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HOUSING CONCERN MAY BE FORMED

Directors Of Chamber Of Commerce Are Planning House Building Scheme.

A well attended meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held in its headquarters last Friday night. A number of matters pertaining to the welfare of Beaufort and vicinity were discussed. One of the most important was that of organizing a housing corporation to supply new houses on reasonable terms for those who desire them. A committee was appointed to look into the feasibility of the matter. The official minutes of the meeting are given below.

The Board of Directors of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, met at their office on Thursday night, April 7th, with the following members present: M. C. Holland, President; Dr. C. L. Swindell, F. R. Seeley, G. W. Huntley, Sam Yoffie, Dr. C. S. Maxwell, Seth Gibbs, A. F. Doane, U. E. Swann, I. E. Ramsey, W. G. Mebane and W. L. Stancil.

The meeting was called to order by the President, who stated that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called at that time, owing to the fact that the Secretary would be out of town on the date for the regular meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The President called for the report of the various committees. Mr. A. F. Doane, chairman of the Committee of Harbors, told the Board of the things he had planned for the benefit of the Beaufort harbor and the Inland Waterway Channel, which he hopes to see accomplished in the near future.

Mr. G. W. Huntley, Chairman of the Committee on Freight Depots, reported that all improvements asked for had either been done, or were being done by the Railroad, which includes more trackage at the freight depot, which very greatly facilitates the loading and unloading of cars.

Dr. C. S. Maxwell, Chairman of the Hospital Committee, stated that he was not yet in position to make a report.

Dr. C. L. Swindell, Chairman of the Street paving Committee, reported that he had authorized a survey and estimate on the work for Front street but that same had not yet been completed.

Dr. Swindell and Mr. Huntley for the membership Committee, reported that nothing had been done since the last meeting relative to a membership drive, but they expected to put this on within a short time.

The Secretary reported by introducing correspondence, the progress attained, among which was, the following, to-wit: The Norfolk-Southern railway had been asked to put on sleeping car service from Goldsboro to Beaufort. The General Passenger Agent had promised to investigate the matter, and advise at an early date just what could be done. The Secretary had taken up with the Postoffice Department through Congressman Brinson, the matter of Village Delivery Service for Beaufort, and had the promise of the Department to send an Inspector here in the near future for the purpose of investigating the matter. The Secretary also reported that he had taken up with the Federal Farm Loan Board, the advisability of forming a Federal Farm Loan Association for Carteret county, and that he had the necessary blanks in hand and called a meeting to be held Saturday, April 9th, for the purpose of organizing this association.

The Secretary then read to the Board a Resolution which he had just received from the Secretary of the Beaufort Community Club, requesting the Chamber of Commerce to call a mass meeting of the citizens of Beaufort, at which all candidates for the coming municipal election might declare themselves and the platform on which they proposed to ask the people's support. The Secretary called the attention of the Board to a clause in the By-Laws of the Chamber of Commerce which prohibits it as an organization taking any part in affairs, political, either National, State, County or Municipal. The Board immediately passed the following resolution by a unanimous vote, to-wit: Moved, seconded and duly passed, that the Secretary be requested to send to the President of

SCRAP FACTORY IS IN TROUBLE

Temporary Receiver Appointed For Scrap And Oil Manufacturing Company.

As a result of the depression that has existed in the fish scrap and oil business for the past year and half one of the factories here has been forced to the wall. The firm of Doane and Bartlett a concern that has been in business here for nearly twelve years went into the hands of a receiver last Saturday. Moore & Dunn attorneys of New Bern filed a petition on behalf of the New Bern Iron Works and the New Bern Cotton Oil and Fertilizer Company alleging that the company was indebted to them in the sum of \$68,000 and asking that a receiver be appointed to examine into and settle up the fish concern's affairs. The hearing was conducted before Judge J. Lloyd Horton who issued an order for a temporary receivership. W. A. Mace of Beaufort, was named temporary receiver. The assets of Doane and Bartlett are estimated to be around \$90,000. The question as to whether the receivership shall be made permanent or not will be decided on the 14th of April by Judge W. A. Devin who will hear the matter.

