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## Many New Laws Passed By General Assembly

### Lot of Different Kind of Laws Enacted; Big Fight Over School Bill And Neither Side Satisfied; Sales Tax Is Expected to Bring in Large Revenue; Consumers Must Pay The Tax

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, May 16—The General Assembly of 1933 adjourned sine die Monday afternoon, May 15, after a session of 132 days, one short of 19 full weeks, and nine short of the marathon 1931 body's duration, passing, as the final big measure the bill which provides for operation of the State-wide eight months school term, but allowing supplements for the eight months and for the ninth month, under restrictions, both including a vote of the people.

The ninth month provision was made at the insistence of Governor Ehringhaus and took the position that communities wanting, as indicated by a vote of the citizens, and able to pay for a ninth month, should be permitted to have it. But not every community can get through the restrictions. No community with less than 1000 pupil population can add the ninth month, and only those above that figure which secure approval from four sources: the county board, the Local Government Commission, the New State School Commission, and finally, a vote of the people, may levy additional taxes for the ninth month.

As finally passed Monday, the school machinery bill is not all the school folks and parents may have wished, nor is it restrictive enough to please all of the taxpayers. But it is looked upon as a fair compromise of views of those opposing forces; as liberal as conditions permit, but hardly all the paying end of the proposal would have desired.

The Revenue Bill passed its third reading in the Senate Friday, by a vote of 26 to 11, on the basis of the conference report previously adopted by the House. The main new feature is including the three percent general sales tax. As a final aid to the merchants, a law was enacted providing that the tax be passed on to the consumers by the merchants. Commenting on that law, Secretary Willard L. Dowell, of the State merchants, said he, while not speaking with authority, thought the merchants would not contest the sales tax law, but, without the new law, he was sure they would have fought it.

The sales tax is expected to bring \$9,000,000 in revenue a year, and is held an emergency measure, to be resorted to for only two years and not again enacted. The Revenue bill will, under fair improvement in conditions, produce a surplus of \$5,000,000, Henry Burke, the Governor's budget assistant, estimates, if, as he figures, about \$1,000,000 is saved in the amount that has been appropriated each year.

### Three "Sneak" Bills Passed

Three "sneak" bills, allowing pari-mutual racing, have been passed by the General Assembly in two weeks. The three measures have identical captions, creating agricultural and breeders' association, for McDowell, Pasquotank and Rowan counties. Two last week, after the McDowell bill had been "sneaked" by, indicate that both House and Senate knew what they were about, and did the same thing three times, with eyes open. Rep. W. W. Neal, accused of "seaking" the first through, introduced a bill of identical title two days ago, after the Buncombe and Polk bills had been killed, except that he provided for a vote of the people before horse racing would be allowed. So do the other two.

Two other so-called "sneak" bills are of interest. One was the Sullivan, of Buncombe, bill to allow those owing banks which were closed to buy up depositors' interests and offset debts with these, applying to Buncombe county. It passed, but its constitutionality is questioned, on "impairing contract" Another was the Taylor bill exempting Mecklenburg from provisions of the Workmen's Compensation act. It passed but was discovered and killed.

Other controversial bills, killed when considered, have been revived in closing hectic days and efforts made to pass them, with many members absent. It is the usual near-end thing and occasionally such bills are enacted.

### Love Feasts Held

The usual "lovefeasts" were held last week, by the House Thursday night and by the Senate Friday night. At such occasions gifts are present.

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## DEFENDANT MUST LEAVE CARTERET

### Nettie Henry, Well Known Colored Woman, Found Guilty by Court on Liquor Charge

As a result of the judgment of Recorder's Court made Tuesday morning, Nettie Henry will leave Carteret County within ten days and will remain away for a period of two years, or the failure to abide by this decision the defendant will be confined to the county jail for twelve months.

