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Bowie-Cherry Appropriations Bill Will Very Likely Cause Some Form of Sales Tax Soon

LONG SESSION OF ASSEMBLY NOW FORESEEN

Senate Holding Back Eight Months School Provision Bill

CLEAR CALENDARS

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH March 28—After ten days of travail the House of Representatives has brought forth and sent to the Senate an appropriations bill which bears the name of the Bowie-Cherry substitute for the committee substitute for the original appropriations bill, but with few features of parents-in-name, and in the main the child of the House Appropriations committee.

The committee bill contemplated a sales tax of some kind. The Bowie-Cherry substitute, adopted by the House, sought to balance the budget without such a tax and by cutting everything to the bone, or deeper. After the Bowie-Cherry substitute was adopted, the bill was taken up item by item, and everything raised to or almost to the figures in the committee bill, except the State departments. The measure went to the Senate that way, with increases sufficient to require some form of sales tax, and will come out early this week in the Senate.

As the bill went to the Senate it provided \$13,450,000 for the six months public school term, \$75,000 for emergencies, and \$600,000 contribution toward support of the extended term, a total of \$15,050,000 for public schools. The Senate may, or may not, substitute the eight months term, abolishing charter districts, as to operation, as recommended by Governor Ehringhaus. The Senate has been holding back the MacBean-Bailey bill for an eight months school, and it may be embraced in the appropriations measure. If so, it will then have to go back to the House, for concurrence and its fate is uncertain. The Senate will probably be considering the appropriations measure all this week.

Meanwhile, the House will have under consideration the revenue measure, the second of the two important bills, and there will probably be interlocking, crossing and dove-tailing of the two measures. Even with the program made the session, and if things move along with fair progress, little chance is seen of adjournment in less than three weeks or more, and if deadlocks develop, that time could easily be doubled, running the session through April.

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Beware !!

All Fool's Day comes Saturday, and from early in the morning until late at night every one will be trying to get an April Fool on everybody else. This is one of the most joyful and sorrowful days of the year, and an excellent time for testing a youngster's sense of humor. But this is by no means confined to the younger people, for the oldest in whose veins flow the spirit of youth the day holds much merriment.

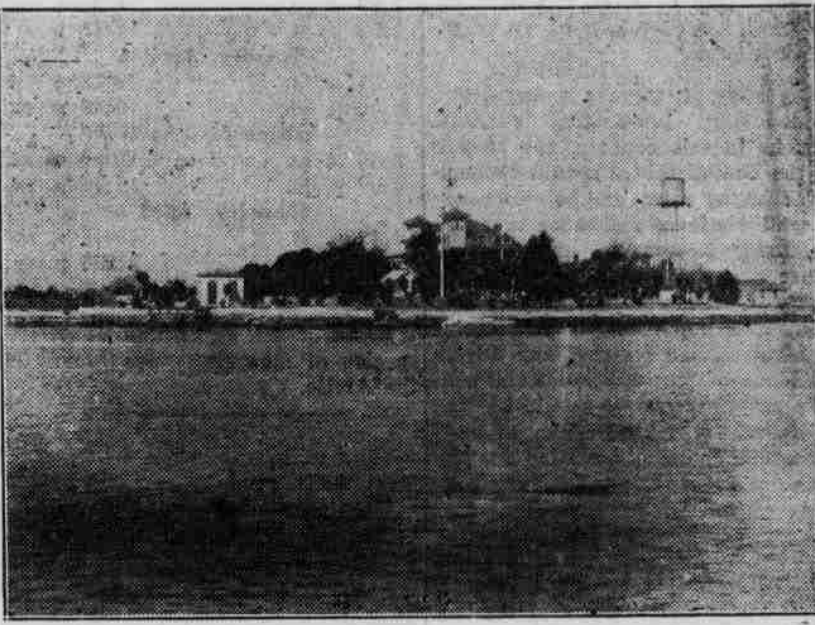
Beware the kind (?) attention of both friends and foes on All Fool's Day, for that is indeed a day to look questioningly at everything that has even a semblance of friendliness and attentiveness!

