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Legislature's Work Is Nearly Finished Now

Long Wrangle Over The Revenue Bill And Other Bills Is Over; Eight Months School Provided By Law; Chicadee Is Declared State's Official Bird

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, May 8.—The North Carolina General Assembly, after it finished last week's work, was ready to complete the job of the 1933 session during the last half of this week, Thursday, or Friday, or possibly Saturday, but not until it had gone into the 20th week. Unless all signs fail, when this is in the paper, it will either be adjourned or within a day or two of the end.

The way for finishing the work was paved when the House committee Friday adopted the conference committee's report on the Revenue Bill by a 45 to 40 vote, and the Senate, on the same day, adopted on third reading its school machinery bill and ordered it sent to the House. Both measures require three votes on separate days in both Houses, making it possible to end the session Thursday, barring the ever present possibility of hitches. No hitch is expected in the Revenue Bill. The Senate is expected to adopt the report readily.

The Revenue Bill is not much different from the measure the Senate adopted; not different enough for the average layman to notice it. It increased theatre tax rates a bit, and others. But the stand-patters in the House complain that the Senate rammed its views down the collective House throat. The three per cent general sales tax rate stands. The kilowatt hour tax on electrical energy and the tax on stocks of foreign corporations were eliminated. The House held an after-midnight session Friday night, as of Saturday, so the measure could be passed on its second reading (the vote was 39 to 21, exclusive of pairs) and the members went home to return Monday to what they hope and believe is the last week. The Senate held the usual "local bill" session Saturday.

Eight Months Schools

The school machinery bill, as passed the Senate, is now likely to give more trouble than the Revenue Bill. The Senate measure is drastic, in view of the past. It provides for an eight months State-wide school term, but limits it to eight months, and allows supplements by local districts for improvements only by a new vote of the area. District lines, so far as operating cost goes, will be obliterated, and new and different districts will be formed, whenever local communities vote more taxes for school operation supplements on themselves.

The bill is considered by school folks as a heavy blow at education, since they feel it will be monumental task to get the citizens to vote extra on themselves at this time, even for schools. The restrictions make for inequality, favorable to rural teachers, where living costs are less, since salaries are on a fixed schedule. However, hopes lie in improved conditions which may cause communities to vote additional levies, probably by this fall.

The State Board of Equalization, as such, is abolished, and a new body, the State School Commission, is created. The method of selection and duties are about the same as those of the present board. The Governor names one from each Congressional district, 11. While the county and local boards of education will have immediate charge of local school matters, and rearranging districts, the State School Commission will have the final authority.

The House passed the bill calling for an election in 1934 on the proposal to adopt the new Constitution submitted by the Constitutional Commission. The bill provides for submission of the Constitution to the voters for adoption or rejection. The Senate is expected to pass it too. Also, the House adopted the bill fixing the first Tuesday in December, this year, as a general election, for the purpose of voting on a convention, and electing delegates, to consider repeal of the 18th amendment, the prohibition law. It is now in the Senate.

Race Track Bill Passed

Under the inoffensive title of "creating an agricultural and breeders' association for McDowell county," a bill introduced was passed by both houses in one hour last week to legalize pari-mutual horse race betting, if a majority of McDowell voters approve it. It is the same bill that "Ambassador" W. W. Neal in-

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WEDNESDAY STORM DESTROYS CHURCH

Merrimon Home Also Razed, and Many Trees Twisted Off and Uprooted

Carteret County did not go unscathed when most of the southeastern part of the United States was swept yesterday morning by numerous hurricanes, twisters and high winds. About a dozen twisters of different sizes ran rampant over various sections of the county, but as far as the News has learned only two buildings were razed by them.

The two story home of J. M. Stallings at Merrimon was completely destroyed by the high wind, and the South River Baptist Church suffered a similar fate. The banisters on the front porch of D. M. Salter's home at Merrimon were blown away. The twister that did this damage went up North River and on across South River. It uprooted hundreds of trees and twisted others off on its way towards Neuse River.

