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Carteret Farmers Planting More Potatoes This Spring

About Eleven Hundred Acres Will be Devoted to Irish Potato Production, Which is Two Hundred More Than Last Season; Farmers Now Very Active Getting Land Ready and Planting Crop; Whole Countryside Looks More Optimistic and Encouraging Than in Many Months

PRODUCTION TAX AND SALES TAX PLANS COMPARED

Yield From Two Methods Are Estimated To Be About The Same

CLEMENT GIVES ESTIMATE

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Feb. 28—The general sales tax of two per cent would bring in a total of \$13,088,380.00 and the one per cent production tax would bring in \$13,119,243.52, on the basis of 1929 sales and manufactures, which figures, on the basis of present business would have to be reduced to 60 per cent, Senator Hayden Clement, of Rowan, announces, in support of his one per cent production tax, as opposed to the proposed two per cent general sales tax.

These figures were compiled by the Division of Commerce and Industry of the Department of Conservation and Development from U. S. Bureau of Commerce statistics for 1929, the last available. They would have to be reduced to 60 per cent of that amount to show the approximate status of today, while readjustments would have to be made to show the greater drop in other lines of manufacture than is shown in the case of tobacco products.

Under the production tax three counties manufacturing tobacco, Forsyth, Durham and Rockingham, would pay considerably more than one-third of this tax, while these and three others, Guilford, Mecklenburg and Gaston would pay much more than half the total for the State. Under this Forsyth would contribute \$3,581,348.70, Durham \$1,382,244.45, Rockingham \$1,139,955.38, a total of \$5,581,418.53, while Guilford would pay \$967,282.61, Mecklenburg \$698,166.33 and Gaston \$690,830.52, the six counties paying \$7,937,627.99 of the total of \$13,119,243.52. Camden would pay nothing and seven other counties, Alleghany, Clay, Currituck, Dare, Greene, Tyrrell and Yancey would pay less than \$1,000 each.

Under the two per cent general sales tax Mecklenburg would be the only county paying above a million dollars a year, \$1,038,740, it and five other large counties, Guilford, Forsyth, Wake, Buncombe and Durham, paying one third of the tax, of \$4,341,180, on the 1929 business basis.

Carteret county, with a population of 16,900, would pay \$37,040.00 under the two per cent general sales tax and \$10,413.23 under the one per cent production tax, these figures show, but based on the 1929 volume of manufacturing and business, which would have to be cut to 60 per cent as the estimate for present conditions.

MAN'S WRIST ACCIDENTALLY CUT THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Working too close for comfort proved quite serious last Thursday afternoon for Jimmie Johnson, who was accidentally chopped across the left wrist with a grubbing hoe by Jonah Spencer. The two colored men were employed in relief work out at the Beaufort school.

Immediately after the accident, Johnson was taken to the Potter Emergency Hospital where he was treated by Dr. L. W. Moore. It was found that the colored man had sustained a badly lacerated wrist. After receiving treatment the man returned to his home. Tuesday when Johnson's wrist was dressed it was found that the wound was getting more serious, so he is being detained at the hospital until his wrist begins to show improvement.

By thinning the hardwoods on the Caswell County home farm, county authorities have effected a substantial saving in the fuel bill of the county. More than 200 cords of wood were culled from the farm woodlands.

During the past ten days of sunshine the farmers of Carteret County have been busy plowing and planting Irish potatoes, and more than one half of the eleven hundred acres to be devoted to Irish potatoes have already been planted. Last year some nine hundred acres were planted to these tubers, but this spring about two hundred more acres will be planted. About eighty-five per cent of the acreage last spring were contracted for; but only about sixty per cent of the acreage will be contracted this season, says G. W. Huntley, which is a reduction of about twenty-five per cent.

The heavy rains which fell prior to about ten days ago prevented the farmers from planting the potatoes, but the past week and a half has been very good for the growers. Just a few acres were planted before the heavy rains, but more than half of the acreage has been planted last week and this.

Agricultural activities have once more taken the limelight in all of the farming sections of Carteret. The growers seem to be filled with enthusiasm for crop production. The fact that spring is at hand is seen by a drive through the countryside. The activity of the farming communities of Carteret makes things look more optimistic to the passers-by and encouraging to the farmers themselves.

In addition to the planting of the Irish potatoes, the fields of cabbage, beets, radishes and other similar crops lend prestige to the truck farming of the county, which has developed so widely during the past eight or ten years.

