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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD

Several School Elections Ordered, Court House Grounds To Be Improved

Quite a good deal of business was transacted by the County Commissioners at their regular meeting here on Monday. Several special elections for school purposes were ordered and the revaluation matter was taken up and acted upon as stated elsewhere in this paper. County Road Supervisor Geo. J. Brooks came before the board and stated that he understood that there was considerable criticism of him as to the way in which he was carrying on his work and that if the board was not satisfied with his services that he would resign. He stated that he had not neglected his work and made explanations as to what he had done. The board did not ask for his resignation and seemed satisfied with Mr. Brooks' explanation of the matter. The minutes read as follows:

Beaufort, N. C., June 6th, 1921.

The Board of County Commissioners of Carteret County met at the usual place of meeting in the Court House in the town of Beaufort, North Carolina on Monday, June 6th, 1921 in regular session with all members present to-wit: C. R. Wheatly, Chairman; J. L. Edwards, Geo. G. Taylor, B. F. Small, and H. O. Piner. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Geo. G. Taylor stated that Hannah Humphrey had moved from Carteret to Onslow county, and upon motion duly made and passed she was taken off Poor Fund.

The Auditor submitted financial reports for the months of April and May, which were accepted and ordered filed in the Register of Deeds office.

The Board ordered Mr. Martin Nelson admitted as an inmate of the County Home subject to an examination by the County Health officer.

Upon motion duly made and passed the Board allowed the Tax Listers of the County to be paid at the rate of \$4.00 per day, and \$7.00 per day for their assistants.

The Board ordered that all the township tax books except Beaufort, Morehead, Newport, and Harkers Island be made up in the Auditor's office.

The Auditor was authorized to buy a Monroe Calculating Machine to be used in making up the tax books.

The Board recessed at 1:00 o'clock to meet again at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

The Board reconvened at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. W. H. Banck, of Wilmington, N. C., appeared before the Board and presented the following resolution. Upon motion by Mr. J. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. B. F. Small, the resolution was adopted, all members voting in favor of adoption.

(Resolution is on file.)

Mr. Albert Lewis appeared before the Board and asked for aid from the county for Mr. Sam Tolson, of Portsmouth, N. C. He was allowed a monthly allowance of \$10.00.

Mr. D. B. Garner appeared before the Board and asked that the County help to build a fence across his farm at an approximate cost of \$70. The Board passed the following resolution:

THAT, WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that the road does not cross the lands of D. B. Garner, but crosses the lands of D. S. Sharp, the request of Mr. Garner be refused.

Mr. J. P. Duncan came before the Board and asked that assistance be given to the wife and children of Mr. Chas. Mason, of Stacey, N. C., who is an inmate of a hospital. Mrs. Mason was allowed \$15 per month.

Mr. Ray Ray Dickinson came before the Board and asked that the Oyster Creek road be repaired. The matter was referred to the County Engineer for attention.

The Board ordered Mr. C. K. Howe to begin work on the Wards Creek Bridge under the contract awarded him on May, 2nd.

Brady Wade, of Morehead township, was ordered relieved of his taxes for the year 1920.

The Board ordered that a special election be held in Sea Level school district in Hunting Quarts township, and the County Attorney was ordered to prepare the proper resolutions. Melvin Willis was appointed

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MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Lieut. E. Walter Hill who is chairman of the arrangements committee for the fourth of July celebration desires to have a number of mounted marshals for this occasion and wishes to secure twenty-five horses and saddles for that day. Those who can furnish either horses or saddles or both are requested to communicate with Mr. Hill. One of the ornamental features of the parade will be 13 ladies on horseback representing the thirteen original states and dressed in appropriate costume. It is also proposed to have one lady on horseback who shall represent Columbia. It is for these riders as well as the marshals that horses are needed.

The committee is going right ahead with its work and they propose to make the fourth a sure enough big day in Beaufort. There will be a big parade of ex-service men and all soldiers and sailors in the county are requested to send in their names at once to Lieut. Hill signifying that they will attend and take part in the celebration. Two bands, St. Paul's and the Graded School, have been secured and there will be plenty of music to help on the celebration and entertain the crowd.

A prize of \$15 will be given to the boat that comes out first in the boat race and not for the best decorated boat as announced in the News last week. All boat owners who desire to enter for the race should send in their names at once to Lieutenant Hill. Any boat in the county is eligible to enter the race.

The News is informed that a big fireworks display and a grand ball is to take place at Atlantic View Beach on the night of the fourth. After the day's program is over here all who desire to do so will have ample time to go to the beach for surf bathing and see the fireworks there at night. So from early morn till late at night there will be something going on and a big time for everybody is assured.