This storm included hail, as well as wind and rain. Much of the crops around Merrimon and up the Old New Bern Road section are said to be considerably damaged by the icy pellets; this was especially true of the Irish potato crops. Some damage was done to other growing things.

Many trees were said to have been destroyed on the lands of the De-fiance Box Company, and woods in various other sections of the county were badly damaged. As far as the News has been able to ascertain no other serious damage has been done to dwellings and other buildings in other sections of Carteret.

George Russell had a poultry house completely destroyed at his Russell Creek home by a twister early Saturday morning. Mr. Russell built another poultry house the first part of this week, and the twister yesterday struck it and turned it upside down. More shingles were also blown from the roof of his home. It begins to look like that particular spot on Russell Creek is rather fateful.

REPAINTING LOCAL WATER TANK

The water tank of the Tide Water Power Company, which is located near the Town Hall, is now being cleaned the rusty places painted with red lead and the whole will then be painted with aluminum paint. This aluminum paint is said to hold up far better under the local atmospheric conditions than any other paint that can be used.

ARREST AUTOISTS FOR LACK OF PROPER LICENSE PLATES

Guy Lewis, of Straits, and George Norcom, of this community were picked up Tuesday by Patrolman W. T. Crawford for operating a motor vehicle on the highway without proper licenses. These cases came before Justice of Peace Henry W. Noe, who suspended judgment in the cases on condition that the two men purchase the proper licenses for their vehicles. When this was done, the men were released by Justice Noe.

GANDHI STARTS FAST

Poona, India, May 7.—The Mahatma Gandhi spent his weekly day of silence today in making final preparations for starting at non Monday has three-week fast, which doctors say will probably cost him his life.

His release from Yeroda prison, where he was incarcerated more than a year ago in connection with his civil disobedience campaign, was generally expected before tomorrow noon, but authorities had made no decision tonight.

There was some speculation as to where the frail leader would go for his fast if he were released and the suggestion was heard that the Mahatma will enter the humble hut of some "untouchable" thereby accentuating the significance of his protest against treatment of the lowest class.

CLUBS OBSERVE ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Big Street Parade, All Day Program; King and Queen Chosen

Friday, May 5th was 4-H Rally and achievement day of all 4-H club members over the county. The program began with a parade through the town of Beaufort, led by the St. Paul's Band. The meeting at the County Court House was presided over by the vice president of the 4-H County Council, Raymon Edwards. America was sung by the group and all club members repeated together their club pledge:

"I Pledge My Head to clearer thinking;
My Heart to greater loyalty;
My Hands to larger service; and
My Health to better living, for
My Club, My Community, and My Country."

The roll by clubs was called by the County Council Secretary, Rosa Jones, Newport. Hugh Overstreet, Farm Agent gave the purpose of the meeting and what 4-H work represents. 4-H Club work is a part of the National Agricultural extension system. Through it rural boys and girls 10-20 years of age are taught better agricultural and home making practices and finer and more significant things of rural life.

There are about 11,000,000 rural boys and girls 10-19 years of age in the United States. About 770,000 of these are in 4-H club work.

Supt. J. G. Allen made the welcome address and Miss Julia Fulcher, County Council president gave the response. Mr. W. C. Eagles, principal of the Smyrna High School gave a splendid talk on Leadership. The song "I Love Thee Carolina," was sung by the Harkers Island club. The 4-H girls Creed was given by Emma Yeomans of Harkers Island. The following clubs entered the song contest: Atlantic, Smyrna, Harkers Island, Camp Glenn, Newport, and White Oak. We were glad to have a short talk from Mr. C. S. Wallace.

The afternoon program was given over to the coronation the King and Queen of Health. Each girl and boy over the county was required to score themselves each month and keep a health record of their diet during the year. The records were turned into the Home Agent's office and two boys and two girls who had made the greatest improvement in their health during the year were brought into Beaufort and one boy and girl selected from the number for the queen and king of health.

