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## Lower House Enacts Sales Tax Measure

Bill Passes Two Readings And Comes Up For Third Today; Senate Will Probably Make Some Changes; Opposition Has Grown Weaker.

RALEIGH, April 19—A two per cent general sales tax for North Carolina moved a step nearer to reality today as the house passed the biennial revenue bill on second reading. The vote was 56 to 42, excluding seven pairs.

The measure will come up for final reading in the house tomorrow, as a roll call vote must be taken on it on two separate legislative days in each branch of the legislature after it has passed first reading.

Opponents of the sales tax had not despaired of defaulting the proposal and were ready to renew the fight tomorrow. If the measure passes third reading tomorrow it will immediately go to the senate where it seems certain to face major changes which would necessitate passage on three more house readings.

Before the measure was passed on second reading the house refused by a 14 vote majority, 55 to 41, to strike out that two per cent general sales tax as proposed in an amendment by Bowie of Ashe.

Representative Watson of Nash, a leader of the anti-sales taxes, said the fight would be renewed with increased energy tomorrow while Bowie said his course would be governed "by conditions, I cross my bridges when I get to them."

The selected commodities tax will be injected into the fight again tomorrow, Representative Newman of New Hanover said. His proposal was defeated by the house as a committee of the whole by 31 votes.

### PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

On Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the high school auditorium was held the last meeting of the P. T. A. which was attended by the largest number of parents during the year.

After the business session in the auditorium during which were given an excellent report by the Ways and Means Committee, Mrs. Ed Potter, and most welcome news from the Ground Committee, Mr. C. R. Wheatly, who reported that the road to the school would be greatly improved. Supt. R. L. Fritz gave the plans for a well-equipped gymnasium-cafeteria with kitchen, dressing rooms, lockers, showers and basket ball facilities which we hope to have for use next year. The plans show much work and thought, but it is worth the effort and time given by him and those assisting if the town can secure such a desirable place for making better, stronger, and healthier boys and girls.

At the close of the business session, the program committee gave instructions for the "Parent School" to be held with ten minute class periods in which parents were to sample the day's work of their children. It was an excellent opportunity for Parents and Teachers to talk over their problems get the viewpoint of each other in an effort to serve the boys and girls better.

In spite of difficulties in getting the year's work begun, the P. T. A. has accomplished much good and we look forward to much greater efforts on the part of all for a most successful year.

### JUDGE WEBB ACCIDENTALLY LIGHTS CIGAR IN COURT

Smoking is taboo in Recorder's Court and Judge Paul Webb tries to set an example, but he was so engrossed in his work Tuesday morning that he broke his own ruling.

Judge Webb was busily trying to settle a case, when he hastily took a cigar from his pocket, bit the end off and lighted it. After taking several puffs, he stopped suddenly in talking, looked quizzically at the cigar. Then he glanced around the court room like a boy caught with his hand in a cookie jar.

When he said that no one except the News reporter had noticed his smoking in open court—and his own court a that—he smiled sheepishly and hastily stamped the newly lighted cigar. Yes—even a judge forgets occasionally.

### GARDEN CLUB POSTPONED

Due to the Senior play, the regular meeting of the Garden Club has been postponed. The date of meeting will be announced in next week's issue of the News.

## REVENUE BILL IS A HARD PROBLEM

Legislature Adjourned For Week End Without Doing Any Thing

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, April 18—The House of Representatives of the N. C. General Assembly, after eliminating Article 6 of the Revenue bill, the three per cent general sales tax, by a 63-60-50 vote, and refusing, 65 to 36, to insert in its stead the Newman selected commodity sales tax, directed the Finance committee to re-write that article and bring it back to the House Tuesday night, until which time the House practically adjourned for the Easter week-end.

By its action in turning down both forms of sales tax, the commodity form more decisively than the general form, the House has moved up certainly another week, at least two weeks longer, adjournment of the General Assembly. But, ere another week is gone, that body is expected to adopt a general sales tax, possibly modified some, and possibly including some parts of the selected commodity tax, but to adopt it. In any event, its adoption seems assured, for if the House fails to include it in the bill going over to the Senate, the latter body is expected to insert it and send it back to the House, with some other eliminations from the present House measure.

Not Enough Revenue

The present House revenue bill is about \$8,000,000 a year short of producing a balanced budget, on the basis of the appropriations bill, already passed by both houses. Three increases were made, one taxing the stock in foreign corporations, the other a one-half mill per kilowatt hour of electric power, and the third on corporate franchises. These increases are expected to be eliminated by the Senate, which has already turned two of them down. Scaling these and adding a sales tax that will bring in around \$9,000,000, as the three per cent general sales tax is expected to do, would balance the budget.