SENATOR WALSH DIES

Another tragedy has befallen the administration of the next President. Recently an attempt on Mr. Roosevelt's life at Miami resulted in the wounding of five persons, two of them dangerously. Now his appointee as Attorney-General is dead. The radio spread the information this morning that Senator Thomas J. Walsh had just died from a heart attack while en route to Washington near Wilson, N. C. Senator Walsh was married a few days ago to a socially prominent Cuban widow. He and his bride flew from Havana to Miami and proceeded from there by rail for Washington. Senator Walsh was 73 years old. He was from Montana and was regarded as one of the ablest men in the U. S. Senate.

Carteret Tournament Has Brisk Beginning

Two of the most spirited and enjoyable basketball games played here in recent years took place in the auditorium of the court house annex Monday evening when St. Paul's vanquished Newport by a score of 27-17 and Beaufort defeated Morehead City at the rate of 14-11. The Carteret County basketball tournament opened here Monday afternoon when Smyrna high completely downed Atlantic with the top-heavy score of 23-5.

A large crowd of spectators were on hand for the tournament games and the quickness of the playing was enjoyably received. Allen, Mann and Lockett were the top scorers for the Newport quint, while Longest, Thomas and Rose were the star tossers for the Episcopalians. Owing to his diminutive size, Thomas for the latter aggregation brought thundering cheers from the sidelines whenever he aided his team-mates with quick accurate passing or hurling a field goal or calmly tossing a foul shot.

The Morehead City-Beaufort contest was even faster and with closer scoring than the St. Paul-Newport game. Owing to the natural rivalry existing between the two quints, each player on both sides made every effort to further his own team. Both teams featured air-tight guarding, so perfect that it was almost impossible for either to score. Roberts, Horne and Davis led the Morehead City high, while Hattell, Hill and Hassell were the foremost for the local quint.

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LABOR AVAILABLE FOR FARM WORK

Plenty of Workers Available Superintendent Allen Reports

The article published in the News last week with reference to labor conditions and the alleged refusal of some who are receiving help from the R. F. C. to work on the farms for pay attracted considerable attention and was discussed rather generally. As usual in such cases some take one side and some the other. County Superintendent of Education J. G. Allen, who is ex officio head of the relief work, has furnished the News a statement which follows:

"The R. F. C. headquarters in Beaufort will esteem it a pleasure and privilege to be of assistance to farmers and others in securing an adequate supply of labor for productive purposes when given an opportunity to do so. The R. F. C. has on its list numerous men in practically every locality in Carteret County who represent themselves as being out of work, particularly in Beaufort and Morehead City. With previous notice, when men in any appreciable numbers are needed the R. F. C. can supply, or help to supply, from men on its list, laborers in sufficient quantities to meet the needs where the proximity of the project will at all justify the relief subjects in doing the work."

"The R. F. C. does not represent that those for whom it has case cards are subject to its beck and call, but the R. F. C. does represent that those on its list to whom work is offered and available, and who at the time of the offer are not employed and refuse or fail, for invalid reasons, to avail themselves of the work opportunities which the R. F. C. suggests, can and will be cut off from receiving further work or provisions, or both."

"Since the beginning of R. F. C. activities in Carteret County last November, the local unit has constituted itself largely an employment agency for the unemployed. More than \$11,000 of the \$15,150 received by Carteret County through February having been paid out in wages rather than donations of food or (Continued on page six)

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

E. A. Council, Trustee to Gurney P. Hood, Comm., of Banks, 2 lots M. City, for \$460.

L. C. Carroll Mortgagee, to E. H. Oglesby 110 acres Newport Township, for \$350.

E. H. Oglesby to L. C. Carroll, 110 acres Newport Township, for \$10.

E. H. Gorham, Com. to Floyd F. Loftin, 2 lots Beaufort, for \$100.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr and Mrs. Harvey Lawrence, of Bettie, on Wednesday, February 22, twins, a boy and a girl.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS ANNOUNCED FOR STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Financial Statistics—14 caps

Washington, D. C., Mar. 1—The Bureau of the Census announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931. The per capita figures for 1931 are based on an estimated population of 3,201,000.

Expenditures

The payments for operation and maintenance of the general departments of North Carolina amounted to \$23,229,304, or \$7.26 per capita. This includes \$6,502,618, appropriations for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. In 1930 the per capita for operation and maintenance of general departments was \$9.06 and in 1917, \$1.96. The payments for operation and maintenance of public service enterprises in 1931 amounted to \$24,173; interest on debt, \$7,940,843; and outlays for permanent improvements, \$13,274,854. The total payments, therefore, for operation and maintenance of general departments and public service enterprises, for interest and outlays were \$44,469,174. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above, \$14,558,800 was for highways, \$3,523,577 being for maintenance and \$11,035,223 for construction.

