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## ROAD AND BRIDGE BOND ISSUE BILL BECOMES A LAW

### County Commissioners Will Have Authority To Issue \$700,000 Road Bonds

#### OPPONENTS MAKE GAME FIGHT

Proponents of the \$700,000 bond issue for county roads and bridges won their fight Tuesday when the bill passed the State Senate on final reading. The bill passed its second reading last Friday but was held up for a few days to give opponents of the measure a hearing. The opposition put up a game fight but the advocates of the bill led by County Attorney Luther Hamilton were too strong for them. The bill had the backing of Representative Alvah Hamilton, the county Democratic organization the board of county commissioners and many influential citizens. The bill authorizing the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds to take up outstanding indebtedness has also passed which is also a victory for the Hamilton forces.

According to the terms of the bill the board of commissioners may call an election on the \$700,000 bond issue if they choose, or they may go ahead and issue the bonds without an election. The general impression seems to be that there will not be an election. The board has not yet given out a statement as to what roads are to be improved so the News has no information to give on this subject. Unofficial reports are that construction is to be done in the eastern and western parts of the county and on the Beaufort-Harlowe road. The bill just passed by the General Assembly reads as follows:

### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CARTERET COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS.

#### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of constructing a more permanent system of County roads and bridges, or for the purpose of repairing and improving the roads and bridges of Carteret County, or for the purpose of aiding the State Highway Commission in the construction of that part of the State Highway System which now or may hereafter be adopted in Carteret County, or for any one or more of the said purposes, the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County are hereby authorized and empowered to issue, during the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and until November first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty six, negotiable coupon bonds, in the sum of not exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.), the said bonds to be in addition to the other bonds heretofore issued and outstanding by and against the said Carteret County. The Board of Commissioners shall have authority to issue the bonds authorized by this section without submitting the same to a vote of the qualified electors of the said County, if, in the discretion of the Board, the sentiment of the electors of the said county is sufficient to justify such action on the part of the Board without such a vote on the question. The said bonds may be issued all at one issue or in suitable amounts from time to time as the funds may be deemed necessary for the purposes expressed.

SECTION 2. That the bonds issued pursuant to this act shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and countersigned by the Clerk and shall bear the corporate seal of said County, and shall have affixed the requisite number of coupons and it shall be sufficient for said coupons to bear the printed lithographed, or engraved signature of the Chairman of the said Board. Said coupons shall draw interest at not exceeding six per cent (6) per annum, payable semi-annually and at such place or places as the said Board of Commis-

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## BALL BROS. GET FERRY FRANCHISE

### Automobile Passenger Line Between Beaufort and Morehead City Assured

Permission to operate a ferry between Beaufort and Morehead City was granted Monday by the board of county commissioners to G. R. and G. W. Ball of North Harlowe. A franchise was granted at the same time to W. A. Everett of Edenton to operate a ferry between Morehead City and the ocean beach. Chairman Woodland and Commissioners, Hall Huntley, Taylor and Whitehurst were all present and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Everett had put in his application for a franchise at the January meeting and the matter had been deferred. S. A. Chalk of Morehead City also applied for a franchise Monday at the morning session but withdrew the application in the afternoon. Ball Brothers agree to operate a boat not less than 45 feet long and twenty feet beam with a capacity of six automobiles. Their charges are to be \$1 for autos and drivers and 25 cents for passengers. Mr. Everett's prices were \$1.50 for small cars and \$2 for large ones and 15 cents for passengers. Ball brothers agree to make two round trips a day, or more if necessary.

Applications were made to the board to relieve the following persons of taxes: Mrs. Nellie Mason of Stacy, the heirs of Mrs. Grace Gordon of Beaufort, Mrs. Lola Davis and Mrs. Mamie Wade of Hunting Quarter township. The applications were referred to the county Welfare Officer for investigation. Mrs. Sidney Lewis of Pelletier, Mrs. May C. Lewis of Harker's Island and Mr. Parlie Lewis of Stacy applied for aid from the county poor fund. Referred to County Welfare Officer for investigation.

Mrs. Lula Best of Wildwood came before the board and asked that certain parts of her land flooded by the State Highway forces be drained. She was promised that the matter would have attention. J. T. and Alex Graham asked the board to put parts of the Mill Creek road now impassible, in condition so that the school truck can be run over it. The chairman said he would give the matter his personal attention. The board audited a number of bills and attended to a few other routine matters and then adjourned.

