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General Sales Tax Rate Increased By The Senate

House Bill Rate of Two Per Cent Raised to Three; Various Other Changes Made in Bill; Merchants Organization Will Appeal to The Courts

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, April 24—The Senate Finance committee, receiving the House Revenue Bill Friday, after afternoon and night sessions, announced by midnight that it had increased the two per cent general sales tax rate to three per cent, eliminated the half-mill tax on each kilowatt hour of electric energy and the tax on stock of foreign corporations, and had receded certain franchise taxes, having the measure ready for action by the Senate, reconvening Monday at noon.

These changes had been expected, just as the Senate is expected, not without a fight, to accept the measure about as presented by its finance committee, which bill is, in fact, almost exactly the revenue bill reported by the House Finance committee. The House, after more than a week of bitter struggling, amended its committee's bill, adding the tax on power and foreign stocks and increasing certain franchise taxes, and reducing the three per cent sales to two per cent. The Senate committee has now returned it to its former status.

The Senate will spend three to five days on the measure, probably sending it back to the House in the last half of this, the 18th week of the session. The House may buck at first, or it may accept the bill as it will come back from the Senate. If it bucks, then a conference committee will be named and the difference worked out. At any rate, it seems safe to predict that the Revenue measure finally adopted will not be far different from the measure as it has now come from the Senate Finance committee, and as it earlier came from the House Finance committee.

Organized merchants of the State, through Secretary Willard L. Dowell, served notice in a letter to the General Assembly, that they will attack and oppose the general sales tax, on the ground that it is unconstitutional. Some House members who bitterly opposed the sales tax, now that the bill is passed, express the hope that the Senate will increase the rate from two to three per cent, doubting if two per cent will give enough to balance the budget. A three per cent tax is expected to pass the House easier now that a two per cent tax did in the first place. The Bowie-Cherry bloc, in the ascendancy at times, is now definitely split and splintered, R. G. Cherry deserting Tam C. Bowie early last week and urging adoption of the sales tax committee report.

Although the House had about 100 public bills and a few local measures on its calendar, accumulated during the week while it was engaged with the Revenue Bill, it took the usual week-end off, deciding on the usual local bills only for the brief Saturday session and returning Monday night. The Senate, which has kept up and imposed of its measures as they arose, decided on the short Saturday session, but to return at noon Monday to the Revenue bill task.

Session Not Ended Yet
As matters now stand, hope for adjournment this week went a-glimmering. The Senate will accumulate a heavy calendar this week while it deals with the Revenue Bill, but the House, meanwhile, will be disposing of its calendar. Near the end both houses can knock off bills in a hurry—in contrast to spending two hours last week on one local bill—but best bets are that the end of the session will not be reached until well into next week. A possible, but not expected, deadlock on the Revenue Bill may carry the end further away.

While 86 bills were ratified last week, 76 of them were local measures, leaving only 10 State-wide, and half of those were ready for ratification the week before. One of the new ones permits transportation, storing and handling of beer, wine and other 3.2 per cent beverages. The main machinery bill, which sets up methods of licensing, taxation, restrictions and regulations on sale of beer and wine, is under way and will be passed this week.

One new law provides for regulation of automobile liability rates; another allows tobacco boards of trade to make rules governing the sale of leaf tobacco at auction; still another allows trustees of the State

MEN INVESTIGATE FISH WANDERINGS

Migration of Gray Trout Object of Study Now Conducted by Federal Scientists

(Special to The News)

RALEIGH, April 26—Do gray trout taken in large numbers from North Carolina coastal waters have a wandering instinct that carries them farther north along the Atlantic Coast before they mature in size or are the younger fish caught in such large numbers that they do not have the opportunity to grow up?

A solution to this problem is being sought, according to Colonel J. W. Harrelson, Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, by the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries with the cooperation of State Fisheries Officials.

In 1925, the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, with the assistance of State Conservation officials, disclosed the peculiar fact that most of the gray trout taken in these various waters were small fish, mostly yearlings. Farther north, beyond Delaware Bay, yearling trout have been found to be scarce with plenty of fish two years old and older.

Officials decided to devise a method of letting the trout tell their story of their own habits, an experiment which, according to fisheries officials, is of much interest to North Carolina fishermen because it will indicate whether the scarcity of large fish is caused by catching the small ones before they grew up, and whether they can hope to increase the supply of larger fish by protecting the smaller ones. Tagging of some of the yearlings in North Carolina to determine whether some of the same individuals are caught later in New York and New Jersey was decided upon as the natural way to obtain the desired information. Because the gray trout are delicate, especially when small, this proved hard to do. Then too, the trout has soft flesh and bones making it easy for the tags to slip off. Several types of tags were tested, but none in use proved successful.