POTATOES MOVING FAST

The open weather this week has been quite favorable for harvesting the potato crop and the producers are taking advantage of it fully. Trucks, wagons, and carts are continually pouring in loaded with potatoes and the trains are taking them away to the big markets. So far about 15,000 barrels have left here and almost as many more will follow. The prices are low and yesterday they were bringing around \$2.75 a barrel, the day before they were from \$3 to \$3.25 a barrel.

DEMPSEY WOOD DIES SUDDENLY

While on his way to Morehead City Tuesday morning to go on a fishing trip Mr. Dempsey Wood a well known citizen of Kinston died suddenly. Heart trouble was said to be the cause of his death. Mr. Wood was in Beaufort a few months ago and has a number of friends here.

FARMERS MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

C. D. Mathewson, State Horticulturist will be here next Tuesday evening to deliver a lecture on sweet potato curing and The Farmers' Exchange. He comes here under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and all business men and farmers are requested to attend this meeting which will be at the county court house at eight o'clock.

FISHING GETTING GOOD.

Rev. Mr. Cheatham took a party of men and ladies out fishing yesterday afternoon in Captain John Willis' boat and had some very good luck fishing. A nice lot of squategus, pig fish, sea bass and sharks were taken in about hour and half.

HERBERT ELLISON DROWNED

The body of Herbert Ellison who was drowned Saturday night in the Inland Waterway canal was found Tuesday morning about five hundred yards from where the accident occurred. When found the body was in a standing position. Ellison who was a colored man, was employed on the dredge Carrituck and while walking on a pipe line fell overboard and lost his life.

GOOD SCHOOL FOR NEWPORT SECTION

Will Erect A Fine Building and Consolidate Several Schools In That Section.

The people living in and around Newport are going to have one of the best schools in this part of the county as the result of the action of the Board of Education here Monday in consolidating the schools of that community. The Board composed of R. T. Wade, W. H. Taylor and W. Irvin Willis and Secretary L. B. Ennett met here Monday to consider the Newport matter and others that came before it. Mr. Jno. J. Blair, of Raleigh, who represents the State Department of Education in the matter of the construction of rural school buildings was present at the meeting.

The schools affected by the consolidation scheme are those of Newport Union Point, Holly Springs, Venolia and Carteret Lodge. About four hundred children will be taken in by the consolidation. It is proposed to erect a modern school building at a cost of some \$65,000 and to maintain the school eight months in the year. The trustees of the school are A. L. Wilson, D. B. McCain, W. B. Garner, C. P. Garner and C. Gould.

The board took up the matter of the proposed consolidation of schools in Straits township and after due consideration decided that the election which was to have been held in July should be indefinitely postponed. This action is intended to give the people time to think the matter over and come to a decision as to what they really want. Committees from Stacy and Davis came before the board to see about improvements which they wish made to their school buildings.

Tuesday morning Mr. Blair made a trip to Harker's Island to see what was needed there in the way of a school building and to talk matters over with the people there. After conferring with the people there it was decided that certain improvements should be made to the building now in use.

BASEBALL THIS WEEK.

A series of three games of ball have been arranged for this week between the Beaufort club and a team from Pikeville. The series began yesterday and will last through today and tomorrow. The Pikeville team is said to be composed of college players mostly and are reputed to play a good game of ball. Manager Brooks of the Beaufort team received a letter Monday from Manager H. C. Willis of the Marshallburg team wanting to arrange to play Beaufort at Sea Level tomorrow, the occasion being a picnic which is to take place there. Owing to the engagement here with the Pikeville team the invitation could not be accepted. Manager Willis expressed great regret over the occurrence last Friday when his team played here and stated that he hoped to have other games with Beaufort.

SEND IN YOUR SCORES

The Beaufort News is a newspaper and wants to publish all sorts of news that interest people. For this reason baseball games will be published when sent in from any part of the county. In reporting games, however, do not try to throw off on one team or the other. Simply tell the truth and give each team credit for what it does.

T. B. COTTER DEAD.

Word was received here recently of the death of Thos. B. Cotter which occurred at his home in Williamsport Penn., on May 27th. Mr. Cotter had been ill for some time with heart trouble and his death was very sudden, occurring just after he arose from his bed about eight o'clock in the morning. He was fifty six years of age. Mrs. Cotter who was Miss Emily Sanderson, of Lycoming county, Penn., survives him. Mr. Cotter was at one time connected with the hotel interests at Pinehurst and also for a time conducted the Inlet Inn here. Mr. and Mrs. Cotter are remembered by many people here who now feel the deepest sympathy for how now feel the deepest sympathy for her on account of her bereavement.