### EARLY SNAKE GETS SHOT BY HUNTER

It seems that snakes as well as mocking birds and flowers are aware that Spring is near at hand. It is not enough often that any one reports killing a rattler in February and yet that this does happen is vouched by Mr. W. D. Allen of Newport. Mr. Allen is a great hunter and while out with his bird dogs one day last week, they struck a trail and finally came to a point which proved to be instead of a covey of quail a big diamond back rattler. Mr. Allen shot the creature and took its hide back to Newport where it is on exhibition. The snake was an unusually large one, measuring eight feet in length and about 13 inches in circumference.

### MRS. CHARLES W. MASON DIES.

Information has been received in Beaufort of the death of Mrs. Louisa Mason of Atlantic, wife of Charles W. Mason, Wednesday morning. Mrs. Mason suffered a stroke of paralysis Saturday. Mrs. John G. Jones and James Wallace Mason both of Beaufort, daughter and son of Mrs. Mason, went to Atlantic Saturday on account of their mother's illness and were with her at the end.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT.

Cards recently received in Beaufort announce the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gaskill of Miami, Florida. The child has been named Lorenzo Jr. Mr. Gaskill is a native of Sea Level and has lived in Beaufort for some time.

## SCHOOL ELECTION DRAWS NEARER

### Interest Grows And Many Are Registering. Many Prominent Citizens Approve Plan

"Beaufort is one of the prettiest towns on the Atlantic coast and undoubtedly has a great future" said John J. Blair of Raleigh to a representative of the News last Friday. Mr. Blair is the State Director of School House Planning and he and Mr. J. M. Kennedy who is the architect for the State Department of Education were in Beaufort last week to consult with the school board in regard to the proposed new high school building.

The two visitors were very much impressed with the natural beauty of the locality and this fact supplemented with the asphalt streets, the street lights the water and sewerage systems make Beaufort a very attractive place in which to live the school men said. About all the town needs now in the way of public improvements is an adequate high school building. This the gentlemen said, after inspecting the present building, is absolutely necessary. A modern building with room for future growth and ample grounds is the thing needed. The lot on Live Oak street they thought with the new building and the grounds beautified with grass, flowers and shrubbery could be made very attractive and credible to rapidly developing community. Mr. Blair also called attention to the value of a good auditorium would be to the town as a meeting place for conventions and other gatherings.

Registration for the election is making satisfactory progress. The usual vote in the town is about 1000 and Saturday night Registrar Thos. S. Martin had enrolled 468 names. Of these 199 were women and 269 were men. Since then a good many others have registered and by Saturday night it is expected that nearly 1000 will be on the book. In order to ascertain the opinion of men in the business section of the town a paper was circulated recently and many of the leading men of the town signed it. Some who declined to sign said they were going to vote for the school building. The list of signers is as follows: F. L. King, J. E. Fodrie, C. H. Bushall, O. B. Moore, E. A. Bell, J. A. Hornaday Jr., J. V. Caffrey, George W. Lay, John Hill, W. E. Skarren, C. S. Maxwell, G. W. Duncan, E. Frank Lee, W. A. Mace, Jas. W. Mason, Bayard Taylor, T. W. Brinson, L. H. Haywood, R. L. Davis, E. E. Davis, W. L. Willis, N. F. Eure, J. H. Potter Jr., M. W. Spruill, W. V. B. Potter, R. Henderson, Barbour Bros. G. W. Huntley, W. L. Paul & Sons, W. H. Barber, R. W. Jernigan, D. M. Jones, W. G. Mebane, U. E. Swann, Thomas Duncan, Julian Hamilton, L. B. Boney, C. K. Howe.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week.

David Williams to Austin Neilson, part lot 130 Old Town Beaufort, consideration \$10.

W. C. Cole and wife to T. C. Holland, 4 acres in Whiteoak Township, consideration not shown.

Luther D. Garner to Jessie G. Garner, tract in Newport Township, consideration \$60.

K. L. Garner et al to Jessie J. Garner 2 acres in Newport Township, consideration \$10.

E. R. Mason and wife to Arthur Gillikin, tract in Straits Township, consideration \$55.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only two licenses to wed have been granted by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last Thursday, they are as follows:

Wm. H. Jessup of Roxboro, N. C. and Pearl Fuicher of Morehead City. T. R. Lewis and Belvina Willis of Morehead City.