"Finally," says Lewis Radcliffe, Deputy U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries, "the investigator in charge of the gray trout study, R. A. Nesbit, invented a new kind of tag. It consists of a strip of bright red celluloid with rounded ends and bearing a number, a notice of reward, and a return address. This is put inside the fish through a narrow cut in the body wall. The wound heals quickly and the fish becomes entirely normal in about a week. This tag has two great advantages: It stays with the fish as long as it lives, and it can be applied so quickly that it is not necessary to keep the fish out of the water longer than 12 seconds. This makes it possible to tag fish as small as five inches without killing them."

"In late October, 1932, 1,920 trout, mostly yearlings, were tagged in Pamlico Sound by Mr. Nesbit, assisted by members of the staff of the Bureau of Fisheries' station at Beaufort. Thanks to the splendid cooperation of Captain P. F. Meekins, of Stumpy, Point, N. C., who furnished the fish, the trout were secured in a very lively and healthy condition, for survival.

"It remains to be seen whether any of these fish will be recaptured in New York and New Jersey, for the fishery there does not get into full swing until June; but the prospects are good for settling the question one way or the other, for recapture of 72 of these fish up to the middle of April proves that many of them survived.

The success of the experiment will depend in a large part on cooperation of persons finding tags. These should be sent in at once, together with the information as to when or where the fish was caught, or if it was bought in a market, the name and address of the dealer and the date of sale."

In order to build some of her airports it was necessary for Siam to organize hunting expeditions to kill off tigers from the jungle land bordering the sites before natives would do any work.

RECORDER TRIES NUMEROUS CASES

Liquor Suspects Take Up Large Part of Docket; Have Court Wednesday Next Week

Brewers usually deal in the manufacture of beer, but Harvey Brewer—who has been operating the Lone Pine Filling Station near Morehead Bluffs—turned his attention to strong drink, according to testimony given in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. Brewer pled not guilty through his attorney, Charles W. Stevens, to a charge of possessing a quantity of liquor for the purpose of sale.

Deputy Sheriff R. E. Chaplain told of the raid, which took place some time during the early part of Saturday evening. He said that Sheriff Elbert M. Chadwick, Murray Thomas, Jr., Louis Swain and himself went up near the Lone Pine Filling Station and concealed themselves. Shortly thereafter they saw a car drive up and Brewer went out to wait on the customer. Brewer, after talking with the man, turned and went around back of the station to a clump of bushes. From this he took a suspicious-looking package and delivered it to the man in the waiting automobile.

Within a short time after this took place, the officers raided the filling station. Sheriff Chadwick, at Brewer's request, started to read the search warrant. Brewer motioned his wife to the rear of the station, where they had a room in which they lived. When she started in this annex, the sheriff sent Louis Swain to see what was going to take place. In this room he found a half gallon jar about half full of liquor. Later the clump of bushes at the rear of the station was searched and a pint of liquor was found.

The other witnesses corroborated the testimony of Deputy Sheriff Chaplain. Attorney Stevens moved for a non-suit, which was denied by Judge Webb. The defense then informed the court that it had no evidence. Upon questioning of Judge Webb it developed that the defendant has been operating the Lone Pine Filling Station since last June. He originally came from Winston-Salem, he told the court.

Brewer was found guilty and judgment was as follows: six-months road and jail sentence, suspended upon condition that the defendant dispose of his belongings and leave the county within the next two weeks. Capias to be issued if the last requirement is not fulfilled. The defendant said he would comply with the request to leave the county.

Isaac Dudley, a youngish-looking colored man of Morehead City, was also visited Saturday evening by the same sheriff's party. They found two half gallon jars of liquor in the kitchen safe. Deputy Sheriff Chaplain said that at the time this was found Dudley said that he had been sick for some time and that attentive friends had been bringing him various small quantities of whiskey, which was poured into the two half gallon jars found in the safe.

Sheriff Chadwick tried to search the back yard for the contraband, but two chained bull dogs and one loose nondescript dog prevented a very thorough search. Charles W. Stevens also represented Dudley, and entered a plea of not guilty at the beginning of the trial. On account of the absence of any evidence of sale, Judge Webb found Dudley not guilty.

A charge of possession and transportation of three pints of liquor for the purpose of sale on the eleventh of April brought Robert Whaley into court. He pled not guilty to the charge. Chief George J. Nelson testified that he found the twenty-five-year-old man in a car near the late Atlantic Hotel with a pint bottle of liquor in his hand and two other

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RENEWS INTEREST COMING ELECTION

Many Candidates File For Election Next Tuesday; Saturday is Challenge Day

Considerable interest is being shown in the town election as May 2 draws nearer. In addition to the old voters, a hundred and fifty two newly qualified voters have registered for the forthcoming biennial choosing of the municipal officials, while a hundred and eighty six were registered two years ago. Saturday will be Challenge Day.