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JUDGE PRITCHARD DIED SUNDAY

Former Republican Leader Succumbs After Long Illness Had Distinguished Career

ASHEVILLE, April 16.—Federal Judge Jeter Conley Pritchard, of the United States circuit court for the fourth district, died here this morning at 6 o'clock, following an illness of several months. Death of the famous jurist was due directly to pneumonia, which developed Thursday and served to aggravate his previous physical afflictions. He was in his 64th year.

For more than 48 hours previous to his death he had been unconscious and while medical experts exerted every effort to save his life, the disease continued to fasten its grip. While his death was not unexpected this morning, it was a great shock to members of the family who had kept constant vigil at his bedside.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist church of this city, of which the distinguished jurist had long been a leading member. The body will lie in state from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. Tuesday. Rev. Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the church, will have charge of the services and he will be assisted by several other well-known divines.

Pause for 10 Minutes

It is being planned here today to have all business in the city stopped for 10 minutes as the funeral services begin, in token of loving respect for the dead official.

Messages have been pouring in here today from all sections of the United States expressing sorrow at Judge Pritchard's death.

Judge Pritchard, son of Wm. H. Pritchard, was born in Jonesboro, Tenn., April 12, 1857, his father being of Irish and Welsh ancestry, and his mother, Elizabeth Browne, of Irish parentage.

Facing the problem of obtaining an education during the trying days of reconstruction in the south, and following the death of his father at Mobile, Ala., his mother instilled into his mind and heart those stern precepts of morality by which he has ever been governed. Judge Pritchard yet in his teens walked 35 miles across the mountains of east Tennessee and western North Carolina to Bakersville, where he arrived with 10 cents and nothing more save the clothes he wore. Eking out his subsistence through toil in the print shop by day, a desire to achieve fame prompted him by night search such books as were obtainable.

Entered Politics in 1885

It was then that he received the attention of statesmen in North Carolina and identifying himself with the Republican party, began a career, the prominence and limitations of which were only stopped by his calling to a reward for services rendered humanity.

Entering politics he was elected to the North Carolina House of representatives from Madison county in 1885 and again in 1887. Pursuing his method of home study until master of Blackstone and legal procedure he obtained law license in 1887.

In 1888 he was nominated as Republican candidate for lieutenant governor of this state. He then became the caucus nominee of his party for the senate of the United States and was re-elected to the legislature in 1891.

He was elected for a two-year term to the United States senate in 1895, which he served, and was elected to the six-year term in 1897 which he also served.

The establishment of the farmers alliance at this time and its coalition with the populist party brought about a change in the political situation and he succeeded in consolidating the faction into a cooperative campaign and the state went Republican.

On April 1, 1903, he was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt to the Supreme court bench of the District of Columbia. Upon the death of Judge Simonton, the President advanced Judge Pritchard to the judgeship of the United States circuit court for the fourth district, April 9, 1904, which position he held until his death.

A national committeeman and as federal judge the jurist received national note and in the campaign last

SHARP DECLINE IN LAND VALUES

Decline Attributed to Reduction In The Price of Crops

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The average price of plowland per acre in the United States decreased about 7 per cent during the past year, according to a report just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The average value of plowland per acre on March 1 of this year was \$83.78, as compared to \$90.01 in 1920, and \$74.31, in 1919. The statisticians of the department attribute the decline to the reduction in the prices of crops.

Southern Lands Decline Heavily

The report shows that the heaviest drop in the price of land is in the Southern States, where cotton is the principal crop. In some sections of the States there has been a decline of 30 per cent in the price of plowland during the year. The average price of plowland in Georgia this year is \$36 per acre, while last year it was \$46—a drop of about 22 per cent. The average in South Carolina last year was \$61, while this year it is \$50—a drop of 15 per cent.

Probably the greatest drop in any one State was in Kentucky, and is attributed to the decline in the price of tobacco. In 1920 the average price of plowland in this State was \$70 per acre, while this year it is \$53. This is a decline of approximately 24 per cent.