## OIL TREATMENT FOR DIRT ROADS

### Proves Very Satisfactory On Long Island. State Making Experiments, Outlook Promising

As a result of experiments which the State Highway Commission has been making with asphaltic oil as a surface for dirt roads, it may be that in many instances satisfactory roads can be built at a comparatively small cost. In a recent news article in the Greensboro Daily News Governor McLean was quoted as having been greatly impressed with some oil surfaced roads over which he had traveled. The Governor seemed to think that the oil treatment of roads might prove to be to some extent at least, a great help in the solution of the State's road problem.

In order to get some first hand information on the subject for readers of the News, the opinion of State Highway Engineer Charles M. Upham was sought. Mr. Upham's reply is given herewith:

Mr. W. G. Mebane, Beaufort, N. C.

My dear Mr. Mebane:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 25th relative to the treatment of earth roads with oil.

I would say that this method of treatment has been under experiment for possibly ten or twelve years and in some localities it has been worked out very satisfactorily. In Long Island the work has proven to be very satisfactory, while in Massachusetts the results were not as good. North Carolina seems to have some roads that are exceptionally good for this particular kind of treatment but still others that will not lend themselves to this treatment.

The requisites are that the road must be very good sand clay, top soil, or gravel road, and one capable of carrying traffic before the oil is put on it. The oil will not strengthen the road but simply preserve the surface—in other words if the road is not sufficiently strong to carry traffic the oil will not help do this, but the oil will prevent surface abandonment on the top soil, or gravel, and this will add materially to the length of life and reduce the maintenance.

We are going thru the development stage of these roads and the results look very promising, so that eventually we will have a large mileage that has been treated by this method.

It seems impossible to write specifications that will assure a satisfactory road, and it is necessary that a person acquainted with this type of construction have charge to the particular work. Therefore it is impossible for me to tell you more of the details—other than up to the present time we have used asphaltic oil 55 per cent penetration of 100 per cent asphalt. This is spread on the road surface which has been prepared by scraping and brooming, at the rate of approximately 1-3 to 4-10 of a gallon per square yard, and covered by about twenty pounds of coarse sand. Sand is added subsequently as the asphalt lies in the sand and becomes excessive.

Trusting this is the information you desire, I remain,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. UPHAM,

State Highway Engineer.

### SUPERIOR COURT.

A one week's term of Superior Court will convene in Beaufort Monday. Judge M. V. Barnhill will preside over the court and both criminal and civil cases will be heard. The first two days have been reserved for the criminal docket and civil cases will be taken up Wednesday morning if the criminal docket is finished by that time. A few criminal cases were continued from the last term and several new ones have been added since then, but none so far of very great importance. The civil calendar was published in last week's issue of the News.

## BEAUFORT BREAKWATER NOW AN ASSURED FACT

The rivers and harbors bill has been passed by Congress and it is an assured fact that the appropriation of \$9500 for a breakwater in front of the town of Beaufort will be available. The bill carries a large amount for the inland waterway between Beaufort and Norfolk, a half million for the purchase of the Dismal Swamp canal and various other projects.

Telegrams relating to this bill from Senator Simmons and Representative Abernethy are published below. It seems that there is a possibility that the boat line between New Bern and Baltimore will be re-established with Beaufort and Morehead City added. This is for the operation of two self propelled barges. The telegrams received read as follows:

Washington, D. C. 457

Washington, D. C. Mar. 2, 1925

Chamber of Commerce,

Beaufort, N. Car.

Am glad to advise that House has just passed the Rivers and Harbors bill passed by the Senate last Saturday night the House accepting all the Senate amendments and the bill now goes to the President whose signature is already assured.

F. M. SIMMONS.

Washington, D. C. Mar. 2, 1925.

Secy Chamber of Commerce Beaufort, N. Car.

Rivers and Harbors bill has passed Senate and the President will sign same bill includes numerous surveys which Beaufort is interested in and also provides for construction of stone breakwater in front of town of Beaufort.

CHARLES L. ABERNETHY, M. C.

Washington, D. C. Mar. 2, 1925.

The Beaufort News, Beaufort, N. Car.

Have just secured passage through the House as amendment to Senate joint resolution number 102 as follows: That the New York Canal and Great Lakes Corporation shall re-establish the boat line formerly known as the intercoastal and coastwise waterway service operating between Baltimore Maryland and New Bern Beaufort and Morehead City North Carolina and shall operate this line by not less than two self propelled barges.

CHAS. L. ABERNETHY, M. C.

