

# Carteret County News-Times

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## It Seems as Though We've Heard This Song Before

Every time legislature meets the alcoholic board of control revenue in Carteret county comes up for discussion, or rather argument.

The towns, Beaufort, Morehead City, and Newport look eagerly for their share of liquor revenue each month. Beaufort and Morehead City because they are broke, Newport because it makes it unnecessary for the town to levy taxes over 35 cents per hundred dollars valuation. Now Newport is even more eager to get ABC money because they will be able to meet with facility the interest on proposed water system bonds.

It just so happens that the county needs more money too. So the county board feels that the towns should relinquish a part of their take to the county's general fund. That's what the special meeting of town and county commissioners was all about at the courthouse Wednesday morning.

Naturally, the towns don't want to give up any of this manna from heaven. The county commissioners claim they never should have gotten it in the first place because the stores are county and state-controlled.

The towns snap back with an argument the drays might cite, that that a larger police force has to be maintained to take care of those who too heavily partake of ABC store products.

The county counters with the argument that it is not fair that only the towns wherein the stores are located should benefit because people from Atlantic, Stacey, Harkers Island, Pelletier, and Bogue trade at the liquor store.

Now the county has come up with a threat to make the towns give one half of their divided back to the county. Because H. S. Gibbs, Carteret's representative in the legislature refuses to introduce a bill which would cut down the towns' share, the county says, "unless the towns agree to give up one-half of their future dividends to the county, we will see that petitions are circulated calling for a liquor referendum. The county would go dry and then the stores would be abolished. Nobody would get anything."

Mr. Gibbs will not introduce a bill affecting the towns' share of ABC revenue because he doesn't want to incur the wrath of voters in Beaufort, Morehead City, and Newport, where approximately half of the county's population is located.

Secondly, under the new proposal, funds for indigent patients at the hospital would be paid out directly from the county auditor's office, and those in authoritative hospital circles (very close to Mr. Gibbs) contend that then the hospital wouldn't get as much money for charity patients as it is now, because the county would direct these funds into other channels.

The meeting Wednesday morning accomplished nothing. In our opinion, the county commissioners won't initiate a referendum which would mean abolition of a \$60,000 annual revenue to the county if liquor stores were voted out. The county can't afford to let the towns have what is going to them, neither can it afford to lose what it already has.

Both Beaufort and Morehead City officials have said, "Let the county go dry, we'll vote for liquor in the towns. We'd rather have it that way, anyway."

Again it looks as though things will end up as usual. The county always demands a re-deal, but the towns come up holding four aces.

## Raleigh Round up



**DRESSER**—As Commissioner of Agriculture, Kerr Scott was not known as a fashionable dresser. In fact, some of the women of the State Agriculture Department used to complain at times because their boss seemed to care so little about his personal appearance. The hats he wore looked like they had just been pulled out of the barn loft and his suits as if he had slept in them.

Not any more. He is beginning to look much more like a Governor than a dairy farmer. His ties now have modern patterns. His suits of look like they had just come from the cleaners. His shoes are always neatly shined. Well, as Governor, he makes \$15,000 per year, has ser-

vice, where as Agriculture Commissioner he drew only \$5,600. had to drive each day from Haw River to Raleigh and back and was not averse to doing a little milking or fetching home a stray cow because leaving for the capital. **THE TIMES**—Business in North Carolina in most lines is considerably below that of a year ago. Applications for jobs at employment offices are higher than at any time since before World War II. That means that North Carolina seems to be moving toward the 19 level of employment. Advice of members here is as follows: If you have a job, hang on to it. Do not become dissatisfied and begin sear-

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## JUST REMEMBER FRANKENSTEIN



ching around for other employment. Rather, become more efficient in the work you are doing so that your employer will not look your direction if a reduction—or a further reduction—in the staff becomes necessary.

The price of meat in Raleigh last Saturday was averaging 10 cents a pound less than in January. Higher priced meats were about 25 cents per pound below October prices.

It looks as if the leveling off period is upon us. Of course, it must be borne in mind that the months of January and February are always at the bottom of the heap in North Carolina. Textile and hosiery mills are leading the field in unemployment.

**WHERE TO GET THE MONEY**—People have been wanting to know where Governor Kerr Scott was going to get the money for his "go forward" program. Last Thursday night he appeared before a joint session of the Legislature, and as deftly and nonchalantly as an old poker player slinging out cards he made these suggestions for more money: one cent a bottle on fountain and bottled drinks (\$4,000,000); a 10 per cent tax on amusements (\$1,700,000); raise State income tax brackets (\$1,200,000); tax on cigars from one cent to three cents, depending upon price \$1,300,000; tax on cigarettes of one cent per package (\$3,000,000); raise tax on spirituous liquors to 15 per cent (\$2,500,000). Other suggestions for raising taxes: insurance premium tax collections of State income tax by payroll deductions; gross receipts tax on hotels; stock transfer tax; unincorporated business franchise tax; motor vehicle title transfer tax; excise tax on banks; and disallowance of present exemption of certain corporate stocks.

