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NORTH CAROLINA LAWMAKERS WILL START WORK SOON

Hope To Finish Soon But May Take Several Months

MAY REENACT SALES TAX

By M. R. Dunnagan

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—In about another week, January 9, the 50 Senators and 120 Representatives who will compose the 1935 General Assembly of North Carolina, along with the usual clerks, stenographers and other helpers, will be gathered in Raleigh for the hoped 60-day session of law-making and unmaking. It will contain more new faces than usual, only about 22 of the 50 Senators having had previous legislative experience, and about 44 of the 120 Representatives.

The legislators get \$600 for the session, which is supposed, on former laws to last only 60 days, although there is now no limit. The pay is at the rate of \$10 a day for 60 days, or supposed to be, and longer terms are at the expense of the legislators. The last two sessions have lasted almost five months, two and one-half times as long as expected. Estimates of this session range from 70 to 90 days, a few even hoping to adjourn in 60 days.

But the time is uncertain, as the bulk of the members are new. Apparently few new problems will arise this time, such as the sales tax of last time, and the reorganization of government. The sales tax reenactment is admitted. Just what Governor Ehringhaus will recommend is uncertain. But he probably will not suggest vital or important changes—at least not radical changes—that will require long contests to settle.

The two main bills, revenue and appropriations, have been written by the Advisory Budget Commission and will be introduced as they are. If accepted in about their present form, they should not take so long. If radical changes are made, then it will take longer. It is certain that more social legislation will be considered, such as old-age pensions and unemployment insurance. Just how far they will get is uncertain, and depending some on action by the Congress. The liquor laws are not expected to bother much, unless an effort is made to raise the alcoholic content of beer from 3.2 per cent.

The sales tax is expected to remain and without the exemptions, which will give probably \$2,000,000 a year more of revenue, and that would give a 10 per cent increase in teachers' salaries, and improved business and resultant tax increase may raise the revenue another million or two, meaning, possibly, a 15 per cent increase in salaries of teachers and State employees. So mote it be.

Tobacco Contest is Popular
Returns from the K. S. Smith tobacco control referendum in North Carolina, almost complete show that the tobacco growers of the State voted more than 99 per cent for retaining the control act in 1935. With only three small counties missing, the returns gave 453,987 acres for and 4,545 acres against it, while 135,800 voters favored compulsory control and 1,263 opposed it. This is the flue-cured vote, but indications are that the burley section in the western area voted about the same way. E. Y. Floyd, of State College, said.

Mr. Floyd announced that the voluntary adjustment contracts signed last winter by the flue-cured growers have been extended through 1935 by the Secretary of Agriculture. Since the most of the surplus has been eliminated the growers will be allowed to grow more tobacco in 1935, he said, stating that they may produce either 85 or 90 percent of their base acreage and production, but those who produce 90 percent will get smaller rental payments. The adjustment payments will be 6 1-4 percent of the value of the 1935 crop, with a higher rate for growers with a base of less than four acres. The deficiency payment will be one cent a pound, he said.

North Carolina won its income tax action with the Norfolk & Western Railway Co. for \$86,421.71 in

Collision of Cars Causes Two Trials

No session of Recorder's Court Tuesday of last week was held as it was Christmas day. Court was held on Friday instead and there was no court this Tuesday because it was New Year's day, which is a holiday.

The trial that occupied most of the time of the court was that in which John Styron of Morehead City was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, an automobile upon Clyde Peterson of Beaufort and damaging his truck. The defendant represented by Charles Stephens pleaded not guilty. C. R. Wheatly appearing for Peterson conducted the prosecution.

The accident happened a few miles west of Morehead City at night near Lee's filling station. The truck was going east and the car was traveling west. A collision occurred and both truck and car were damaged to some extent. Mr. Peterson drove his car on to Beaufort where he had his lights repaired. Mrs. Styron, who was in the car with her husband and several others, was cut about the face and head and taken to the hospital. After hearing testimony of several witnesses the court acquitted Mr. Styron. A case charging Mr. Peterson with reckless driving, growing out of the same accident, was sent up to Superior Court as he demanded a jury trial.

Hearings on capias issued for Ralph Bell of Newport and J. C. Helms of Morehead, each charged with non-support took place. Both men said they had been out of work and had not been able to do much for their families. Mr. Bell stated that he had gotten a job and thought he would be able to pay his family \$4.00 a week and the case was continued with this understanding. Mr. Helms agreed to send his wife \$4.00 and his case was also continued.

G. E. Sanderson reckless driving, been on docket for several months, was noll prossed with leave. Alfred Pigott, not paying costs and fine, was allowed a little more time.

Robert Golden was allowed until January 8th to get up fine and costs.