Even though defeated, the general sales tax, possibly modified, is the best bet, finally, if not included by the House in the first place. In the light of this week's developments, few see any prospect of adjournment before the end of April, and the legislators may drink their first legal glass of beer or wine in Raleigh before they adjourn.

The Senate, which had cleared its calendar and was practically twiddling its thumbs waiting for the House to send over the revenue bill, decided to observe the Easter season and arrange for short perfunctory sessions, just coming within the constitutional requirement of daily meetings, until Tuesday at noon. The House, seeing nothing could be done with the revenue bill and even in the face of a long calendar of bills from its own committees and from the Senate, followed that lead Friday, and will not hold any more real sessions until Tuesday night.

Legislative achievements the past week have been below par, due to the time the House has spent on the revenue bill, thus allowing its public calendar to grow day by day. While there are several bills of more or less importance on that calendar, it would not take long to dispose of them, under pressure of hope of early adjournment. They can be killed or passed in a hurry.

Summary of the past week, the 16th of the session, shows that 109 new bills were introduced, 33 in the Senate and 76 in the House, bringing the session's total to 1881 bills introduced, 1,420 in the House and 561 in the Senate. Also 87 bills were ratified and became the law last week, including 19 of a public or general nature, and 68 local bills. This includes a few which were passed and ready for ratification, but not actually ratified.

New Marriage Law

The marriage laws, since five-day notice by minors was abolished and the requirement for physical examination changes to require the groom to furnish a health certificate, or else undergo an examination, has not

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## Eighteen Men May Get Forestry Jobs

Carteret County's quota of men in the Reforestation-Unemployment Relief Program sponsored by President Roosevelt and using a total of 250,000 men for every state in the Union, is 18 men, or 1 man for every 500 population. North Carolina's quota is 6,500 men.

Although definite instructions have not been received at local R. F. C. headquarters, it is quite likely that applications for this work will be received by Mrs. Kite or her appointed representative at Beaufort beginning Monday, April 24th, and continuing not longer than Saturday, April 29th. No application will be received prior to Monday April 24th inasmuch as the machinery for the receipt of these applications has not been set up.

Men eligible to file application for this work must be unmarried, between the ages of 18 and 25, must be in robust physical condition, must have actual dependents, and must agree to return to their dependents in Carteret County (probably through the R. F. C. Headquarters) 75 per cent of their wages.

Those who are included among the 18 that constitutes Carteret County's quota will be sent to Government camps not later than May 15th where they will undergo a period of physical training prior to their transportation to western North Carolina and Tennessee where the Reforestation projects will be undertaken. Although definite instructions have not been received at R. F. C. Headquarters it is believed that these men will be paid \$1.00 per day for their services and will receive at Government expense the cost of all transportation, board, medical care, etc.

Applications should be made in person to Mrs. Hilda G. Kite, who will select these 18 men from among the probable 200 or more applicants strictly according to the basis of their ability to do the work and the need of their families back home.

### NEWS EDITOR RETURNS

W. G. Mebane, editor of the Beaufort News, returned home Friday afternoon from Greensboro, where he spent a month receiving medical treatment at a clinic. Mr. Mebane is now getting along nicely and is able to be back to work.

### SEA LEVEL MAN CONTINUES WORK AFTER BREAKING ARM

When it comes to ambitious perseverance, A. T. Fulcher, of Sea Level, would undoubtedly take the cake. Tuesday morning while out working, his horse flung his head too close to Mr. Fulcher's head. He instinctively threw up his arm to protect himself. But instead of protecting him, the impact fractured his right arm.

There this newsworthy would normally end, but Mr. Fulcher is evidently "made of sterner stuff," for he continued to work. Not only did he finish his own plowing, but he did some for his nephew. Then he returned home and planted some peas. Late Tuesday afternoon his arm became so painful that he came to Beaufort and entered the Potter Emergency Hospital for treatment Tuesday evening.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Romain Scott, Beaufort, Lola Gabriel, Beaufort.

## ATTEMPTED THEFT BRINGS SENTENCE

Ninety-Day Sentence Given Young Colored Man For Attempted Robbery

When Alonzo Fulford decided to enter the cash register of the Beaufort Ice Company, he should have picked out a day other than the thirteenth of April. Neither did his reputation assist him in any way in his efforts to obtain his freedom after the clutches of the law clamped down upon him for the attempted robbery. This case was tried in Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning.

It was stated by Castilly Anderson, colored employe of the Beaufort Ice Company, that the Negro defendant made several trips to the ice plant, ranging from about eleven o'clock Wednesday night April 12 to some time after midnight. Fulford was drinking, Anderson informed the court, and gave him considerable trouble.