Revenues

The total revenue receipts were \$40,427,133, or \$12.63 per capita. This was \$9,232,813 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent im-

provements, but \$4,042,041 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations. Property and special taxes represented 20.2 per cent of the total revenue for 1931, 20.6 per cent for 1930, and 50.2 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 174.7 per cent from 1917 to 1931 but there was a decrease of 15 per cent from 1930 to 1931. The per capita of property and special taxes collected was \$2.55 in 1931, \$3.04 in 1930, and \$1.20 in 1917. For 1930 and 1931 there were no collections of the general property tax for the use of the State.

Earnings of general departments, or compensations for services rendered by State officials, represented 11.7 per cent of the total revenue for 1931, 9.8 per cent for 1930, and 20.4 per cent for 1917.

Business and non business licenses constituted 52.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1931, 56.6 per cent for 1930, and 19.4 per cent for 1917.

Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies and of sales tax on gasoline, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges. The sales tax on gasoline amounted to \$9,767,374 in 1931 and \$10,219,144 in 1930, a decrease of 4.4 per cent. These amounts do not include the gas tax apportioned to the counties.

JUDGE WEBB HAS NO CONVICTIONS

Woman Has Husband Arrested But Fails to Appear in Court Against Him

A rather humorous incident was furnished the spectators in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning when it was related that Mrs. Ella Eborn who had had her husband, Nat Eborn, haled into court on a charge of assaulting her with his fists and hands on the twenty-third day of February and inflicting painful injuries and threatening to kill her, thus causing her to leave home, had decided to stay away from court. Owing to the failure of the prosecuting witness to come into court and testify against the alleged misconduct of her husband led the court to noll-pross the case with leave. Both the woman's husband and Sheriff Elbert M. Chadwick told Judge Webb that Mrs. Eborn had said that she would not appear in court.

Floyd Winberry was charged with breaking into the Newport Consolidated School building on February twentieth and stealing therefrom an oil drum and gasoline-tank lever, with which he stole a drum full of gasoline from the gasoline tank located on the school property and owned by the school. The defendant pled not guilty through his attorney, Charles W. W. Stevens.

Witnesses in the case—D. Ira Garner, W. L. Lockett and Earle Jarman—testified that the dirt was wet after the night of the robbery and that they followed the distinct tracks of the automobile down to Mill Creek. There they found the drum of gasoline cached in the woods with pine limbs covering it. Then the vehicle bearing the distinct tread was tracked back to Newport and thence to Morehead Bluffs where it was recognized as that of Floyd Winberry. It was found parked beside the home maintained by Mr. Winberry's sister. Mr. Winberry originally came from the Mill Creek section. Owing to the fact that the men might have been mistaken in tracking the automobile on account of the vehicle being driven over hardsurfaced roads as well as damp dirt ones, Judge Webb dismissed the action.

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AIRPLANE CARRIES OXYGEN EQUIPMENT TO MAYOR CERMAK

Raleigh, March 1—A tri-motored airplane sped into the southern darkness Tuesday with oxygen equipment to reinforce the efforts to save the life of Mayor Anton Cermak, critically ill in a Miami hospital from wounds inflicted by an assassin who sought the life of President-elect Roosevelt.

Included among the equipment was an airtight room, made of rubberized fabric, into which the Chicago mayor would be placed. Outside will be the pumps to supply the room with oxygen. The plane landed here at 6:15 p. m. and took off 15 minutes later.

Lawmakers Bothered By Schools And Taxes

Eight Months or Six Months Term Is Perplexing Question; General Sales Tax or Luxury Tax is Another One; Session Now on Ninth Week and Much is Yet to be Done Before Adjournment.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Feb. 28—On what is probably the eve of the birth of a new revenue bill the joint finance committees of House and Senate seem in hopeless deadlock on two important phases of the measure they are to present to the General Assembly: the sales tax and the eight months school term.

These two phases have been looked upon as inseparable. They have been linked to the extent that proponents of the sales tax plan have used the eight months school term proposal as a means of getting the tax over—in fact, that the longer term would be the only justification of the tax, and belief is general that the eight months term cannot be operated without it in some form. But, whether the six months term can be operated without the sales tax is the point that is now bothering many of the legislators.

Many of the law-makers are opposed to a sales tax of any kind, and many would fight such a tax to the end if it were possible for them to see that the government could continue to operate and schools be conducted for six months without it. A small majority of the Senate finance committee went for a sales tax and a slight one in the House committee went against it. Also, a slight majority in one house favors the eight months school term, while a slight majority in the other opposes it.