A modified form of Australian ballot will be used, with the names of all the candidates printed upon it. Two years ago was the first time this form of ballots were used. As an aid to secret voting, a battery of booths will be erected in the mayor's office at the town hall for the convenience of the voters.

Each candidate will be allowed to have one marker in the voting room to enable voters in marking their ballots, with the exception of the commissioners. One marker will represent each group of candidates for the board of commissioners. A candidate may represent himself as a marker, or he may have some one else to do this work for him.

In addition to the present incumbent, Bayard Taylor, there are three other candidates for the office of mayor. These are: C. H. Bushall, N. H. Russell.

George W. (Buck) Parkin is running against Walter R. Longest, the present incumbent, for the office of chief of police.

With one exception, John S. (Jack) Parkin, the present board of commissioners is running for re-election. Dr. C. S. Maxwell is replacing Commissioner Parkin on the ticket, which is as follows: Seth Gibbs, James Rumley, D. W. Glover, Dr. C. S. Maxwell and Frank L. King.

The new candidates for the board of commissioners are as follows: George Ireland, W. O. Noe, A. T. Gardner, Hilton Hill and C. G. Austin.

HEATED CAMPAIGN BEING CARRIED ON IN MOREHEAD

Morehead City, April 26—Rather heated campaigns are now being conducted here by the various candidates for the offices of mayor, board of commissioners and chief of police. Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, the present mayor, is not a candidate for re-election.

Five o'clock last Saturday was the final time for candidates to file their intention of entering the May 2nd election. Although some of these may withdraw before Tuesday, the present ticket is as follows:

For Mayor: H. S. Gibbs and Geo. W. Piner.

For Commissioners: Walter Huffman, P. H. Geer, D. B. Willis, E. W. Guthrie, E. C. Willis, S. W. Hallway, C. B. Wade. Both D. B. and E. C. Willis are members of the present board of commissioners.

For Chief of Police: Geo. J. Nelson, J. N. Willis, George Daniels, Clarence Pelletier, John Jenkins, George Austin. Mr. Nelson is the present chief of police.

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS STARTED

Divorce papers were filed with Clerk of the Court L. W. Hassell by the attorney of Mrs. Evelyn Chadwick Lewis, Tuesday and two years separation were the ground given. This will be docketed for the June term of Superior Court. Hardy Lewis, Jr., is the defendant named.

Ohio farmers spent \$8,748,000 for commercial feeds in 1932 as compared to \$38,888,000 in 1929.

DUKE HOSPITAL RENDERED SERVICE TO 84 COUNTIES IN N. C. IN 1932

DURHAM, April 26—Medical and hospital services were rendered to the people of 84 North Carolina counties by the Duke hospital during 1932 according to a report just issued. Days of hospital care to North Carolinians totaled 65,478, and cost \$354,776.21, of which \$80,978.16 was paid by patients, \$1,830.79 by counties they represent, \$1,519.33 by others, and \$270,477.73 by the Duke hospital and the Duke endowment.

Patients from Carteret county, were given 583 days of care costing \$3,159.86, of which \$832.80 was paid by patients, \$2,277.06 by the Duke hospital and the Duke endowment, none by their own counties, and \$50 by others.

The amount of medical care given was much larger than these figures

indicate, since the cost of special tests made in laboratories, and that for the diagnosis and treatment of the people who made 26,212 visits to the Duke public dispensary are not included.

An especially valuable service has been performed by the public dispensary in providing a diagnostic service at an average cost per visit of 66 cents for patients in the earlier stages of disease, before hospital care is necessary. During the past year 75 per cent of the patients in the Duke hospital have not been able to pay anything toward the cost of their medical care, and only 13 of their respective 84 counties have assisted there in amounts varying from \$1.75 to \$768.

Auxiliary Women Hold Meeting Here Tuesday

About fifty-five ladies attended the meeting of the District Number 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation of Wilmington which was held at ten o'clock for the celebration of the Holy Communion. Following this was a business meeting at 11:15 at the American Legion Hut on Turner Street.

Mrs. Worth Wicker, who is chairman of the Auxiliary of this district, presided over the meeting. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. Carrie Norcom, and in addition to the welcome it was said to have embodied many appropriate thoughts. Mrs. John Broadfoot, of New Bern, gave the response.

An interesting and inspiring address was delivered by Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith, of Lumberton, who is the president of the Convocation of Wilmington. An enjoyable and informative address was also delivered by Mrs. Fred Outland, diocesan president of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Two selections were rendered by the local Men's Glee Club, which was well received by the visiting ladies. A picnic lunch was supplemented and served by the ladies of St. Paul's Church at the Legion Hut. Following this, reports from the various auxiliaries represented at the meeting were received.

TEACHERS AND FRIENDS WILL VISIT CAPE LOOKOUT

Newport, April 26—A boat trip has been planned for teachers in the schools of the county, including the two special charter schools, together with members of the local school boards, members of the County Board of Education, other county officials, friends of the schools and their invited guests. Letters concerning the trip are being sent out this week.