The following girls and boys won first place in their different clubs in the health contest: Camp Glenn, Guion Sharpe and Julius Nelson; Atlantic, Guelda Daniels; Smyrna, Davis and Leo Simpson; North River, Mary Hellen Simpson; Harkers Island, Ruby Dee Willis; Newport, Birdell Piner and J. B. Garner. J. B. Garner and Ruby Dee Willis were second and Leo Simpson and Mary Hellen Simpson came first and were crowned King and Queen.

Mrs. P. N. Thomas, County 4-H leader, crowned the King and Queen of health by the different club members: Fresh air, sunshine and exercise rest and sleep, cleanliness, water, milk, cereals, meat, vegetables and fruits. These gifts represented the food a boy and girl should eat each day in order to build his body and keep in good health.

Prizes were awarded the following: Miss Maxie Thomas, North River, was given the \$2.50 for winning in the County Better Biscuit Contest. Maxie will enter her biscuits in the district contest for the \$12.50 prize to be given to the girl who makes the best biscuits in the 12th district. The money received from the district contest will be used in sending the winner to the 4-H Short Course in Raleigh. Ten Harkers Island girls received 4-H club pins for winning in the song contest. These girls will enter the State Song contest in August at the Short Course. The Smyrna Girl's Club and the Newport girls club laid the best table for a simple meal, each receiving 4-H pins and aprons.

The closing numbers on the program was the Grand March and a song "The More We Get Together The Happier Are We."

The Home and Farm Agent wishes to thank the St. Paul's Band for their great aid in helping with the day's program. Mrs. Worth Wicker, Mrs. Wheatly, and Miss Anna Skarren for acting as judges in the song contest. C. D. Jones Store for furnishing the gifts to the King and Queen, the teachers in the different schools, Mr. Allen for the school trucks, Dr. Clifford Lewis and Dr. W. S. Chadwick for examining the health contestants and others who helped with the program.

TO HAVE SCHOOL FINALS TUESDAY

Rev. R. F. Munns Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Morning

Commencement at Beaufort High School will begin Sunday morning at eleven o'clock when the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Ann Street Methodist Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium. The thirty-five members of the senior class, which is the largest in the history of the school, will be in attendance along with a large congregation of friends and relatives of those who will receive their diplomas Tuesday evening.

Following the Processional and a hymn, the Rev. J. P. Harris, pastor of the Beaufort Baptist Church, will give the invocation. The Glee Club will sing a chorus, "Holy Art Thou." Reverend Mr. Munns will read the scripture lesson. Miss Mildred Johnson will sing a solo. This will be followed by the baccalaureate sermon by the Reverend Mr. Munns. An anthem by the choir will be followed by the benediction by the Reverend Mr. Harris and the Recessional.

Tuesday evening will be a combination class night and graduation, and this will begin at eight o'clock. Edgar Swann will be the valedictorian of the class, having made a four-year average of 96.5-18 per cent. This year there will be two salutatorians, on account of the fact that two young ladies of the senior class made four-year averages of 92.16-17 per cent. These were: Misses Emma Stanton and Bernice Graham. The program for the graduation night will be as follows:

Invocation—
Opening Chorus—Class.
Salutatory—Bernice Graham.
Salutatory—Emma Stanton.
Class History—David Jones.
Chorus—Senior Boys.
Class Statistics—Jack Longest.
Last Will and Testament—Irene Beachem.
Class Grumbler—Durwood Fodrie.
Class Song, By Emily C. Parkin—Class.
Class Prophecy—Bettie Mae Warren.
Class Poem—Julius Duncan.
Class Gifts—Annie Foreman.
Valedictory—Edgar Swann.
Presentation of Gift to School—Evelyn Duncan.
Acceptance of Gift—N. W. Taylor.
Presentation of Diplomas—Supt. R. L. Fritz.
Farewell Song, by Mary Ann Taylor—Class.
Benediction—