Little doubt is entertained that a general sales tax, rather than a luxury tax, will be adopted, but it will be necessary to convince several legislators that the money necessary cannot be raised otherwise. They will accept it as a sort of last resort. Belief is that the finance committees will get out the revenue bill during this week, and that within two weeks the General Assembly will adopt a revenue measure, based on, if not entirely the committee bill.

The eighth week of the session passed with little apparently accomplished. Only six bills and resolutions of a public nature, and 38 local measures, were finally ratified. Numbers of bills have been tossed about, killed and brought back to life, passed and recalled—to such an extent that one legislator made a motion to take up on a certain day only bills from the unfavorable calendar—so many had been brought back for further action, after being killed.

Belief is, however, that progress is being made, that the main bills, revenue and appropriations, are being formed and will soon be cut for action. Three or four weeks more will see them and other important legislation enacted and the General Assembly ended or near the end, it is expected. The bills introduced have gone above the 1000 mark now, and exactly 200 had been ratified to the end of last week, probably 80 per cent of them local. Last week was probably the lowest in ratification of any that will follow.

Three of the measures ratified last week were resolutions, one designating by name the "Clarence A. Shore State Laboratory of Hygiene Building," in honor of the late director for 25 years. The other two were ready the week before, one endorsing Mrs. Lillie M. Mebane as minister to Sweden, the other asking Uncle Sam to stay off the State's tax fields.

New Divorce Law Now

The divorce bill is now the law, allowing divorce actions to be brought after two years of separation, instead of five, and cutting the residence period before bringing an action from two to one year. Another new law prohibits employment on any public works of an architect, engineer, designer or draftsman interested in the manufacture or sale of any materials used in the work.

Of interest is the law reducing the license fee for trailers towed by passenger cars, ratified last week. Formerly the cost was 55 cents per 100 pounds, the average having been \$7.15 a year. Now such trailers weighing not more than 500 pounds and carrying not more than 1,000 pounds, towed by a passenger car are taxed only \$2 for all or any part of the year.

The Senate finally passed the measure abolishing the Corporation Commission, as amended, and sent it to the House.

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MOREHEAD CITY BANK IS CLOSED

Bank Failure Causes Some Talk; W. A. Allen Will Liquidate Bank

Considerable interest was manifested in Beaufort and vicinity yesterday when the news of the closing of the Bank of Morehead City began to circulate among the people. It was the chief subject of conversation on the streets, in the stores and other places of business for several hours. The view was expressed by several business men that the effect would be more psychological than any thing else so far as Beaufort was concerned. A number of firms and individuals here carried accounts with the bank but most of them had only small balances. As far as the News has heard no one from here had more than two or three hundred dollars in the Morehead City institution and very few had as much as \$100 balance there.

A notice on the door of the bank reads that it was closed by "order of the board of directors and on the advice of G. P. Hood, State Bank Commissioner." The bank was open Tuesday as usual but failed to open Wednesday. There seemed to be no excitement about the matter in Morehead City although there was general regret there and elsewhere that the bank had to close. It seems generally recognized that the bank had put up a good fight but that the odds were against it and closing was unavoidable. Two representatives of A. Lee Rawlings and Company of Raleigh arrived early Wednesday morning and began an immediate investigation of the bank's affairs. W. A. Allen who is in charge of the liquidation of the two banks in Beaufort and one in Morehead City, will liquidate the Bank of Morehead City.

The News has no information as to the bank's condition at this time. Its last statement, published December 31, shows deposits subject to check, unsecured, amounted to \$41-339.22. It had a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus fund of \$9000. Bills payable amounted to \$64,763.80. W. A. McGlohon was president and H. O. Phillips cashier.

MARINE BANK PAYS DIVIDEND

It was stated in the News last week that dividend checks for the Marine Bank of Morehead City had been received by Liquidating Agent W. A. Allen and would be sent out March first. The News is informed that the checks were mailed out Wednesday. This was a five per cent dividend and makes 35 per cent that has been paid so far.

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, March 3	
12:24 a. m.	7:11 a. m.
12:39 p. m.	7:11 p. m.
Saturday, March 4	
1:11 a. m.	8:09 a. m.
1:30 p. m.	8:08 p. m.
Sunday, March 5	
2:09 a. m.	9:08 a. m.
2:30 p. m.	9:09 p. m.
Monday, March 6	
3:15 a. m.	10:05 a. m.
3:41 p. m.	10:07 p. m.
Tuesday, March 7	
4:24 a. m.	11:02 a. m.
4:46 p. m.	10:59 p. m.
Wednesday, March 8	
5:20 a. m.	
5:42 p. m.	11:51 p. m.
Thursday, March 9	
6:07 a. m.	11:57 a. m.
6:28 p. m.	12:37 p. m.