FIRST MEETING A LENGTHY ONE

Board Considers Many Matters Will Make Effort To Improve Light Plant.

The City Fathers held their first meeting Monday under the new plan whereby they receive \$5 a day for their services, and to see that the town got its money's worth they made it a lengthy one. They began at 10:30 in the morning and taking a recess for dinner stuck to the job until 5 o'clock. Mayor Bushall and Commissioners Duncan, Ford, Gardner, Huntley and Lewis were all present.

One of the first things done was the appointment of D. J. Godwin Commissioner of Navigation. A motion was made by Commissioner Ford and the same was carried that a water spigot be placed temporarily at some convenient point on Cedar street, for public use.

A motion was passed after considerable discussion that City Clerk Hill be instructed to advertise in The Manufacturers' Record for bids for completion of the septic tank. A bonding company owes the town \$3,000 because the contractor failed to carry out his contract on this work and the object of the advertising is to place the company in a position where they will have to pay this money or be sued.

The matter of adjusting the rates for electricity was discussed and same referred to the Electric Light Committee. A. I. Lewis came before the board for the purpose of securing a contract for 18 cars of coal at \$3.75 per ton F. O. B. mines. The contract was given him. The ordinance in reference to driving south on Craven street was amended so that persons living on that street who own wagons, carts or buggies might use the street. A. E. Loyd was exempted from paying license tax on account of physical infirmities. Commissioner Duncan moved that the town appropriate \$100 for the Fourth of July celebration, which was done. A motion was adopted to apply to the Secretary of War for permission to build a causeway across Town creek. Commissioner Gardner made a motion which was adopted that the Electric Light Committee confer with Cashiers Hornaday and Swann in regard to securing \$10,000 to make improvements to the plant.

A motion was passed instructing street committee to have map made of sewers and survey for completion of the system. The committee was also instructed to order a car of gravel and see how it would do for street improvements, also to look after the work being done by city carts. The Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for whitewashing trees and also to order uniforms for the police. The board adjourned subject to the call of the mayor.

OFFICERS CAPTURE MEN AND STILL SUNDAY

A short career and a disastrous ending was the experience of N. S. Belcher and E. W. Fodrie, two young men of this county who are alleged to have tried their luck in the moonshine whiskey business a few days ago. Sunday morning Sheriff Thomas and Deputy Sheriff W. D. Allen went over to the Mill Creek neighborhood, about six miles from Newport and there upon the banks of the Newport river discovered a still and outfit for making the stuff that is in demand in this country at eight dollars a gallon. Operations it appeared had not progressed far as the plant was just started Saturday and no whiskey had yet been made.

Acting upon information which they had received the officers went to the home of N. S. Belcher on whose place the still was found and placed him under arrest and then a few minutes later they arrested E. W. Fodrie charged with being a partner in the enterprise. The two men were brought to Beaufort and placed in jail. Monday morning the prisoners were brought before Justice of the Peace M. C. Holland and upon their submitting to the charge of illicit distilling were bound over to court by him under a \$500 bond. They will be tried in Superior Court next week. The two men are young but both are married and have families.

SEA LEVEL MAN KILLED HIMSELF FRIDAY

A very distressing tragedy occurred last Friday at Sea Level when Ralph G. Styron of that place killed himself. A shot gun was the means used and the top of the unfortunate man's head was blown off by the load of shot. The shooting took place at about 11 o'clock behind the barn near the home of the deceased man's father S. H. Styron. Mr. Styron had been in rather bad health for two years or more and had grown very despondent. This is generally regarded as the reason for his committing the rash act which he did. Mr. Styron was 49 years old and unmarried. His father survives him and several brothers and sisters including the Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level, N. C. Interment was made Saturday evening in the family burial grounds.

SLANDER CASE TRIED.

A slander case tried by Justice M. C. Holland drew quite a large crowd to the courthouse Monday afternoon. The case was that of the State against Ambrose Roberts of Beaufort and the charge was that he had slandered Mrs. L. C. Howland. C. R. Wheatly appeared for the prosecution and E. Walter Hill represented the defendant. A number of witnesses were examined and the matter was thoroughly thrashed out after which Magistrate Holland dismissed the case against Roberts. However, he convicted both Roberts and Mrs. Howland of disorderly conduct and taxed them with the cost in the case to be paid half by one and half by the other.

U. D. C. MEETING.

The birthday of Jefferson Davis was honored with appropriate exercises by Fort Macon Chapter of the U. D. C. Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. C. A. Clawson, where quite a number gathered to pay a tribute of love and memory to the leader of the Confederacy.