ROOSEVELT BALL TO BE BIG EVENT

Cabaret, Hot Lunch And Hot Dance Orchestra Will Be Presented

By Aycock Brown

Beaufort's first Birthday Ball honoring President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be presented here January 23, according to announcement by Wilbur Willis, general chairman of this area, following a meeting Wednesday night. If this affair is carried out as planned it will be one of the most gala events ever presented in this county. And any and all proceeds above actual expenses will go to the Roosevelt Foundation for Crippled Children.

While Mr. Willis made no definite announcements, he did say that in addition to a midnight lunch there will be a cabaret, a batch of beautiful hostesses and one of the hottest bands to ever play for diners and dancers in Beaufort town.

Assisting the general chairman will be the following persons: Gehrman Holland, assistant chairman; Aycock Brown, chairman of publicity; William Potter, in charge of ticket sales; Miss Georgia Neal, chairman of ballroom arrangement committee; Miss Virginia Hows, chairman of music and entertainment committee; Richard Whitehurst, chairman floor committee; Charles Hassell, chairman Program committee and Charles Skarren, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

Subsequent developments, plans and announcements will be published weekly in the Beaufort News.

MARRIAGE LICENSTS

Hugh W. Shelton, Reidsville, N. C., and Tollie Banks, Camp Glenn. James S. King and Christina Jones Morehead City.

Gherman McCord Garner and Rosa Bell Jones, Newport. Charles Street Weatherington, New Bern and Grace Mae Noe, Beaufort.

John L. Ambrose and Odessa Bunyan, Stella.

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TRUCK GROWERS HOPE FOR AID

Would Like to Share in Prosperity Enjoyed by Cotton and Tobacco Farmers

By Aycock Brown

Restricted acreage by the AAA during the past year worked hardships on thousands of truck farmers in Eastern Carolina. In Carteret where truck farming represents about half of the resources of the county the conditions were keenly felt. Prices for products were so low that it has been estimated that nearly 100 percent of bean crops were ploughed under. The farmers could not realize enough to pay the freight alone on shipments to markets.

This condition was partly brought about by the reducing of acreage among the growers of staple crops such as tobacco and cotton. Where the cotton and tobacco farmers profited from the government ruling pertaining to restricted acreage, the truck farming industry which has been established in Eastern Carolina during the past 20 years was ruined. The farmer who was allowed to plant only a certain acreage of tobacco and cotton, naturally decided to put his unused land in truck products, and this helped to bring about glutted markets.

The independent farmer, that is one who buys his own fertilizer and seed suffered more than those who allotted a certain share, usually about half, to go to the fertilizer dealers or their agencies. These representatives of the fertilizer and seed firms are said to contract their share of the yield at an extremely low price to gigantic chain stores. All they want it has been stated is their money back, and the farmer is left holding the "bag, because increased acreage of truck planted by the tobacco and cotton farmers, helps to glut the markets throughout the country. Their prices set in advance result in low prices when the farmer who has not allotted a share, and those who have as well, try to dispose of their yield.

Because Carteret county holds a unique position in truck farming, the eastern section of the county being in the same zone for solid climate as Southern Florida, it is quite probable that this section will join other planters of truck products in Eastern Carolina in securing legislation that will control production and prices. Unless such is accomplished, and soon, the truck farming industry in Eastern Carolina seems doomed, according to the versions of many farmers interviewed regarding the question in this section.

MAKING LONG VOYAGE IN SMALL SAILING VESSEL

The "Wanderer", 28 foot one masted sail yawl of Provincetown, Mass., arrived in Beaufort harbor Monday enroute to Miami, Fla. Three young men, Belford Shoumats of Mobile, Ala., Richard Stokes of New York and Robert Harcourt of Quincy, Mass., are aboard the boat. They left Quincy in October and have been making a leisurely and interesting rip along the coast.

On the way down the "Wanderer" met with some good weather and some not so good. They came into Norfolk in a snow storm and stayed there several days. In the North Carolina sounds they saw lots of ducks, geese and some swans. They took part in several deer hunts and in the famed East Lake section saw a moonlight still in full operation. The young voyagers will continue their travels along the coast and when they reach Florida expect to stay there the rest of the winter.

GOES INTO BANKRUPTCY

New Bern, Dec. 31.—George W. Dill of Morehead City, through a voluntary petition filed for him by his attorney, A. B. Morris, of Morehead City, here in federal court. He lists liabilities of \$6,612.71, including \$2,095.05 in taxes and assets of \$5,160.02, including \$4,500 in real estate.

BOY SCOUT MEETING

There will be a meeting at the American Legion Hut, Friday, January 4, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Boy Scout troop. All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years interested in joining are invited to attend.

