.

By motion passed La Fayette Jones of Harkers Island was granted \$5.00 per month from the Poor Fund when funds are available.

The bill of T. C. Salter former keeper of the County Home for gasoline used by him while keeper was not allowed.

A motion was passed reducing the allowance of Tobe Shepherd to \$4.00 a month. A motion was passed putting Jerry Burden on the poor list at \$4.00 per month and that the vouchers be turned over to the Tax Collector to put on back taxes.

## Jurors For March Court

L. M. Jones, Morehead City, F. F. Longest, Beaufort; Wilson Golden, Beaufort, RFD.; R. L. Fulcher, Atlantic; N. R. Webb, Morehead City; John R. Loughton, Morehead City, RFD.; Damon Fulcer, Stacy; Clayton Fulcher, Atlantic; O. Q. Mundine, Newport; W. E. Fodrie, Newport; Chas. V. Webb, Morehead City; Dora Merrill, Beaufort, RFD.; Cicero Goodwin, Roe; J. K. Gillikin, Marshallberg; F. R. Seeley, Beaufort; John W. Salter, Portsmouth, C. F. D. Bell, Newport, RFD.; Homer Harris, Stacy; Joseph Davis, Davis; Isaiah Wade, Morehead City; C. T. Eubanks, Beaufort, RFD.; Roy Goodwin, Beaufort; E. L. Tolson, Newport, RFD.; J. T. Norris, Beaufort, RFD.; J. G. Styron, Sealevel; Irvin Lupton, Lola; W. T. Davis, Beaufort; Wilbur Stewart, Gloucester; E. H. Davis, Marshallberg; Clayton Guthrie, Harkers Island; C. L. McCabe, Newport, RFD.; W. H. Jackson, Morehead City; Walter Davis, Harkers Island; J. F. Sabston, Beaufort, RFD.; W. C. Gillikin, Beaufort, RFD.; ichard Davis, Davis.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

News has been received here of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Wolfe of New York City on January 29th. The infant has been named Barbara Jean. Mr. Wolfe is now playing in the orchestra of "Happy" Felton.