**MANSION CONFERENCE**... As this column told you last week, the Legislature has been pleading for some financial advice from the Governor.

Leaders of the General Assembly finally requested a conference with Kerr Scott, and on Wednesday night, February 9, he invited around to the Mansion Frank Taylor of Goldsboro, Larry Moore of Wilson, Grady Ranking of Gastonia, Edwin Pato of Laurinburg, House Speaker Kerr Craige Ramsey of Salisbury, and Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor of Wadesboro. These are the chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees and the presiding officers of the two houses. Also present were Scott's Advisors George Ross of Raleigh, Elmer Long of Durham, Charlie Parker of Raleigh, and L. P. McLendon of Greensboro.

**THE QUESTION**... Scott presented to the group his educational program. He went over the speech he was to deliver to the joint session of the Legislature the following evening. Most of those present were surprised that the Governor still had made no suggestions about where he was to get the money for his ambitious educational program. They were frankly shocked at this sin of omission. McLendon said this would never do, putting it a little stronger than that. Scott nodded toward Secretary Charlie Parker, whose reputation as a fiscal expert has been far overshadowed — until recent weeks, anyway — by his aptitudes as a newspaperman. Parker came back with the assertion that the matter of raising sufficient revenue with which to implement the school projects was the "sixty-four-dollar question."

**THE REWRITE**... The confer-

ence broke up at 1 o'clock, Thursday morning. Net result of the meeting: The special message had to be rewritten. This required speed, for it was only a few hours until the address was to be made. You can imagine what a sweat the Governor's office was in all day Thursday. Newspapermen — and Raleigh is now swarming with them — were crying for a copy — just one copy — of the speech. Nothing done. Downstairs, gubernatorial typewriters chattered angrily down the worn steps of the capitol, same the hum and shuffle of an irritated and impatient Legislature. Finally, a few minutes before 1 o'clock as the Legislators came filing in to hear their Governor the speech was finished.

**THE BOOK** — The whole thing came like a bolt out of the blue to the average legislator. Consensus seemed to be that "Scott threw the book at us". In his campaign last summer, there was no hint of these taxes. Rather, he seemed to favor reductions in taxes. No mention was made in Governor Scott's inaugural address of any of these tax raising measures. In short, the Legislature was caught with its pants down.

**THE ANSWER**... It seems inconceivable that the General Assembly will go along with Governor Scott on any of the overnight revenue-raising recommendations he has laid before them. He wants the \$30,000,000 hard times reserve fund spent. This may be done meantime, Scott's requested \$200,000,000 bond issue for roads and the \$50,000,000 bond issue for schools hang in the balance.



Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Garner and daughter, Pauline, visited in Rocky Mount over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tete Allen and children, Bill Bonner and Margaret Anne, spent the week end in Greenville with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Mills.

Vincent and Dalton Rhee were home from State College for the week end.

Mrs. Milton Mears and Mrs. Harry Livingston and son, Billy, shopped in New Bern on Saturday.

Carl Pruitt spent a few days in Beaufort last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gaskill. Mrs. D. Ira Garner and Mrs. Floyd Harness and daughter, Beverly, visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowman of Cherry Point on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heath went to Cove City on Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. Duffy Heath.

Miss Adeline Garner, who is a student at Woman's College in Greensboro, was home for the week end.

Mrs. L. G. Daniels of New Bern has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Hill. Mr. Hill has been ill recently but friends will be glad that he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Jolliff have been visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Jolliff.

The Executive Board of the Methodist church met with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Garner on Thursday night. The main topic under discussion was the proposed educational building. No final plans were made at this meeting but it

## Newport Farmer Grows Giant Cabbage Collards

The giant cabbage collards shown in the picture, each of which weighed 10 1/2 and 12 1/4 pounds, were grown on the farm of Leo Higgins, near Newport.

The large firm collard heads produced on the Higgins farm not only furnished a fine quality vegetable for table use when needed, but in addition, excellent quality slaw was served by the family at frequent intervals during the fall and winter months, commented R. M. Williams, county agent. Mr. Higgins stated that there was no difference in the taste of slaw made from his collards and that of a good quality cabbage.

These collards were set out the first of May and fertilized with 3-8-5 fertilizer at the rate of 1000 lb. per acre with 200 lb. per acre in September as a side application.

During the summer and early fall when scorch bugs and worms would attempt to interfere with Mr. Higgins' plans to produce fine quality collards, he found that in 10 minutes after an application of sabadilla dust all insects were destroyed.

So large and firm were the stalks, that Mr. Higgins' sharp pocket knife failed to cut the collards. He had to call on his bush ax shown in the picture to complete the job.