FILED AUDIT SATURDAY

The audit of the defunct Bank of Morehead City was filed with Clerk of Court L. W. Hassell Saturday, March 25. This was prepared by A. Lee Rawlings and Company, Certified Public Accountants, of Norfolk, Va., and Raleigh.

The Garden Club has spent considerable money on new trees for Beaufort Streets. Help them grow by watering them every day.

Laboratory Being Repainted



All the buildings at the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries Biological Station at Piver's Island are now being repainted. Since the beginning of this station about three decades ago, the buildings have always been painted buff, but snowy white paint is now being used in redecorating the exterior of the buildings. The director's home is also included in the repainting program. Both the local people and summer visitors will be pleased with the appearance of the island, since the white paint makes the buildings much more attractive than did the buff.

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS GAIN REDUCTION

This Applies to 1931 Taxes and All Other Previous Years

There has been some confusion on the part of the taxpayers of the county in regards to the special act sponsored by Representative Luther Hamilton and passed by the General Assembly about two weeks ago relieving taxpayers of Carteret County and Morehead City of all penalties due on unpaid tax certificates for 1931 and preceding years and also a certain percent reduction of the face value of the certificates for prompt payment. Some people have the impression that this is the first step toward relieving the taxpayers of all past due taxes, but the Beaufort News is informed that this is not the case and that the taxpayers will be held responsible for all taxes due.

On all delinquent taxes—that is, those for 1931 and all years prior to that—will not be charged up with the penalties and interest normally accruing. If delinquent taxes are paid during 1933, the discounts on the face value of the certificates will be allowed as follows: during month of April four per cent; during May three and one-half per cent; during June three per cent; during July two and one-half per cent; during August two per cent; during September one and one-half per cent; during October one per cent; and during November one half of one per cent. No discount will be allowed for delinquent taxes paid during the month of December of this year.

After January first 1934 payment of all delinquent taxes for 1931 and years prior shall be collected under the conditions and provisions of the general law at that time existing. For further information concerning this matter the Beaufort News refers its readers either to the tax collectors of Carteret County and Morehead City or to the special act governing this.

Enormous Catches Fish Are Reported

OCRACOKE, March 28—Fishermen here estimated today that over 1,000,000 pounds of fish have been caught out of Ocracoke during March totalling more than for the six months prior to March 1.

The bulk of the catch has been taken by sink net fishermen who go out in small boats from Ocracoke in-let to the open sea. Prices are said to have been good with croakers bringing as high as \$4 a hundred and trout \$12 a hundred.

Crab Buyers Arrive

A number of crab buyers from Crisfield, Maryland, have arrived in Carteret County since the last issue of the News was printed. Several of these are located at Morehead City and one or two at communities in the eastern part of the county. These are in addition to the numerous local shippers of the soft shelled crustaceans.

The weather is getting warmer and more favorable for the catching and shipping of crabs, now that spring is opening up. Larger catches are being made and more are being shipped daily now. A large number of people in the eastern part of the county are employed in the industry.

LIST TAKERS BEGIN WORK OVER CARTERET SATURDAY

Property list takers for the various townships of Carteret County met at the court-house this morning. They will start work Saturday morning, April 1, and will continue to list property through the month of April. W. G. Dudley and James Potter are the list takers for Beaufort township and will be in their office in the court-house each week day in April from nine a. m. to 4 p. m.

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Carteret's Schools Will Have Track Meet at Smyrna April 7

The Annual Carteret County High School Track Meet will be held at Smyrna High School at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, April 7. Last year only the three rural high schools, namely, Atlantic Newport, and Smyrna participated. But this year teams from both Morehead City and Beaufort high schools will contest with the three rural school teams. There will be five events for the girls and seven for the boys as follows:

Girls Events

1. 50 yards dash
2. Running high jump
3. 50 yards sack race
4. Basket ball free throw
5. 200 yards relay race

Boy's Events

1. 100 yards dash
2. 220 yards dash
3. Baseball distance throw
4. Running high jump
5. Running broad jump
6. Basket ball free throw
7. 440 yards relay race

Uniform sacks of a large size as oat bags will be furnished contestants.