NEW RAIL BUS IS VERY ATTRACTIVE

Much Interest Shown in New Car Which Was Shown Here Tuesday

The Norfolk Southern's new railroad bus received almost an ovation on its arrival in Beaufort Tuesday afternoon. A large crowd of folks were on hand to greet it and all seemed well pleased with the new car. The children were especially delighted and many, both grown ups and children, rode in the car to Morehead City on its return to New Bern.

A representative of the News and Dr. H. M. Hendrix went to New Bern with a party of railroad men and others. The car stopped at Morehead City and Newport on the return trip and many people gave it an inspection. All along the way to New Bern people came to their doors and waved at the car as it sped along. Every where there seemed to be much interest in this new means of transportation. Howard Bobbitt, Norfolk Southern foreman of engineers, operated the car most of the time but John Charlton who is a veteran engineer on N-S road, also ran it for awhile. Conductor "Bud" Davis was in charge of the car.

The new car will go into operation Sunday morning starting from Beaufort and running to Goldsboro. As this time the exact schedule has not been announced. The car has an engine somewhat like an automobile engine and can easily make 50 to 60 miles an hour. It has very comfortable seats, is heated, has ice water coolers and toilet facilities. The car can seat 53 passengers and has space for baggage. If patronage justifies the car will be a permanent feature of the service, otherwise it will probably be discontinued. The railroad company has bought two of these cars and may add others.

Goodwin Exonerated By Coroner's Jury

Bruce Goodwin, Morehead City youth who was driving the car which struck and instantly killed Joe Watson of New Bern, near the establishment of "King" Watson on Highway route 10, last Friday was exonerated of all blame in connection with the death.

Evidence at the inquest, conducted by Coroner G. W. Dill, showed that Goodwin was not driving over 40 miles an hour, while returning from the Zulus club dance in New Bern, and that Watson had staggered or apparently walked directly into the path of the car.

The body of Watson was taken to New Bern for burial and services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the home of his uncle, Ex-Mayor, A. H. Bangert.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Eudora Wallace Moore and husband to Herbert R. Hopkins, 2 lots Morehead City, Con-\$850.00.

Jefferson Standard Life Ins. Co., to Ralph D. Mitchell, 10 acres Morehead Township, Con-\$10.00.

Halsey Hunnings and wife to Walter P. Arthur, 2.7 acres Beaufort Township, Con-\$125.00.

Anson Gillikin to Connie Gillikin, 10.34 acres Straits Township, Con-\$1.00.

Philbert Golden and wife to Fred L. Brown et als 7 acres, Straits, Con-\$450.00.

TIME TO BUY AUTO PLATES

The time for buying motor vehicle license plates not only for the State licenses but also for the towns has arrived and a good many car owners have not yet availed themselves of this privilege. In order to keep the wheels turning it will be necessary to do so however.

Chief of Police Longest requests the News to state that persons who own automobiles in Beaufort, or trucks for hire, positively must secure city license plates and they must do so at once if they wish to operate their motor vehicles. Car plates cost one dollar and truck plates five.

Farmers who sell cream to nearby plants will find John Arey's new publication, Extension Circular No. 203, "Producing Quality Cream" of considerable value. The publication may be had free of charge on application to the agricultural editor at State College.

Christie Drinking Makes Court Business

Too free indulgence in spiritous refreshments during the holidays brought the largest number of defendants into Police Court last week that had seen in a long time. No court was held on Monday the 24th because it was Christmas eve. Court was held Thursday of last week and Monday night of this week. The record of the Thursday session is as follows:

Bonner Willis and Milton Lewis, fighting, this case had been continued for several weeks, guilty and each given the option of paying a fine of \$5.00 or doing 10 days work.

Len Springle, charged with drunkenness, guilty. Sentence \$2.50 or five days.

Charlie Taylor, colored, drunk, \$2.50 or five days.

Edward Chadwick, colored drunk, \$5.00 or 10 days.

Timothy Nelson, colored, drunk, \$5.00 or 10 days.

Claude Glover, drunk, \$5.00 or 10 days.

Calvin Stanley, colored, drunk \$5.00 or 10 days.

Dave Davis, colored, drunk, \$5.00 or 10 days.

Carl Lindquist, drunk, fined \$2.50.

Barney Dixon, drunk, two counts, 10 days on one and 20 days on the other.

Earl Mason R. F. D. drunk, fined \$2.50.

Robert Willis, drunk \$2.50 or five days.

William Hodges, drunk \$2.50 or five days.

Maggie May Fulford, colored, disorderly conduct, profanity \$2.50 fine.

Jim Lewis, colored, disorderly conduct and profanity, \$7.50 of 15 days.

Ed Henry, colored, drunk, \$5.00 or ten days.

Elijah Hardesty, colored, drunk \$5.00 or 10 days.

George Pettway, colored, drunk, \$2.50 of five days.

Irby Bryant, colored, drunk \$5.00 or ten days.