The defendant was so aggravated that Anderson said he concealed himself in the ice and watched. When the defendant tried to enter the cash register, Anderson tried to catch him, but fell on the slippery floor. Anderson testified that the lights were sufficient to enable him to identify the defendant beyond reasonable doubt. The cash register was damaged beyond further use.

Officer Holland was placed on the stand and testified that Anderson went after him three times during the trouble, once at eleven-thirty and once about three-thirty. The trip in between these two was made when Officer Holland was away from the Town Hall. Officer Holland said that Fulford has been on the roads a number of times and that his general reputation is nothing to brag about, while that of Anderson is good. Anderson was also given a good reputation by S. H. Darling and R. E. Chaplain.

Judge Webb found the defendant guilty. Sentence was that the colored man be confined to the county jail for a period of ninety days and for him to be assigned to work on the lawn surrounding the county court-house.

Howard Rose, a Harkers Island white man, pled guilty to a charge of transporting a quantity of intoxicating liquor the fourteenth of April. The Rev. C. A. Johnson, who is both a minister of the gospel and an officer of the law, testified that on the day in question he arrested Rose with a one-half gallon jar a little better than one-fourth full of the intoxicating drink. There could be no question concerning whether it was liquor, the Reverend Mr. Johnson said, for his father used to make it and he knows from past experience what liquor is.

If Rose will pay the costs of the action by the fifteenth of July and be of good behavior for a year he will not be molested, but if he fails to do either he must serve a four-month jail and road sentence. Capias to be issued upon motion of the solicitor.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Davis of Harkers Island at Morehead City Hospital, Saturday, April 1, a son.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Warren of New Bern Road, Thursday, April 20, a daughter.

### BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leighton Brown of High Point on April 17 a daughter, Bessie Louise. Mrs. Brown was formerly Miss Martha Pierce of Beaufort.

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## Fire Destroys Atlantic Hotel Saturday Mid-day

Fire of Unknown Origin Discovered by Fishermen About Noon Saturday, but Morehead City and Beaufort Firefighters Were Unable to Save Resort Hotel; New Bern Firemen Extinguished Several Small Fires Which Caught From Sparks From Burning Hotel.

### OFF THE GOLD STANDARD NOW

By reason of an order issued by the Government yesterday placing an embargo on shipments of gold from the United States the nation is now, like many others, off the gold standard for the first time in a great many years. The effect of this action of President Roosevelt was to cheapen the American dollar on foreign exchanges and to raise the value of wheat, cotton and other commodities in the United States. Stocks took a big rise yesterday and bonds declined somewhat. J. P. Morgan and other New York financiers say that they think the change will be helpful to business. Other measures of inflation are said to be planned by the Government.

### BENEFIT DANCE LEGION HUT MONDAY EVENING ENJOYABLE

A very pleasant evening was said to have been enjoyed by the more than fifty couples who attended the benefit dance given Monday evening at the Legion Hut on Turner Street. Baxter's Moaning Low Boys furnished the syncopation for the occasion. In addition to the dancers, a large crowd of spectators were on hand for the initial dance at the Legion Hut. It is said that the Legionaries are so well satisfied over the dance that another will very likely be given in the near future.

### MANY HERONS NOW BUILDING NESTS LENOXVILLE ROOKERY

There will be some over three thousand herons at the Lenoxville rookery this summer in contrast to about twenty-four hundred last season, judging from present indications. Game Warden D. J. Godwin informed a News reporter this week.

The early comers arrived at the rookery about the first of April, but the birds have since arrived from the Gulf coast section by the score until the herony is working alive with the beautiful long-legged birds of several varieties.

All the herons are busily engaged now in building nests and getting ready for the period of incubation, which will start within the next few weeks and will continue until well after mid-summer. This herony is one of the largest along the Atlantic coastal plain, and has attracted the attention of many bird lovers through out the eastern part of the United States.

In the burning of the Atlantic Hotel in Morehead City about noon Saturday, Carteret county and Eastern Carolina lost one of its most historic and popular resort hotels. For fifty-two summers the Atlantic served thousands and thousands of people who ranged from governors and other notables down to the knights of the handbag.

The fire was discovered by some fishermen who were mending a seine nearby, and the alarm was given about 12 o'clock or a few minutes before that time. When it was first seen there was just a little smoke, but it must have been burning on the inside for some time, for it was not long before the whole south east end of the building was in flames.

Shortly after the alarm was given, the Morehead City and Beaufort firefighters arrived on the scene, but it was early realized that the historic structure was doomed. Their attention then was focused more on saving the surrounding buildings. An SOS was sent to the New Bern fire department, and a truck was dispatched with a number of firemen. The New Bern men extinguished several minor fires which started on the roofs of houses some distance from the Atlantic which were caused from sparks. Calls were sent to the fire departments of Kinston, Washington and Greenville, but when it was seen that the fire was under control, fire trucks from these towns were turned back at New Bern.