The basket ball free throw will be conducted indoors where no one will be handicapped on account of the wind. Each contestant will have ten successive chances from free throw line. The person scoring the largest number of goals will win the event. A basket ball will be furnished con-

PISTOL GETS MAN ROAD SENTENCE THIS WEEK

Colored Man Given 4 Months on Assault Charge

Jeff Taylor, a thirty-year-old North River colored man, was tried in Recorders Court Tuesday morning on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon—to wit, a pistol—upon the person of Lena Bell Taylor, of the same community. After much testimony, Jeff was convicted and sentenced by Judge Paul Webb to four months in jail and to be assigned to work the roads of the state.

It was learned from the various witnesses that Jeff acquired a pistol sometime back and has been terrifying the neighborhood ever since with his threats of wanting to kill some one. Monday afternoon of this week, Jeff was at the home of Lena Bell Taylor and during a heated argument he wished his concealed weapon from his hip pocket and snapped the seemingly empty gun twice, aiming at her chest.

In addition to the defendant and prosecuting witness, two other witnesses testified in the case. James Johnson, who originally hailed from Mayeville, was a rather clear, forceful witness, and gave his testimony in a concise, straightforward manner that would have done credit to a professional witness. Alonzo Sheppard, formerly of Newport but now of the North River section, also testified in the case.

Jeff Taylor asked the judge to send Johnson and Sheppard away from the North River section, for he said they had been causing trouble ever since they went there. He also denied that he was guilty of the act, or that he had a pistol at that time.

In the course of his testimony, James Johnson claimed that Jeff was the mope in the eye of Upper North River. Johnson said that Jeff had "gone around with" Lena Bell Taylor's mother until her father had deserted his spouse in favor of his brother. It appeared to be a badly tangled affair, but in view of the evidence of the assault with a deadly weapon, Judge Webb thought Jeff should be cured of his pistol-toting habit and so he gave him four months on the road as a panacea for his weapon-loving proclivities.

Blessed Events

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Styron, of Lola, Tuesday, March 28, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil T. Harris of Marshallberg at Morehead City Hospital, Wednesday, March 29, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eubanks of Beaufort, at Potter Hospital, Monday, March 27, a son, Charles Roy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Caffrey, of Beaufort, at the Potter Emergency Hospital, Thursday, March 30, a daughter, Bessie Lee.

Morale in Carteret County Improves Rapidly as Folks Release Their Stored Cash

Rebuilding Store

Another knockout blow against Old Man Depression!

F. R. Bell, local druggist, is now completely remodeling his drug store on Front Street—so completely, in fact, that it will be practically a new building when completed.

It will be made seven feet wider; this will take up both of the alleyways on both sides of the present structure. The roof will be raised so that the ceiling inside of the new building will be about two feet higher than the present one.

There will also be three front doors in the new structure—one on each side and another in the middle of the front. A complete change will also be made in the interior. New fixtures will be installed. The prescription counter will be on one side, thus allowing the cool ocean breezes to be wafted through the store in warm weather.

Mr. Bell, whose store is known as the little drug store with the big heart, says that his new building will be one of the most modern and up-to-date ones in this section, and it will be furnished with the most appropriate drug store fixtures to be had.

MAY ALLOW EXTRA TAX LEVIED IN COUNTIES

Beer and Insurance Bills Will Have Hearing

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, March 28—A measure already passed the House and expected to be passed by the Senate any time, would permit county commissioners to levy an extra 10 cents on the \$100 property valuation for special purposes, in addition to the 15 cents allowed under the Constitution, if approved by the Director of Local Government. Many counties are unable to balance their general fund budget on the Levies allowed, it is claimed, and the reductions in property valuations this year would make it even harder.