An effort was made to get the Pamlico for this trip, but the government has called a halt on using this boat for pleasure trips. Three of the best and largest private yachts have been chartered for the trip and it is expected a large number of persons will go.

The destination will be Cape Lookout; the date Saturday, May 6; place of embarkation, Pure-Oil dock in Morehead City; time of leaving, 9:30 and return about 5 in the afternoon.

Invitations have been sent not only to persons in Carteret County but to many former teachers and some state officials in the Department of Education. This trip is being looked forward to as one of the leading social events of the season.

Part Payment Made For Seventh Month

Vouchers for part payment of the seventh month of the extended term were put in the mail Wednesday, April 26th, totaling \$3,902.64—the exact amount received from the state recently representing 75 per cent of the state's part of the seventh month. Payments to teachers were made according on the uniform of 27 1-2 of the seventh month salary.

All of the \$4,719.96 received previously by the Board of Education from the state for sixth month's salaries due in March and of necessity carried forward to April, was paid out for salaries only, representing 61.1 per cent of the salaries of all employees of the rural schools including principals, teachers, truck drivers, janitors, mechanics, clerical assistant and County Superintendent.

OXFORD SINGING CLASS COMING HERE MONDAY

The singing class of the famous Masonic orphanage located at Oxford will be in Beaufort Monday and give a concert Monday night in the auditorium of the Beaufort Graded School. The singing class makes a tour of the State every year and its concerts are heard and enjoyed by thousands of people.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Reginald F. Conway and Lela Morse, Morehead City.
Norman L. Guthrie, Newport, and Geraldine E. Russell, Bogue.
James R. Willis and Madeline Guthrie, Salter Path.

Ninety two per cent of the foreign born population of the United States over 10 years of age are now able to speak the English language.

About 50 per cent of the population of the United States are active members of some church denomination.

ATLANTIC HOTEL SITE SUITABLE FOR STATE PARK

State Forester Holmes Offers Suggestion For Use of Vacant Land

BL M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, April 25—Use of the site of the old Atlantic hotel, State-owned property at Morehead City which was recently destroyed by fire, as a State Park was suggested today by State Forester J. S. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes expressed a belief that the dedication of the site formerly occupied by the historic old frame hostelry as a State Park and its development could be made an undertaking that would be a credit to the State and of permanent value to the people.

The State forester suggests that the entire strip of property lying between State Highway No. 10 and Bogue Sound be dedicated to the use of the public as a State Park. Should any suitable building remain on the property, he is of the opinion that it could be developed as a keeper's lodge or as a public comfort station for the use of visitors.

A further feature of the development of the proposed park as suggested by Mr. Holmes would be the construction of permanent piers on the waterfrontage of the property for the use of recreational water craft. A basin, he continued, could be dredged with jetties partly surrounding to protect boats making use of the pier from stones and furnishing a safe and attractive landing place for larger boats traveling through the inland waterway and for small tourists' craft. The State forester believes that a park such as he proposes could be operated in conjunction with Fort Macon State Park on the opposite side of Bogue Sound.

Assuming that the reported insurance in the amount of \$25,000 would revert to the State as the owner of the property, Mr. Holmes asserted that this amount used in developing and improving the hotel site as a State Park would assure a place of outstanding attraction for the State and would also take care of the property for several years. He assumes that the State would not want to build and operate a hotel on the site, and that the Norfolk-Southern Railroad would not care to continue its lease.

RELIEF WORK WILL STOP FOR A WHILE SATURDAY

Funds for R. F. C. relief work are allotted every two months. The first allotment was for January and February and the second was for March and April. Superintendent J. G. Allen informs the News that request has been filed for funds for the months of May and June but at this writing nothing has been heard from this request.

On account of the uncertainty as to getting additional relief funds no relief work will be done after Saturday, April 29, except community garden work in Beaufort and Morehead City. Work will be resumed if and when new funds are allotted for relief purposes.

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 28	
10:24 a. m.	4:31 a. m.
10:36 p. m.	4:22 p. m.
Saturday, April 29	
11:01 a. m.	5:00 p. m.
11:16 a. m.	5:57 a. m.
Sunday, April 30	
11:42 p. m.	5:46 p. m.
12:00 a. m.	6:47 a. m.
Monday, May 1	
12:30 p. m.	6:45 p. m.
12:00 a. m.	6:45 p. m.
Tuesday, May 2	
12:47 a. m.	7:43 a. m.
1:21 p. m.	7:50 p. m.
Wednesday, May 3	
1:40 a. m.	8:36 a. m.
2:22 p. m.	8:55 p. m.
Thursday, May 4	
2:40 a. m.	9:28 a. m.
3:24 p. m.	9:56 p. m.