Iowa is the State having the highest price of plowland per acre. The report shows that it is valued at \$200 this year, as compared with \$219 last year—a decline of about 9 per cent. Illinois ranks second in the value of plowlands, according to the report, the price per acre being \$157. In Alabama and Mississippi the average price of plowland per acre is \$26. The Western States show the least decline in prices of land, and in the case of California, Oregon, and Colorado there is a slight increase over last year. Plowland in California was valued at \$130 per acre last year, while this year the average is \$135.

The report shows that there was a rapid increase in the price of land from 1917 to 1920, when the highest price was reached. The decline during the past year is not as great as the increase from 1919 to 1920. Land prices are still higher than any year preceding 1920.

Seven thousand miles would be a considerable voyage to take in any sort of a boat but to travel that distance in a canoe is little short of marvelous and yet it is possible according to Mr. W. A. Good of New York who arrived here Monday from Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. Good left Chicago last July in his canoe, voyaged down the Mississippi, across the Gulf of Mexico and up the Atlantic coast to this point. He will be here for a few days and then resume his journey to New York. Mr. Good is traveling under the auspices of the well known sportsman's periodical, Field and Stream and is writing a series of articles for that publication.

Mr. Good was formerly a lieutenant in the army and saw service during the war. He is used to outdoor life and likes it. That the life agrees with him is shown by his hale and hearty appearance.

STORE ENTERED AND ROBBED

Some time last Friday night thieves broke into the store of Cleveland Davis on Harker's Island and robbed the cash register of four hundred dollars. Although there is strong suspicion as to who committed the crime sufficient evidence on which to make an arrest has not yet been found. It is very seldom that a crime as serious as this is committed on Harker's Island.

fall was prominently mentioned for vice-president of the United States, and at the Republican national convention was given a complimentary vote.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, wife of Thomas A. Rolins; three sons, Dr. Arthur T. Solicitor George M., and Attorney McKinley Pritchard and a sister, Mrs. J. T. Harris, all of Asheville.

LAND OWNERS TO BORROW MONEY

Association Formed To Secure Loans From Government Land Bank

A mass meeting of the farmers of Carteret county was held at the Court House in Beaufort on Saturday, April 9th, for the purpose of organizing a Federal Farm Loan Association. The meeting was called to order by W. L. Stancil, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who explained the object of the meeting. Mr. G. W. Duncan read to the meeting several letters from the Federal Land Bank at Columbia, S. C., explaining in detail the workings of such association, and the benefits therefrom to the farmers. After discussing the matter, those present decided to form themselves into an Association to be known as Carteret County National Farm Loan Association. The following were elected as a Board of Directors, to-wit: G. W. Huntley, S. C. Campen, J. T. Norris, A. B. Powell, and J. H. Felton. After the election of the Board of Directors, they immediately organized by electing Mr. G. W. Huntley President, Mr. S. C. Campen, Vice-President, and Mr. W. L. Stancil, Secretary-Treasurer. They then elected the following members of the association as Appraisal Committee: D. W. Morton, W. W. Davis, and C. F. Foreman.

A canvas of those present at the meeting resulted in the following members: H. W. Peterson, A. B. Powell, C. F. Foreman, C. K. Howe, G. W. Duncan, M. R. Springle, S. C. Campen, L. W. Thomas, D. W. Morton, J. T. Norris, J. H. Felton, L. H. Smith, W. W. Davis, J. R. Ball & Bro., W. E. Ball, Ray Dickinson, R. C. Morris, C. N. Hobbs, Ben W. Willis, G. W. Huntley, Joe Merrell, S. A. Erinson, Zeb. V. Casey, L. Fillingim.

The Articles of the Association were then signed up, and the Board of Directors proceeded to adopt the By-Laws, and the meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.

NO SUPERINTENDENT YET

The County Board of Education at its session Saturday did not select a County Superintendent but did consider several applications. Mr. M. L. Wright, of Chowan county, one of those applying came before the board and was given a hearing. Out of a large number of names that were before the board for the position of Superintendent four are now left. They are M. L. Wright, of Chowan county; Robt. W. Isley, Superintendent of the Princeton school; Wm. C. Allen, school superintendent at Canton, and Alvah Hamilton. A member of the board stated to the News that a choice would certainly be made Saturday or Tuesday when the board meets again.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

License to wed were recently issued by Register of Deeds Morris to Duffy Day of Lola, and Dora Goodwin of Roe. Also to Lester LaFayette Hall and Fannie Taylor of Newport.