Jim Chadwick, colored, drunk and disorderly, \$5.00 or ten days.

Den Guthrie, drunk, \$5.00 or ten days.

Herbert Springle, drunk, \$5.00 or ten days.

Eugent Brooks, drunk, \$2.50 or five days.

Harry Murphy, drunk, \$2.50 or five days.

Wm. Ed. Potter, colored, drunk and disorderly, 10 days.

On Monday night of this week a few cases were tried. They were as follows:

George Allbrey, fighting, \$2.50 or five days.

Henry Watson same offense and same sentence.

Pete Davis, colored, drunk, \$10, or twenty days.

Len Springle, drunk, \$5.00 or 10 days.

Henry Watson, carrying concealed weapon, sent to Recorder's court.

FARMERS PAY UP FEDERAL LOANS

Carteret County Farmers Have Met Their Obligations Pretty Well

By Aycock Brown

Carteret county farmers have made a good record in paying back loans received from government during the year, according to Hugh Overstreet, county farm agent. Approximately 95 per cent of the seed loan, which totaled \$28,000 in this county has been repaid, he stated, and of \$16,000 loaned for crop production approximately 80 per cent has been repaid.

Applications for new loans are now being made. The only security the government has for money loaned to purchase seed is the harvest of the crop. The crop production borrowers have to give collateral which is usually a mortgage on farm machinery, live stock or such. The loans this year will exceed those of last year, Mr. Overstreet predicted.

Farmers throughout the county have either planted or are in the process of planting their 1935 cabbage crop. Due to unmarketable conditions last year the farmers are lowering acreage.

The total number of acres last year was 800. This year's crop will be approximately 600 acres had to be ploughed under due to low prices and no demand for the product.

CAPUS M. WAYNICK NEW CHAIRMAN OF HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Jeffress Resigns and Waynick is Made Full Chairman

ENGINEER TO BE APPOINTED

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—Capus M. Waynick, assistant chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was named full chairman Saturday taking the place of Chairman E. B. Jeffress, resigned, who was stricken in August. Mr. Jeffress has made a remarkable recovery so far, but his condition was such that he was not expected to be able to resume his duties, certainly for a long time. He was kept as chairman for more than four months since he was stricken, receiving his full salary. It is understood that he carried health and accident insurance which is now paying him a good sum, approaching, but probably not as much as his salary.

The commission, meeting January 10 is expected at that time to name an assistant chairman in order to be prepared in case of accident or misfortune should befall the chairman at any time. This would provide a man familiar with the work and ready to take over the job if it should become necessary. The commission is also expected to name a State highway engineer to succeed the late John D. Waldrop, killed in an accident nearly five months ago. W. Vance Baise, assistant, has been acting engineer and is considered a likely successor. R. G. Browning, locating and claim engineer, and Jack Roach, in charge of the prison division, as well as Charles Upham, former engineer, now secretary of the American Road Builders Association, are applicants for the job.

Governor Ehringhaus visited Mr. Jeffress last Friday and talked with him of highway matters. He was delighted and surprised at the recovery made by the highway chairman, who had asked to see the Governor. It was then that he tendered his resignation to Governor Ehringhaus.

More Bank Dividends

Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood played Santa Claus to 14,833 North Carolinians by sending them checks for \$237,886.37 on claims from 27 banks in liquidation during the week of December 20-27. Banking department folks took only a short time off Christmas in their efforts to get as much money to former depositors as possible for Christmas.

Legislation for a State-wide forest fire fighting program will be asked of the 1935 General Assembly by the Conservation and Development department. At present a county may make appropriation and get an additional federal fund for fire-fighting. Only 44 counties are now co-operating, and they may drop out each two years, when new commissioners are elected, thus losing the start made in equipment and supplies, as well as trained fighters. It is unfair to counties with fire control when counties without it allow fires to cross county lines, it is pointed out. This protection should be on a State-wide basis, it is held by the department. It estimates that \$239,000 a year would be needed, the funds to be secured as follows: federal, \$75,000; from the 100 counties, \$80,000; private landowners, \$10,000; ten per cent of State game and fish funds, \$15,000, and State appropriation, \$59,000.

A writ of supersedeas, or restraining the State Utilities Commission from putting into effect its reduction of rates for telephone service rendered by the Southern Bell T. & Co., was granted last week by Judge W. C. Harris after a hearing in Raleigh. The new rates were to be effective January 1 and the writ postpones it until it is fought thru the courts. The company gave bond of more than \$300,000 to take care of refunds it will have to make if the order of the Utilities Commission is upheld by the courts. The order would save the 78,000 customers in 58 cities and towns about \$321,000 a year in reductions of costs of telephone rentals. With the writ granted by Judge Harris, this reduction will be postponed until