The colored defendant pleaded not guilty to a charge of possessing a quantity of liquor for the purpose of sale Sunday morning. Chief of Police W. R. Longest testified that he saw Nettie transport a burlap bag which contained, upon subsequent examination, four half-gallon jars of corn whiskey. Nettie chose to make no statement to the court.

Nettie is rather well known in court society, having been tried in recent years on various and sundry charges. She was indicted by the grand jury in October on a charge of first degree murder, which was later changed to manslaughter, and the trial resulted in an acquittal on a plea of self defense. Before passing judgment, Judge Webb inquired of Chief Longest concerning the general reputation of the defendant.

The case of J. A. Wetherington charged with non-support of his wife and two children brought up much argument concerning the jurisdiction of the court to try the case. C. R. Wheatly appeared for the defendant and Charles W. Stevens represented the private prosecution.

Mrs. Wetherington originally came from Stella, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wiggins. Since she was married she has been living at Swansboro. It was stated that the last day of April her husband took her and their two children to her father's home at Stella. She told the court that she was under the impression that this was a visit, until about an hour after her husband left her father told her that Mr. Wetherington had informed him that he was abandoning his wife, which Mr. Wiggins repeated to the court, was on account of the fact that Mrs. Wetherington persisted in associating herself with various persons objected to by her husband.

There was lengthy discussion concerning whether a Carteret court could legally try the case or not, since the domicile of the husband was at Swansboro, in Onslow County. Also, Mrs. Wetherington returned to her husband's home at Swansboro for articles of clothing shortly after her father told her of the abandonment; this was questioned by the defense.

Attorney Wheatly finally entered a plea in abatement, and it was upon this ground that the case was continued to the June term of Superior Court, with bond set at \$100.

On account of the fact that several court officials will be away Tuesday, next week's session of Recorder's Court will be held on Friday instead of Tuesday.

## BEAUFORT PEOPLE ATTEND EPISCOPAL CONVENTION

A considerable number of people from Beaufort and Morehead City attended the fiftieth annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina which was held in historic Christ church of New Bern Wednesday. The program lasted thru morning, afternoon and evening and proved to be of great interest. The convention was opened with an address by Bishop Thomas C. Darst of Wilmington.

Among those who attended the convention from Beaufort were the Reverend Worth Wicker and Mrs. Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wheatly, Mr. and Mrs. Joe House, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Taylor, Mesdames Nannie Thomas, Carrie Norcom, Sam Thomas, Jr., J. K. Hinant, Lina Hutton, Hal Potter, Will Pierce, Charles Skarren, Bayard Taylor, Charles Hattell, Ed Hancock, Lucy Fulcher, Misses Ella Davis, Etta Manson.

## SENIORS RECEIVE SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

### Large Crowd of Friends and Relatives Attend Graduation Exercises Tuesday Evening

Thirty-five members of the senior class of 1933 received their diplomas at the graduation exercises in the Beaufort High School auditorium Tuesday evening. The largest crowd ever to attend commencement was on hand for the school finals this year. In addition to the auditorium being filled to capacity, a large number had to go up in the balcony in order to find seats.

It is a rare thing for two students to go to high school for four years and make the exact same grade average for that period of time, but this was the case with two of the graduates. Both Bernice Graham and Emma Stanton made averages of 92.16-17 for the four years, and each of these young ladies made salutatorians. Edgar Swann made the highest four-year grade average, which was 96.5-18, and hence he was the valedictorian of the senior class.

The various parts were well delivered and bespeak highly of the calibre of the members of the class of 1933. As a whole it was the best class day ever attended by this News reporter. Durwood Podrie delivered perhaps the best grumble ever heard in the local high school auditorium. During the past year 702 pupils have attended the elementary and high school, and of this number 361 were boys and 341 were girls. There were 514 promotions—including the graduates—and 242 were boys and 272 were girls. Including the piano music teacher there were 14 teachers in the elementary school and six in the high school.

