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## Educators Chosen For Utilities Commission

**Dr. W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest and Prof. F. W. Hanft of The University of N. C. Named On Important Commission. Utility Corporations Ordered to File Inventory of Physical Properties.**

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 15.—Dr. William Louis Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest college, and Prof. Frank William Hanft, of the University of North Carolina, have been named by Governor Ehringhaus as members of the State Utilities Commission to sit with Public Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne in important cases that will be up for hearing when and if needed by Mr. Winborne.

Dr. Poteat is well known and liked by the people of North Carolina and will give to the commission a representative of the people. Prof. Hanft is an expert on utilities and has made extensive study of these operations. They, with Mr. Winborne, experienced in handling the utilities problems of the state, will give a well-rounded and capable and fair commission. Governor Ehringhaus feels.

"I am happy to announce the appointment and acceptance" of these men. "I am confident that the people of North Carolina will approve these selections," said Governor Ehringhaus. "To the first judgment and experience of Mr. Stanley Winborne these two appointments will bring the knowledge of interested experts, broad experience, through knowledge of the state, its needs and problems, sound judgment and a capacity for patient and intelligent correlation of facts, unimpaired fairness and impartiality." Governor Ehringhaus said.

Mr. Winborne will continue to handle the office and all matters coming before him, except that where questions involving hearings that involve \$3,000 or more, the utility or the public interested may ask for the two commissioners to sit, or Mr. Winborne may call them in for hearings if and when he sees fit. They are on a part-time basis, with a salary limit of \$200 a year.

Commissioner Winborne has just issued an order requiring all utilities operating under jurisdiction of the commission, including electric, artificial gas, street railway, water and telephone, to file a complete inventory of its physical property in actual use and such other items deemed by it to be factors in determining the rate base of the utility, on or before April 1, 1934, and as of Dec. 31, 1933, and annual reports are to be filed thereafter, containing enumeration of all properties added and all withdrawn from fixed capital during the year.

The inventory is to be broken down into individual items, showing the age of the properties, location and other details by which the commission can check up on them. In case some or all of the property is outside the state, separate inventories are to be filed for that part of outside. This information is sought so the commission can better arrive at proper rates for the various utilities.

All liquors, wines, cordials, brandies or other distilled or rectified spirits held for sale or use in other products on January 12 must be inventoried and recorded for the federal floor tax to be paid with in 30 days from date of enactment by Congress of the "Liquor Tax Act of 1934." Charles H. Robertson, N. C. collector, announces. This will apply primarily to druggists, the only class that may have such supplies legally in North Carolina, he said. Such supplies must be recorded by alcoholic content and, as Mr. Robertson understands, it does not apply to this state's legal 3.2 beer and wine, but only those liquors having 14 per cent or more of alcoholic content. The tax is \$2 a gallon of 100 proof liquor and an additional 10 per cent for each 10 proof higher. Tax on a gallon of 110 proof would be \$2.20; on 190 proof, \$3.80, he points out.

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### Beaufort Trio Will Broadcast

The Beaufort trio Troy Johnson, Billie King Taylor and William Willis will broadcast again from the Wilmington studio at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. They have sung the several times previously.

## DEPT. OF REVENUE IS REORGANIZED

Two Main Divisions Created Commissioner Maxwell States

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 15.—Reorganization of the Department of Revenue with two main divisions, that of Assessments and Collections and that of Accounts and Records, with lesser shifts and changes to be made later, is announced by Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, but is the product of several conflicting minds and represents a compromise reached after many weeks of conferring and giving and taking.

The Assessments and Collections division will be in charge of Harry McMillan, up to now sales tax director, and will exercise supervision over the sub-divisions of inheritance, income, franchise, combined license and beer, and the sales tax.

The Accounts and Records division will be headed by George G. Sooty, C. P. A., who has been connected with the reorganization work for several months, and will have charge of the sub-divisions of books, accounts, statistical information, stores and supplies.

Each of the major divisions will have under it its own sub-division through the chief supervisor of the department. Mr. Sooty, C. P. A., as executive assistant of the department, has been in charge of the reorganization of the department and of all departmental operations. O. S. Thompson, long an active commissioner, has been assigned, but with the title of secretary to the state board of assessment, of which Mr. Maxwell is a member.

Mr. Maxwell believes that the new system is intended to provide more adequate supervision of all operations, a more thorough follow-up system on collection, and more thorough and analytical records, but he is not sure of the details.