The exercises were presided over by Mrs. C. A. Clawson, the president. Several old Southern songs were sung with Miss Emily Loftin and Mrs. G. D. Potter, Jr., accompanying on the piano. Mr. N. L. Carrow, "a boy of the '60's" was present and related some interesting stories of those days. Confederate flags were used very effectively in the decorations. The exercises were closed with singing the Star Spangled Banner.

FINISHING UP BRIDGES

W. T. Davis, of Davis, and Chas. Hancock, of Harker's Island, were in town Monday on business with the county commissioners. Messrs. Davis and Hancock have the contract to build some bridges in the eastern part of the county and report that the work on them is going right ahead. In a few weeks now the bridges will be finished and then just as soon as the road work is completed the entire route from Beaufort to Atlantic will be opened up and the whole east will be in touch with the county seat. Citizens down that way say they want a telephone line connecting up the east and also a better mail service and they hope to get these things as well as the roads before the year is out.

FIRST OF SERIES WON BY BEAUFORT

In the first game of the series yesterday Beaufort came from behind in the ninth inning and overcoming a lead of two runs beat Pikeville out 9 to 8.

The hitting on both sides was rather heavy Beaufort's sluggers getting 11 hits while the Pikeville batsmen made six. J. Caffrey led off in the first inning with a home run and Rice, Springie, Skarren, Hudgins and Thomas all did good work with their war clubs. Pikeville seems to have a good team and is evidently going to give the home club a strong fight for the series.

The score by innings follows:
Beaufort .. 2 0 0 0 1 2 0 1 3—9
Pikeville .. 2 0 1 0 0 0 5 0 0—8

Batteries—Beaufort, Hudgins and Rice; Pikeville, Flowers and Eastman

NAVY MUST BE KEPT EFFICIENT

Ships Must Keep Up With The Times Says Poindexter. Texans Want Tariff

WASHINGTON, June 7.—In the course of the debate in the Senate on Naval Appropriation Bill Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington, effectively disposed of the ridiculous argument that ships carrying 16-inch guns should not be built because in a few years other nations may build ships carrying 20-inch guns. "The policy of keeping the Navy up to date, of course was settled a long time ago," the Senator reminded his colleagues. "One small ship of the American Navy today could very quickly destroy and sink to the bottom of the sea the entire United States fleet of 1861. But I apprehend that there are very few people who would claim that we should have continued, in the face of progress of the world, to rely upon the ships of the previous generation."

Freemen of the Baltic.

Congressmen Walter M. Chandler of New York believes that the United States should recognize at once the independence of the new republic of Ethonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. In an extended speech in the House of Representatives recently, Mr. Chandler paid high tribute to the statesmanship, courage, and other attributes of sovereignty possessed by the citizens of the Baltic states. "They merit our recognition and our good will, our sympathy, and our support," he said. "Their people are literate, their statesmen are able and accomplished, and their soldiers are brave and unconquerable."

Clarified.

Recent decisions of the supreme court have determined some of the disputed interpretations of the income tax law. The Treasury has won its claim to hundreds of millions of dollars paid in taxes. But, more than that, the tax law has been clarified and the principles under which it was drawn have also been established. Not only will Treasury officials be aided in their future administration of the internal revenue act now in force, but Congress will have the benefit of the definitions and interpretations made by the Supreme Court on various phases of taxation when the work of revising the income tax laws is begun in the near future.

Burton Boost Marine.

Congressman Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, is lending his aid, whenever opportunity offers, to the furtherance of legislation for the benefit of the American merchant marine. He recently secured the defeat of an attempt to reimburse the Steamboat Inspection Service and the Bureau of Navigation through fees assessed against ships. Mr. Burton called attention to the fact that inspection of locomotives and safety devices on railways and of products in the parking industry was carried on at government expense, and he saw no reason why the same policy should not be followed in services rendered to ships.

A Texas Tariffite

Congressman H. M. Wurzbach, of Texas was recently elected chairman of a committee of Representatives who are urging the Committee on Ways and Means to put hides and vegetable oils on the dutiable list in the permanent tariff bill. Hearings are now being conducted before the committee, and Mr. Wurzbach is preparing to make a vigorous presentation of his case.

COUNTY BOARD WILL HEAR PROPERTY OWNERS

In this issue of the News there is an advertisement which calls attention to the fact that persons who are not satisfied as to the way their real estate is valued on the tax books may seek redress. The Board of Commissioners will meet next Monday at the courthouse to hear these complaints. However, the complaints must first be filed in writing on or before next Monday.

A Six six-page map and the Beaufort News a whole year all for \$2.