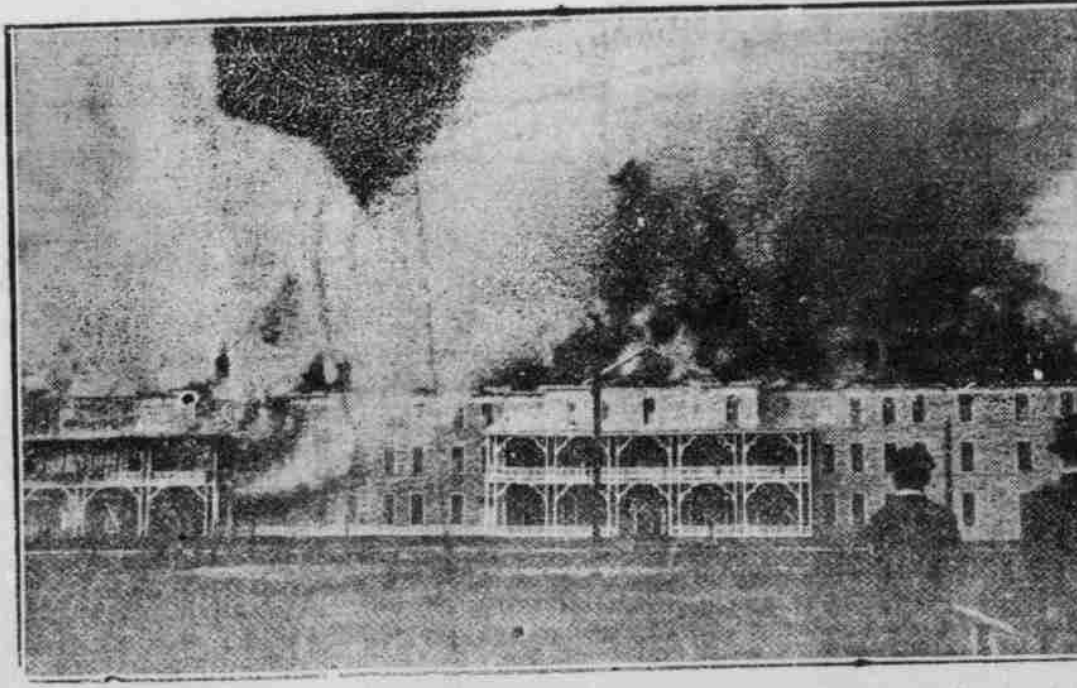
Because of the fact that the alarm was given about mid-day of Saturday, when both Morehead City and Beaufort were full of rural people as well as the townspeople, several thousands quickly gathered around the flaming structure of the Atlantic Hotel and watched it burn. The passing of the Atlantic is one of the landmarks in local history.

In less than an hour and a half after the alarm was given the entire structure had burned to the ground. A News reporter arrived on the scene shortly after the alarm was turned in, and remained until the building was reduced to smoldering ashes. Catching in the eastern end, the flames quickly spread after an air hole was burned in the roof. It is said that the structure was built of long leaf pine with heart pine and lightweight sills of extraordinary dimensions. It was the good fortune of the builders to construct the hotel when excellent building material was plentiful.

A few minutes after the roof of the eastern part fell in the chimneys in that segment began to tumble; they did not fall over to one side, but the fire was so hot that they literally melted right down in one pile. The wind was blowing from a south-

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## Flames Destroying Atlantic Hotel



The above cut shows the Atlantic Hotel after the fire had spread the entire length of this structure. Within a comparatively short time after its picture was taken, the whole building was reduced to ashes. This fire came from an unknown source, and was discovered about noon Saturday. The alarm was immediately given, but nothing could be done to save the fifty-two-year-old historic resort hotel.

### 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, April 21	
6:03 a. m.	11:47 a. m.
6:22 p. m.	11:58 p. m.
Saturday, April 22	
6:47 a. m.	12:37 a. m.
7:01 p. m.	12:39 p. m.
Sunday, April 23	
7:21 a. m.	1:22 a. m.
7:39 p. m.	1:20 p. m.
Monday, April 24	
8:02 a. m.	2:01 a. m.
8:15 p. m.	1:58 p. m.
Tuesday, April 25	
8:37 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
8:48 p. m.	2:35 p. m.
Wednesday, April 26	
9:10 a. m.	3:16 a. m.
9:25 p. m.	3:11 p. m.
Thursday, April 27	
9:46 a. m.	3:53 a. m.
9:58 p. m.	3:46 p. m.