School ended Wednesday morning, with the distribution of the promotion cards and report cards.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached at eleven o'clock Sunday morning in the high school auditorium by the Rev. R. F. Munns pastor of the Ann Street Methodist Church. He beseeched the seniors to make every effort to find their correct places in society and not to be content with being misfits. The Reverend Mr. Munns urged the members of the graduating class to consistently strive to build enviable characters, for this, he told them, is one of the main things of life. In the hurry-scurry of the civilized world today, there should be no disregard of the spiritual factors in life, but on the contrary that the spiritual life should be cultivated as well as the physical.

In addition to the school glee club, there was a supplemented choir from the various local churches. Miss Anna Skarren, who succeeded Miss Virginia Howe as the school piano music teacher, was the accompanist. The high school auditorium was filled to capacity with friends and relatives of the members of the graduating class.

## DRUNKENNESS AND FIGHTING CHARGES IN POLICE COURT

A half dozen cases were tried in Police Court Monday evening before Mayor Bayard Taylor, nearly all of which were for drunkenness and fighting. The cases were as follows:

Nettie Henry, colored, possession of a quantity of intoxicating whiskey for the purpose of sale, continued to Recorder's Court.

Luke Johnson, colored, drunkenness, \$7.50 or fifteen days.

Sam Jordan, colored, fighting, \$2.50 or five days.

Will Godett, colored, drunkenness, \$5 or ten days.

Tom Davis, colored, drunkenness, \$5 or ten days.

McKintley Godett, drunkenness, \$5 or ten days.

## PATRICK-O'BRYAN

In a quiet but impressive ceremony Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock Mr. Hill Patrick of Rutherford, N. J. and Mrs. Bessie Taylor O'Bryan of Beaufort were united in marriage. The wedding took place in the presence of only near relatives and vows were heard by the Reverend Worth Wicker, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Immediately after the ceremony the newly wedded couple left for a short trip. They will live in Rutherford, N. J., where Mr. Patrick holds a responsible position with the First National Bank of Rutherford. Mrs. Patrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Taylor of Beaufort. The couple is well known and popular here and throughout this section.

## DROWNING SHOCKS BEAUFORT FRIDAY

### Garland Willis, Local Young Man, Drowns Early Friday Morning Near Front of Town

About two o'clock Friday morning the baker at the Betts Bakery heard a cry of help out in the channel in front of Beaufort and he summoned aid, but before any one could reach the man he went down for the last time, which was about two-forty-five o'clock in the morning, according to information given a News reporter. Shortly thereafter the Coast Guardsmen at Fort Macon Station were called, and with the aid of several local people started dragging for the then unidentified body. At about five-thirty o'clock the remains were found in the channel a short way from the A. & P. store dock. The body was subsequently identified as that of Garland Willis, local young man who was the son of Willie J. Willis.

George W. Dill, the coroner of Carteret County, was summoned and he and Dr. Clifford Lewis examined the body carefully. After a minute examination it was said that there was no evidence of foul play, and hence no inquest was deemed necessary.

Mr. Willis was twenty-four years of age, the twelfth of last February. He was born at Davis, where the family then resided. At the age of nine he moved to Beaufort, where he has since made his home. He had been working during the past several years on the menhaden fishing boats that fish out of this port. The news of the drowning came as a great shock to the whole community.

Funeral services were held from the late home at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, with the Rev. A. P. Stevens, pastor of the Morehead City Baptist Church, conducting. The Rev. R. F. Munns assisted. A large crowd of friends and relatives were in attendance and many floral designs were sent. Interment was in the family plot at Davis, alongside of the deceased's mother, who died several years ago.

Surviving Mr. Willis are his father, Willie J. Willis; two brothers, Messrs. Clarence and Willie J. Willis, Jr.; and four sisters, Mesdames Robert Guthrie and Rudolph Parkin, and Misses Margaret and Emily Willis. The active pall bearers were: Steve Mason, George Parkin, Roy Eubanks and Hubert Salter, of Beaufort, and Richard Dixon and Charles Styron, of Morehead City.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

A. S. Taylor and wife to Lina Cannon, 1-2 acre White Oak Township, for \$25.

Lina Cannon to C. C. Dennis, Jr. and wife, 1-2 acre White Oak Township, for \$10.