Attention is called by Mr. Maxwell to the great increase in duties of the department, including collection of the sales tax, supervision of the State Highway Fund, administration of the gasoline, inheritance, and other taxes, and the fact that the department, all made by the 1933 General Assembly. The increase of the full force from 18 to 62 in July was for the sales tax primarily, but the force will be used in all of the divisions and sub-divisions, as needed.

The statement regarding the reorganization made and opinions expressed by Gov. Ehringhaus, Mr. Maxwell, Dr. Noble, Frank Dunlap, budget assistant, Mr. Sooty and R. G. Doyton, chief of the budget bureau.

It is but natural, anyway, for Mr. Maxwell to support Judge Vassar, one of the ablest lawyers in the state, though little given to politics, on his own. He served for a period on Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme court, and was the Democratic lawyer at the conviction of the man who shot the president five years ago. He has represented the state, as a part of national attorney general, in the park commission dispute, very satisfactorily, and it may be that he has some of the budget bureau's best legal counsel.

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## COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR BEAUFORT POSTOFFICE

This newspaper has been informed by the U. S. Civil Service Commission that an open competitive examination for the position of postmaster at Beaufort is to be held and the News is requested to announce this fact. The date of the examination will be announced later.

Applications have to be properly executed and filed at Washington, D. C., prior to the close which is February 2, 1934. Persons who are interested in the matter can obtain information and application blanks at the postoffice in Beaufort or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harris of Roe, at Morehead City hospital, Saturday, January 13, a daughter, Jean Carol.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Davis of Davis, Tuesday, January 16, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dudy of Davis on January 18th a son.

## U. D. C. NOTICE

Daughters of the Confederacy are requested to meet at the home of the president, Mrs. C. A. Clawson, Friday, Jan. 19th, at 9 p. m.

A three act drama will be broadcast by radio from Arlington Mansion, General Lee's former home, which will be presented by professional artists, entitled, "The Three Swords of Lee." This drama will be enacted from the room in which Lieutenant Lee was married June 30, 1831 to Mary Ann Randolph Curtis.

## BAILEY-REYNOLDS MAY BE OPPOSED BY CAM MORRISON

It Is Rumored That Morrison Would Like to See Both Senators Defeated

VARSER AND HOEY MENTIONED

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 16.—Interesting, if not exactly strange, is the political report, supposedly coming from sources at least close to former Governor - Senator Cameron Morrison, that this "warehouse of Democracy" will give support to Judge L. R. Varsler, Lumberton, as an opponent to Senator J. W. Bailey from the east, and Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby, as opponent to Senator R. R. Reynolds, from the west, when the two incumbents seek reelection.

Senator Morrison, appointed to fill an unexpired term of the late Senator Lee S. Overman, by a man he had previously defeated for the gubernatorial nomination, O. Max Gardner, and then defeated in a Democratic primary for the post he held by the so-called "opposition," has been placed at the center of Senator Reynolds in the eyes of Mr. Morrison. He is a Democratic supporter of the late Governor, Reynolds. He is a Democrat, but with the title of secretary to the state board of assessment, of which Mr. Maxwell is a member.

Mr. Morrison pleased with his political position of politics says Senator Bailey. He apparently believes Bailey, sort of double-crossed him, or at least did not give him any support on the ground that Senator Bailey somewhat helped for a Morrison defeat, presumably because that Mr. Senator Bailey would be the senior Senator from North Carolina, as he is, and with only three years of service to his credit. So there's no love for either of the senators in the Morrison heart, and there would be no chance if either were defeated, or both.

It is but natural, anyway, for Mr. Morrison to support Judge Vassar, one of the ablest lawyers in the state, though little given to politics, on his own. He served for a period on Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme court, and was the Democratic lawyer at the conviction of the man who shot the president five years ago. He has represented the state, as a part of national attorney general, in the park commission dispute, very satisfactorily, and it may be that he has some of the budget bureau's best legal counsel.

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## Building A Fine Highway To Historic Fort Macon

Engineer H. L. Oxley In Charge of Constructing Road Has 108 Men at Work. State Will Have 100 Foot Right of Way Which Will Be Beautified. Many Other Projects Going Forward In the County.

### Floating Museum Will Show Here Next Week

Beaufort is to have a visit next week from a very unusual craft, according to all reports. The vessel, a two masted schooner, is a very old one and was used as Confederate blockade runner during the Civil War. She is an interesting relic herself and is filled with relics and curiosities of marine life. In fact the ship is a floating museum.