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER COMES INTO THE HARBOR

Torpedo boat destroyer number 91 crossed the bar yesterday morning about ten o'clock and dropped her anchor in the channel opposite Fort Macon. Eight hydroplanes which were escorting the vessel also lighted in the channel. The destroyer had recently been down to Charleston where she went to carry Secretary of the Navy Edward Denby. The Secretary did not return with the war vessel. The number 91 is one of the fastest type of destroyers and can travel at 35 to 40 miles an hour.

BOUND TO COURT

Brady Gillikin a twenty-year-old white youth was tried Monday before Mayor Bushall on the charge of stealing chickens from Mrs. Francis Smith. He was held for Superior Court under a bond of \$100. The defendant stated that he and Claude Harvey another youth, took the chickens one night and that they sold them to Henry D. Smith who runs a grocery store on Cedar street.

FROST DOES SOME DAMAGE

The cold wave that struck here Sunday was followed by a still colder night Monday that produced considerable frost. The News has not been able to learn of any extensive damage done but reports are that potatoes were damaged somewhat as well as other truck crops. W. F. Smith built fires in his potato field and managed by this means to prevent his crop from being injured.

RECORDS BROKEN BY TOBACCO CROP

Tremendous Crop Last Year Of Poor Quality. Decreased Acreage This Year

RALEIGH, N. C. April 9.—The North Carolina tobacco crop made another step with its March sales made by the 114 warehouses that operated on 31 markets. The total sales reported were 21,528,883 pounds, averaging \$14.17 and about 85,000 pounds not reported. The season's crop sold amounts to over 430,000,000 pounds, averaging about 21 cents. This surpasses the government's estimate by almost fifty million pounds and is ten million pounds more than was expected even a month ago.

The Winston-Salem market lead during March with 4,745,086 pounds sold, averaging \$13.61 per hundred pounds, of which 3,991,364 pounds were sold by farmers. Wilson was second with 3,336,955 pounds averaging \$15.20 and of this 2,586,955 pounds were first hand sales. Roxboro averaged the highest price at \$15.67 on 392,870 pounds.

Wilson made a record season's sale with 62,607,026 pounds, exceeding the Winston-Salem market by over two million pounds.

Only two-tenths of one per cent of the sales have failed to be reported to date. The bordering markets conservatively estimate that 16,000,000 pounds of North Carolina's farmers' tobacco is sold in adjoining states in excess of that brought in and sold. The total producers' season's sales reported amount to about 414,000,000 pounds.

The Nation's 1920 crop of 1,520,000,000 pounds was being made and sold while 31 per cent was exported; 52 per cent of the 1,590,000,000 pounds grown in 1919 was exported, and 28 per cent in 1918. The farm values of the United States tobacco crop in 1920 was \$298,000,000, averaging 19.8 cents; 1919 was \$569,000,000 at 35.9 cents and 1918 \$403,000,000 at an average of 28 cents.

The 1920 crop was inferior in quality, and with the decreased exports the decline in price is reasonable. Exported cigars increased four per cent and cigarettes decreased two per cent. This means that a large stock of tobacco is on hand to compete with the 1921 crop.

March prospective planting indicates a forty per cent decrease in acreage in North Carolina, but with the decline in fertilizer prices and gradual loosening of financial conditions this decrease will perhaps prove to be too much decline.

YACHTS GOING HOME

A fleet of homeward bound yachts have passed through this port recently most of them having arrived Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Among the pleasure craft was noted the "Dorinda" a very pretty boat that belongs to Henry Savage the well known author of the "Merry Widow" and other musical productions. The northwest gale that sprang up late Sunday afternoon made it quite difficult for some of the vessels to cross the bar. The big house boat "Everglades" was about an hour negotiating the passage but she finally made it. One or two of the boats got aground but no serious damage was done and on Tuesday the blow having ceased they all resumed their northward journey.

This issue of the News carries an advertisement of S. Coplin & Sons the well known department store of New Bern. This firm which is one of the largest in the State sees the advantage of using the News as an advertising medium to reach Carteret county people and expects to run advertisements from time to time in these columns.

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