Mr. Williams reports that there were more collards produced in the county this year than for a long time. The demand for sale on the local market was poor; a condition much different from a year ago when they sold for a premium.

A species of water-lily growing in the Amazon has leaves so broad and firm they will bear the weight of a child.

At an open house on her seventh birthday on Saturday by Mrs. Walter Ray Howard and Mrs. Leora Dickinson. She received numerous gifts from the many friends who called during the afternoon. The house was decorated with spring flowers. The lovely brecciated cake was flanked on either side by tall pink candles in crystal holders. Delicious refreshments of iced drinks, cookies and dried nuts were served.



Leo Higgins, Newport farmer, holds two of his tremendous collards which had to be cut with the large knife, pictured at his left. This picture was taken by

## Regional Fat Stock Show To be Held at Rocky Mount

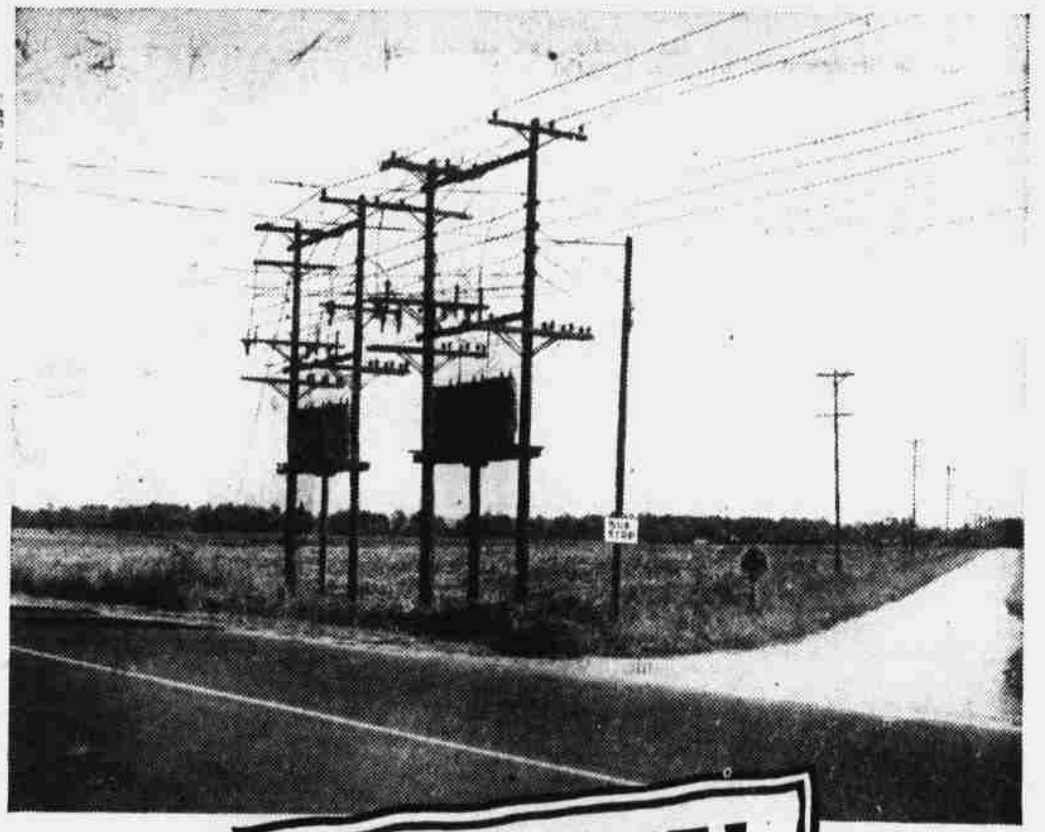
COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh—The 1949 regional Fat Stock Show and Sale at Rocky Mount will be held on May 4-5, about a month later than usual, according to L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry extension at State College.

The date was set at a recent meeting of the agricultural committee of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce and the farm agents of Edgecombe and Nash counties.

Weight limits in the swine division have been reduced to 180-220 for the light class and 221-260 for the heavy class. During the past several years the limits have been as high as 300 pounds.

The beef cattle pen-of-five class for adults, abandoned a few years ago because of lack of interest, has been reinstated. With a surplus of corn in the State, Case explained, it is believed this class will be a good outlet for beef cattle and will encourage fattening of more cattle in Eastern Carolina.

A pound of the finest steel, when made into fine watchspring wire, is eight miles long and worth \$60,000.



## GOLD MINE!

You don't see any gold mine in this picture? Better look again. Notice the fine highway in the foreground, the side road, the bus stop sign, the electrical poles, wires and transformers. Now do you begin to see?

Sure you do. For this is a plant site in southeastern North Carolina, suitable for any one of a number of industries based on the fruits of our soil, our forests, our fisheries. The plant that locates here will enjoy many advantages—not the least of which will be the better work turned out

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