### TOM NOE ARRESTED ON LARCENY CHARGE

Tom Noe, frequently called "Brandy" a young white man of Beaufort was arrested Tuesday night for entering the pilot house of the fishing boat Chas. S. Wallace and committed to jail. Mayor Thomas required a bond of \$500 which Noe was unable to give. For some time Captain Bonner Willis and his brother Captain Wilbur Willis of the W. M. Webb have been missing things from their vessels. The two boats dock at the foot of Orange street. Tuesday night Captain Bonner concealed himself in the pilot house of the Wallace and waited for development. About eight o'clock Noe came along the Wallace in a skiff and climbed aboard. He first went to the galley and could not get in and then came to the pilot house where Captain Willis took charge of him. Noe stated that he was looking for some matches but this explanation of his visit was not satisfactory to Captain Willis and so he had Noe put under arrest.

At the June term of court in 1923 Luther Lloyd and Tom Noe were put under a suspended sentence by Judge Grady of three to five years in the penitentiary if they violated any law within five years. Lloyd was convicted of entering the warehouse of the Beaufort Grocery Company last year and is now in the penitentiary. Noe will be tried in Superior court next week.

### MRS. A. F. DOANE DEAD

Information received here recently by Mr. W. A. Mace conveyed the intelligence that Mrs. A. F. Doane died of pleurisy Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Doane and two daughters lived in Beaufort for a number of years and have many friends here. The body of Mrs. Doane was taken to Guilford, Connecticut, her old home for interment.

## FIRE DISTRICT IS MADE LARGER

### No Wooden Buildings On Front Street Between Orange And Queen Streets.

As a result of action taken by the board of city commissioners at their regular meeting Monday the restricted district for wooden buildings was considerably enlarged. The ordinance covering what is known as the fire district on Front street formerly extended from Orange to Craven street. By reason of an amendment adopted Monday the district will be extended east to Queen street and then north 150 feet on Queen street. The amendment was offered by Commissioner Smith and he and Commissioner Noe voted for it. Commissioner Wheatly voted no and Commissioner Whitehurst did not vote at all. Commissioner Parkin is absent on a trip to Florida.

Mrs. H. D. Norcom representing Fort Macon chapter of the U. D. C. came before the board and asked that a merry go round and Ferris wheel might be operated without tax during the month of June under the auspices of the organization. The permission was granted. A delegation representing the Community Club was present, composed of Mrs. G. W. Lay, and Mrs. Bayard Taylor, and asked that the club might have the direction of improvements to be made on the west end of Front street and that the city contribute to the expense of the work. A motion was passed granting the request.

Motions were introduced and passed remitting city taxes on property of W. H. Hendrick, the children of Mrs. Grace Gordon, deceased, and Mrs. West Taylor. A motion was passed increasing the salary of John Pake from \$70 to \$80 a month. This motion was taken in consideration of the fact that he has to look after the fire truck in addition to his work on the streets. A number of bills were audited and then the board adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

### MAYOR TRIES FOUR ON SAME CHARGE

Four defendants, all charged with practically the same offense, to-wit drunkenness, faced Mayor Thomas in his court Monday afternoon. All admitted having inbibed a little too freely but none had been very boisterous and so the Mayor had a heart and let them off with the costs.

John Bunyan Congleton who, like the famous religious leader whose name he bears, has had considerable experience with courts and jails, was among those present and furnished much entertainment for the court audience. He appeared in court with his lengthy form bent almost double, leaning heavily on a broom stick and an expression of great pain on his countenance. There were two charges against John and it looked rather squally for him but he is a very resourceful person in courts and with the assistance of an eloquent plea by his counsel Mr. C. R. Wheatly he was let down with \$10.75 the costs in the case. One of the charges against him John denied entirely and the other was due to extenuating circumstances. He said that while walking around in the back part of he did not know who, hit him in the back with a soft drink bottle and inflicted great injury and pain upon him. Fortunately a short time after a stranger met him and seeing the distress he was in, handed him a half pint bottle and told him to drink freely. He emptied the flask and got considerable relief but also got arrested a short time afterwards. After hearing his statement the Mayor relented and rendered his verdict which seemed to meet with the approval of the crowd because most people are rather inclined to pity John than to blame him. He drinks too much but is a very industrious fellow when sober.

The other three tried by the Mayor were John Dixon, Tom Sadler and Carlton Parkin, all young white men. The evidence was that they were drunk but chief of Police Longest stated that they were not unduly disorderly and so they were let off with the costs.