The following are expecting to be graduated Tuesday evening: Charles Elton Case, Julius Fletcher Duncan, Jr., Numa Fletcher Eure, Durwood Earl Fodrie, Harvey Jackson Hardy, Robert Bruce Howard, David Edward Jones, John Floyd Longest, Gilbert Murray Potter, Daniel Hughes Purifoy, Edgar Holman Swann, Rex Hunter Wheatly, Sam McCarley Tanner, Charles Monroe Gillikin, Eslie Irene Beachem, Anna Bell Darling, Evelyn Gibbons Duncan, Annie Dudley Foreman, Bernice Deane Graham, Evelyn Curl Hooper, Louise Elizabeth Lupton, Laura Abernethy Mace, Beulah Marie Modlin, Grace Mace Noe, Emily Clyde Parkin, Alma Russell Potter, Elizabeth LeGrande Ratcliffe, Hilda May Sabiston, Edna Earl Simpson, Emma Marshall Stanton, Mary Anne Taylor, Mary Jones Taylor, Bettie Warren and Hilda Ward Taylor.

First Potato Shipments Leave Here Tuesday

Large quantities of late cabbage are still being shipped from Carteret County farms, and the prices are remaining rather favorable. During the past week cabbage have been selling for from one to one dollar and a half a hamper which is said to be very good.

Richard Chadwick shipped a truck of early Irish potatoes to a northern market Tuesday, and another was shipped today. This is the first shipments of early potatoes made this year. Mr. Chadwick has a very good location and manages to have the earliest potatoes produced in this section every spring.

Beet shipments have already started, and three or four trucks have left Carteret during the last few days. The acreage of beets is rather small.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lenisther Willis, New Bern and Mattie C. Garner, Newport.
Jackson Edwards and Lydia Hardy, Lukens.

Philadelphian Suggests Novel Label for Bogue Sound Melons

Man Fails to Appear Against Own Brother

Edward Simpson pled guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon his brother, Charlie Simpson, before Judge Paul Webb in Recorder's Court Tuesday. This took place last Wednesday afternoon, and was tried by Justice of Peace Henry W. Noe Thursday morning. The case was continued to Recorder's Court by Justice Noe.

Owing to the fact that the defendant and the prosecuting witness are brothers, a compromise was reached before court convened and when the case was called Charlie Simpson and the other witnesses in the case failed to appear against the defendant. In passing judgment on the man, Judge Webb said he was taking in consideration that the two men are brothers and that they should live in harmony instead of dissension.

In an endeavor to bring about a greater spirit of brotherly love, Judge Webb said he was going to be lenient, but he cautioned Edward Simpson that if he had shot and killed his brother while in an intoxicated condition that his brother would have been just as dead as if he had been sober at the time this took place. Simpson was sentenced to serve four months in the common jail and to be assigned to work the State roads, this sentence to be suspended upon immediate payment of the costs and on condition that the defendant be of good behavior for a period of one year.

The case of Edward Sharp, charged with assault on a female was continued until the last Tuesday in this month.

JUSTICE SENDS DEFENDANT SUPERIOR COURT SATURDAY

Quite an unusual trial came before Justice of Peace Henry W. Noe at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Burnett Willis sold A. J. Dixon a 165-yard haul net for forty dollars, but Mr. Dixon did not pay but twenty-five dollars and fifty cents on the net. Mr. Willis got tired of waiting for his money and so on the eighth of April he took possession of the net for the amount due without a claim of delivery.

A large crowd of Bogue Sound people attended the trial. Probable cause was found by Justice Noe and he bound Mr. Willis over to Superior Court on a bond of \$100.

ADMINISTRATOR NAMED FOR W. A. MACE ESTATE

Mrs. Maybelle C. Mace and C. R. Wheatly have been appointed administrators of the estate of the late W. A. Mace, which is valued at \$10,000. Colonel Fairleigh S. Dickinson, a friend of the Mace family, was here this week helping make the arrangements for settling the estate. He told a News reporter that the Gaskill-Mace Hardware store will reopen shortly after an inventory is taken, and that the Taylor's Creek Fish Scrap and Oil Company here and the Fish Meal Company, located at Fernandina, Florida, will operate this summer as usual. Several of the men-haden boats will fish this summer in Florida waters. Many people of this section will be glad to learn of the reopening of these businesses.