Bryant Wesley Wells and wife to Central Investment Corp., 1 lot M. City, for \$10.

R. A. Whitaker, Trustee, to Anna Goodwin Pointer, 1 lot M. City, for \$100.

Julius F. Duncan, Trustee to Herbert V. Parkin, 1-2 acre Beaufort Township, for \$1.

Manly Fulcher and wife to D. M. Fulcher, lot Atlantic, for \$810.

## DATE CORRECTION

It was stated in last week's News that the so-called "Green Scrip" issued by the Beaufort Graded School on August 4, 1931, and countersigned by J. J. Whitehurst, county auditor, is now payable at the rate of one hundred cents on the dollar on all taxes now due. This should have stated that this scrip is acceptable only for 1931 taxes and prior years.

## DIPHThERIA CLINIC CONTINUES UNTIL FIRST OF JUNE

The free diphtheria clinic which has been in progress for the past three weeks under the supervision of Dr. W. S. Chadwick will continue to June 1st. Parents who have children between six months and 10 years old can have them treated free. Those who have taken the treatments once must come back for another one in three weeks. The treatments are given at Dr. Chadwick's office in Beaufort.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Gatha J. Willis and Louvania Forbes, Morehead City. Andrew Wesley Davis of Marshallberg and Auria LaNora Hunn.

Stawberries in the Chadbourne section have improved in quality and price due to favorable weather recently.

## Graduating Class Is Large At Newport

NEWPORT, May 17—On Friday of this week, May 19, the largest class ever to be graduated from Newport High School will receive diplomas. The class numbers 23 this year as compared with 15 last year; 17 in 1930-31, and 14 in 1929-30.

The speaker for Friday evening is Judge Thad D. Bryson, outstanding member of the School of Law, Duke University, and up until 1927 judge of the Superior Court in Western North Carolina. The prominence of this man should attract a large audience to hear him Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Certificates of promotion to high school will be awarded graduates of seventh grade and certain awards will be made on this night, also. Quite a large number of pupils have won certificates for perfect attendance and reading circle certificates, but these will be awarded in the respective rooms and the names only of winners will be read from the platform Friday night.

Thursday night is Senior night, at which time the Seniors put on an original play into which is woven the traditional class historian, class prophet, poet, testator, giftingian, etc. The handling of these parts is very cleverly arranged in the play. The setting and action of the play makes it necessary to use quite a large number of students, many of whom are taken from lower classes in the high school. The title of the production is: "Seniors at the Bar" (not bar of the saloon, however.)

The members of the Senior class and high school faculty were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mizelle at the most enjoyable beach party Wednesday afternoon. Surf bathing, numerous games, dancing and contests were enjoyed by all and a most sumptuous "feast" was spread, and this proved to be the most popular and enjoyable thing of the evening.

The sincere thanks of the Senior Class goes to the host and hostess and to James Mizelle, president of the Class, who made this occasion possible.

Rev. R. E. McClure, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, New Bern preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night to a large audience. He chose his text from Proverbs 4:7, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." The wisest man in the world, said Rev. McClure, is the man who knows Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. Jesus was the wisest man—the greatest teacher. The class was reminded that they would never graduate into eternal life if they were on the wrong side—If the devil was their teacher. The high school diploma was held up as a great thing but not the greatest thing in the world; but a diploma should enable one to be a better Christian because he is a better citizen.

## Earliest Shipment of Gladioli Made Friday

The gladioli fields here in Carteret County are now starting to bloom, and within a few days they will present to the passerby a veritable rainbow of color. Shipments of these many-colored flowers was begun here early this week and will probably continue until the latter part of July or the first of part of August.