The special purposes enumerated are to pay expenses of revaluation, for courts and jails and jail prisoners, and for elections. The first two objects are included in a law enacted two years ago and applying to 30-odd counties.

Public hearing is to be held Tuesday on the State 3.2 per cent beer, wine, porter and ale bill, originating in the Senate after two or three other modification measures were killed by House committees. It would allow sale and manufacture, with a stiff tax. The promoters hope for better luck, since President Roosevelt has ratified the measure passed by Congress, legalizing beverages of 3.2 per cent alcohol. The question of its enactment seems to tend toward refusal, even though wine and beer are legalized in the nation from April 7.

A hearing is to be held soon on the measure to establish a State-supervised workmen's compensation insurance fund, a plan endorsed by the State Federation of Labor's executive committee. This plan would provide that the State handle funds for insuring employers under the compensation act, thus eliminating the stock and mutual companies selling such insurance in the State. Its proponents claim it would save 39 1-2 per cent of the premium income which is now set aside by the insurance companies as overhead, which would mean a saving of about \$2,250,000 a year to the employers of the State. In addition, it is claimed that such insurance handled by the State would be more certain than if handled by companies, some of which have, and others may, fail, resulting in loss to the employer if still solvent, or to injured workers. Some of the companies are declining, it is stated, to write certain forms of insurance and a State-supervised fund is considered necessary for that reason.

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LOCAL FOLKS WAGE ANTI-HOARDING CAMPAIGN

Redeem Thousands of Dollars in Gold and Old Currency

Carteret County folks are falling in line with the non-hoarders of the nation, and during the last two weeks over one thousand dollars in gold and more than two thousand dollars in new old large bills have been turned into the local Post Office. Monday of this week saw one of the old fifty-cent "Shin Plaster" bills finding its way back to light through the Post Office.

Practically all types of gold coins are now being deposited or exchanged or more recently issued other forms of cash at the local Post Office. These coins bear dates of various years during the last fifty and more years.

The "Shin Plaster" which was brought in Monday is quite a curiosity, and many local people have seen it at the Post Office. It is about two by four inches in size, and judging from its first-class condition it has not been in circulation much since it was issued in 1873.

This old fifty cent bill was issued under the acts of March 3rd, 1863 and June 30th, 1864, and bears the inscription: "United States Fractional Currency—Fifty Cents." This was printed by the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving upon regulation United States safety paper.

Among the old paper money that has been brought to the local Post Office during the last two weeks were a number of bills that were about an inch longer and an inch wider than the bills that were called in about four years ago. Nearly all of these were issued by national banks in 1883.

In addition to this old money, several hundred dollars worth of old gold and silver jewelry of all kinds and descriptions have been redeemed in cash at B. A. Bell's jewelry store during the last ten days or two weeks.

It is beginning to appear as if the good folks of Carteret are putting their shoulders to the wheel and are doing every thing they can to combat the hoarding in this section of Carolina. Men high in the financial world have been saying that hoarding is one of the main causes of the depressed economic conditions in the United States, and judging by the way Carteret County people are backing the anti-hoarding campaign, they are willing to fight for better times.

Grass Inscriptions

One of the best pieces of landscape work ever done around Beaufort was executed this week on the grounds of the Beaufort Graded School. At the intersection of Mulberry Street and the highway on the slight rise of the school campus has been placed in grass the following inscription: "BEAUFORT-HIGH-SCHOOL"

The letters are about two or two and a half feet high, and are made of joint grass turf surrounded by gravel to keep the grass from spreading. These letters were very neatly cut and the whole was symmetrically placed on the slight curve at that point of the campus. This artistic inscription can be readily seen by those passing in the vicinity of the school and it greatly improves the looks of the grounds.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dave Smith and Dollie Morse, Morehead City, N. C.
W. H. Edwards and Evelyn Mann, Newport, N. C.
Claude Day, Roe and Myrtle Goodwin, Lola.

Please water the newly planted trees in front of your home or church. A bucket of water a day.