What is said to be the largest fish ever captured (not a whale) is aboard the vessel. This monster was caught off the Florida coast. It is 45 feet long and weighs 15 tons. It would have really been a sight to see and may be the last of its kind ever seen. Besides this great fish there are hundreds of specimens of fishes. There are also alligators and crocodiles, shells, sea turtles, snakes and many other objects of great interest. Besides the marine specimens there are some historical relics, such as the flag of the Confederate States, and other items. The exhibit is recommended by educators as having highly educational value.

The floating museum will be open every day from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., as an advertisement on another page of the News states. While here the exhibition is held, given under the name of the local part of the American Legion. The ship will stop at Beaufort on Saturday and Sunday of this week. It will be here Monday.

## NEW SYSTEM FOR C. W. A. PROJECTS

Hours of Some Workers Will Be Reduced and Others Employed

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 16.—The "CWA projects" in CWA projects in towns of 2,000 population or less have been authorized by Washington authorities, Mr. Thomas O'Hara, state administrator, said. The projects will apply to the towns of 2,000 or less and the amount of the projects will be reduced.

The reduction provides that when a county's quota is met and other projects are approved and waiting for workers, that other employed may be put on these jobs. The result is that hours of work may be cut as low as 16 hours a week, instead of 30 hours, as has been the case, with the result that the incomes of workers in these smaller towns may also be reduced. As figured out, it will result generally in work about 17 hours a week and the employment of probably 900 where 500 were formerly employed.

Many larger cities and towns have been asked to be allowed to use the "stagger system" in order to pass the work around more, but the administration refuses to accede to that demand, because of the higher living costs usually.

Counterfeit money bobbed up in Durham, Greensboro and Danville, Va., during the holidays, U. S. Marshal Ford S. Worthy reports, stating his information is that the distribution is made by an organized gang which maintained headquarters in Durham for a time and paid much of this money, \$20 and \$10 bills, for liquor. Federal officers have been concentrated in Danville several days on the case. Also, forged N. C. State warrants continue to come into the state treasury, on state forms and with names forged. More than \$500 has been received in such warrants during the past few weeks.

Approximately 1400 of the more than 2600 lawyers in North Carolina had paid their 1933 dues of \$3 to Henry London, secretary, last week, and a few had paid the 1934 dues, now due and required to be paid by July 1. These dues must be paid for both years, unless the lawyers failing may be deprived of

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Never in the history of Fort Macon, which dates back for more than 100 years, has it been possible to drive there in a wheeled vehicle. Of course it has been possible to drive fairly near there on the beach at low tide. This difficulty of approach is now being overcome and in a few months visiting motorists can drive over an excellent road right up under the frowning ramparts of the historic old structure.

The general supervision of the road building and the improvements at the fort is being done by State Engineer J. S. Edwards of Raleigh. Engineer in charge of the work is H. L. Oxley who now has 108 men detailed in several crews working on the project. Mr. Oxley is building a road 20 feet wide of earth and gravel with easy curves and grades. The road winds along between the ramparts on one side and the trenches of Fort Macon on the other and is very picturesque. At many points along the road the blue waters of the sound and the intricate and old buildings are visible. The road is four miles long and will have many curves in places where the terrain is uneven.

Mr. Oxley has secured 5000 young oak trees from Louisiana which will be planted by the side of the road. So by reason of funds secured from the CWA the State of North Carolina is going to get four miles of road highway to a historic spot which will be a better condition than it has been for a half century or more.

While the Fort Macon project is going on, the state is also working on projects along the coast. One of these at the foot of Turner street, will be 20 by 65 feet. The other is located at the foot of Craven street and will be 30 by 65 feet. Both are being built of good heavy lumber and will be strong enough to bear the weight of heavily loaded trucks.

County Director Byrd Wade of the National Reemployment Service informs the News that up to yesterday 2787 people had registered. More than 800 have been employed. More than 800 have been employed and under the system of staggering employment, that is working employees 15 hours a week instead of 30, a good many more will get jobs. The staggering does not apply to those who live in towns of 2500 or more, which applies to Beaufort and Morehead City. The pay roll last week amounted to \$14,890.15. Mr. Wade states to the News that his office wishes to help farmers in getting workers and tenants and also to help persons who wish to get work on farms. He would be glad if all such persons would come in and register.

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LOCAL GIRL ELECTED MANAGER OF TEAM  
Miss Laura Mace, Beaufort girl, now student at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, has been elected captain and manager of the basketball team there, being chosen out of 500 students. Miss Mace also broadened last Sunday from Guilford college on athletics.

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