This year the gladioli bulbs were so planted that here will be a continuous flowering over a period of several months, instead of a short crop period. So far, this has been an excellent growing season around here for the gladioli, as the temperature and moisture have both been favorable for the culture of these beautiful flowers.

S. E. Hayne, grower of Hayne Quality Gladioli, has between five and six acres of the Billie Smith farm on North River Road devoted to the production of the "glads." H. B. Avery has about three acres planted to gladioli at Highland Park and also has two thousand bulbs planted back of the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Duncan here in town. A shipment was made last Friday from the town plot, which was the first to leave Carteret this season. Both Mr. Hayne and Mr. Avery have since made other shipments.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hamilton, of Stacy, Tuesday, May 16, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, of Beaufort, Tuesday, May 16, a son.

Cotton, watermelons and cantaloupes have been retarded by the recent cool weather in Hoke and adjacent counties.

## VOTERS TO PASS ON PROHIBITION

### Many Bills Passed During Last Week; One Calls For Vote on Prohibition

By M. R. DUNNAGAN  
RALEIGH, May 16—New public or general laws and resolutions ratified the past week, not including all of those ratified on the final day, however, are as follows:

Provide for election in 1934 on adopting the proposed new Constitution. Provide for election in November, 1933, to call for and elect delegates to a convention on repeal of the 18th prohibition, amendment to U. S. Constitution.

Incorporate N. C. Thrift Society and encourage thrift in schools.

Permit deposits of public funds in certain qualified banks without deposit by such banks of depository bonds or securities; amend banking laws to allow transfer of trust business in connection with reorganizing national banks.

Resolution for joint meeting of House and Senate to elect U. N. C. Trustees.

Provide for admission to Stonewall Jackson Training School and Samaritan Man of delinquent boys and girls of Cherokee Indian race in Robeson county.

To aid public school teachers in securing, raising and renewing certificates.

Amend law on funding and refunding bonds of local units; repeal act imposing criminal or civil liability on members of governing boards of local units for failure to vote for or levy certain taxes; amend law on extension of special assessments.

Amend slightly law to expedite trial of criminal cases and eliminate jury trials; authorize and empower administrators, executors and collectors to renew obligations of deceased's estate.

Create a State Building Council; create N. C. Textbook Commission; amend N. C. game law; amend capital securities law; amend State bus law.

Clarify appropriations act by allowing certain transfers; amend machinery and revenue bills, slightly, to clarify.

Provide for merger and consolidation of two or more social, educational, historical, ancestral, literary, penal or correctional corporations, not under control or patronage of the State.

Amend workmen's compensation act, as to claims of third persons.

Provide for competitive bidding on work, supplies and equipment for State or subdivisions, where amount involved is above \$1,000, unless emergency.

Amend pension law to allow children and grandchildren of Confederate veterans to serve on county pension boards.

Improve sanitary condition in creameries, ice cream, butter, cheese plants.

Name the county boards of education, omnibus education bill.

Make possession of lottery equipment prima facie evidence of guilt.

Regulate fees for filing and docking transcript of judgments.

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## 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 19	
4:43 a. m.	10:35 a. m.
5:11 p. m.	10:55 p. m.
Saturday, May 20	
5:34 a. m.	11:25 a. m.
5:55 p. m.	11:22 p. m.
Sunday, May 21	
6:17 a. m.	12:14 a. m.
6:34 p. m.	12:07 p. m.
Monday, May 22	
6:56 a. m.	12:58 a. m.
7:10 p. m.	12:50 p. m.
Tuesday, May 23	
7:33 a. m.	1:38 a. m.
7:45 p. m.	1:30 p. m.
Wednesday, May 24	
8:09 a. m.	2:16 a. m.
8:21 p. m.	2:09 p. m.
Thursday, May 25	
8:45 a. m.	2:53 a. m.
8:55 p. m.	2:46 p. m.