MRS. HELEN WILLIS PASSES AWAY SATURDAY MORNING

Mrs. Helen Willis passed away here at the home of her son, John Noe, early Saturday morning, following several years of ill health, the last few months of which have been rather severe. She had been a widow for many years. Mrs. Willis was born here in Beaufort seventy years ago. Funeral services were conducted from the late home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J. P. Harris, and a large crowd was in attendance. Many flowers were sent by friends. Interment was in the Ocean View Cemetery.

For more than a half century Mrs. Willis was a member of the Beaufort Baptist Church and at the time of her death she was one of the three or four oldest members of that church. She was baptized March 10, 1878 by the Rev. Francis Marion Jordan, the well known North Carolina evangelist who was one of the leading preachers in this state during his life.

Mrs. Willis is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Christopher Weeks, of Bay View, and by one son, John Noe, of Beaufort.

During his recent trip here, Henry K. Fort suggested a novel way of marking the watermelons raised in the Bogue Sound area, in an effort to boost the price and increase the market for these already famous melons. Mr. Fort is a Philadelphia man who has had large holdings of land in the Bogue Sound section for more than a dozen years. He is thoroughly familiar with the production and marketing of this Carteret County product, and hence he believes if this suggestion is put into practice it may prove of inestimable value to the Bogue Sound melon producers.

Delicious BOGUE SOUND Watermelons

This inscription would be cut out of the thick black paper stencil, the outside lines to which could be attractively shaped. The edges of this stencil could be edged with glue and these could be attached to the melon with very little effort, Mr. Fort believes.

The part of the melon covered up by the dark paper would bleach out almost white in about two weeks, and then the stencil would be removed when the melon was harvested there would be an almost white area upon which would stand out in bold relief in the natural dark green of the melon the inscription: "Delicious Bogue Sound Watermelons."

Mr. Fort thinks that the novelty of this would attract passers-by and would therefore in all likelihood boost the sale of these melons. It is also the opinion of Mr. Fort that the increased market and the better prices these novelty-labeled Bogue Sound melons would command would far more than pay the cost of the extra trouble in competition with the non-labeled melons from the same territory.

If this method of marketing or labeling the Bogue Sound watermelons was followed consistently year after year by the producers of these melons, Mr. Fort believes that it would cause people in large northern cities to demand melons from this area. He says that the novelty of this method of labeling the melons would first attract the attention of the purchasers and after they had sampled the Bogue Sound variety and found them far superior to the average melons they would thereafter request melons bearing the blanching Bogue Sound label.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Earle W. Webb to Eva Arnold Webb and husband, 140 acres Morehead Township, for \$100.
Earle W. Webb to Eva Arnold Webb and husband \$3 acres Morehead Township, for \$100.
E. M. Chadwick, Sheriff to Luther M. Henry, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$80.50.
F. P. Davis et als, to Jerome Davis et al, 2 1-2 acres Davis, for \$25.
Jerome Davis and wife to Denard L. Davis Jr., 2 1-2 acres Davis, for \$25.
Denard L. Davis Jr., to Jerome Davis, 2 1-2 acres Davis, for \$25.

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, May 12	
9:53 a. m.	4:01 a. m.
10:24 p. m.	4:01 p. m.
Saturday, May 13	
10:50 a. m.	4:45 a. m.
11:09 p. m.	5:00 p. m.
Sunday, May 14	
11:20 a. m.	5:55 a. m.
11:49 p. m.	6:05 p. m.
Monday, May 15	
12:19 a. m.	6:56 a. m.
12:51 p. m.	7:16 p. m.
Tuesday, May 16	
1:21 a. m.	7:56 a. m.
2:01 p. m.	8:25 p. m.
Wednesday, May 17	
2:31 a. m.	8:53 a. m.
3:16 p. m.	9:30 p. m.
Thursday, May 18	
3:42 a. m.	9:45 a. m.
4:18 p. m.	10:30 p. m.