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HIGHWAY BOARD FAVORS BRIDGE

Pass Resolution To Change Contract, Cost of Bridge Estimated at \$565,000.

According to information given the News by some of those who were present, the State Highway Commission at its meeting Tuesday decided to build a bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City. That is to say a motion was passed unanimously by the board which agreed to change the contract Carteret county now has from a paved road to the Craven county line to a bridge instead. Details of the new contract will be decided later and Chairman Page and Commissioner Cameron were authorized to make the contract with the board of commissioners of Carteret county.

The Carteret county question was taken up by the board Tuesday afternoon and discussed by Commissioners, Hart, Cameron, Hill and Chairman Page. The Chairman spoke strongly in favor of making the change in the contract asked by Carteret board of commissioners. An estimate of \$565,000 was given as the probable cost of a concrete bridge. A delegation from Craven county also appeared before the commission and asked that route 30 in Craven county be paved as soon as possible. This is the road between New Bern and Wilmington. The commission went on record as being willing to pave route 30 as soon as funds are available. The amount of State funds allocated to Carteret county of the recent twenty million dollar bond issue is not sufficient to build a bridge and it appears that the county will have to advance a considerable sum if the bridge is built. The Raleigh News & Observer of yesterday in reporting the meeting of the Highway Commission, had the following to say:

"The Carteret county board of commissioners presented a request to the commission to abrogate a contract made by the old board of commissioners which gave the commission \$150,000 for the paving of routes 10 and 101 in the county about \$103,000 of this sum has been spent. The reason for the abrogation of the contract was that at the last general election the county by a majority of 1,009 voted in favor of a bridge between Morehead City and Beaufort in preference to the paving of route 10. The county hopes that upon the abrogation of the contract the highway commission will use the unspent \$47,000 on the bridge. The delegation was composed of J. E. Woodland, chairman of the board of commissioners Luther Hamilton, county attorney, J. F. Duncan, Claud Wheatly and W. B. Blades.

FLOWER SHOW SOON.

The ladies of the Garden Club are arranging to have a flower show and the date set for it is the 14th of May. It is hoped that all who expect to compete for the prizes will begin at once getting ready for it. Full details as to the show can be obtained from Mrs. A. D. O'Brien who is the vice-chairman of the organization.

CLERKS TAKE VACATION.

The postoffice clerks and carriers are beginning to take their vacations now and Mr. L. A. Whitehurst is substituting for them. This week Mr. Eugene Carrow is off duty. Each one of the employees gets fifteen days holiday during the year.

LIQUOR OUTFIT CAPTURED.

On Monday afternoon Sheriff T. C. Wade and deputy sheriff Emmett Chaplain captured a moonshine whiskey outfit in the woods between Core creek and Harlowe creek. The still was about a forty gallon capacity affair. Some ten or twelve barrels of mash were destroyed and the still was brought to town. At a distance of perhaps half a mile from the still several kegs were found, in one of which there were three or four gallons of liquor. Nothing is known as to who the owner of the still may be.

BRIDGE ADVOCATES WILL BE HERE MONDAY

Unless all signs fail there will be a large crowd of people on hand Monday when the board of county commissioners meets. The long drawn out road and bridge question will be the attraction that will bring folks to town. There have been several meetings before called by the anti bridge forces, but this time it seems that those who favor the bridge are going to be present. A circular has been distributed in the eastern part of the county calling for those who want a paved road to the east and bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City to be present and let the board know where they stand. The report is that a large number of eastern people will be on hand Monday. Those who oppose the bridge and oppose the bond issue have already announced their intention of being present Monday with petitions and so it seems that if both sides come that there will be a large crowd present.

BARREL FACTORY OPERATING NOW

Carteret Lumber Company's Tract May Be An Industrial Center

A deal was closed last week between the Carteret Lumber Company and the Major-Loomis Company of Hertford, N. C. whereby the latter acquired the saw mill equipment of the former company. This trade does not include the buildings nor the boilers. The Major-Loomis Company sustained a fire about ten days ago and are now rebuilding their plant. A force of men went to work Saturday taking down the machinery which the company has bought and are getting it ready to ship to Hertford. Mr. R. M. Fowler of Hertford is here superintending the work and expects to finish it in two or three weeks.

While the Carteret Lumber Company is not doing any sawing now it is still in the lumber business and is operating a planing mill. Besides the lumber business the company is manufacturing potato barrels and expects to develop a very considerable business in this line. The manufacture of fish boxes may also be taken up at some time in the future. The company owns five large dry kilns which could be easily converted into manufacturing plants. It is possible that one of them may be used for a canning factory and another one for a sweet potato storage house. It is hoped to find some use for the other buildings and it may be that in the next twelve months a considerable manufacturing center may be in operation in this vicinity. The company owns a large tract of land and a fine water front and the property is well suited for a manufacturing district. It may be that a good sized industrial town will develop there in the next few years.

REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH STARTS NEXT WEEK

Revival services at the First Baptist church will be held shortly beginning on Wednesday May 6th. The preaching will be done by Reverend F. L. Marlow who is an evangelist from the state of Georgia. He comes highly recommended as a speaker of great earnestness and power. An invitation is extended to all church people and the public generally to attend these revival services.

MAKES BOAT MODEL.

A well executed model of the big menden boat the Parkin was on exhibition Monday in the C. D. Jones grocery store. The model about three feet in length is correct in every detail and is a very pretty boat. It was made by Captain Herbert Parkin. The model was presented to Mr. W. B. Blades and is now in New Bern.

A winery in California has 2,500,000 gallons of dry and sweet wines aging in casks awaiting a change in the dry law.

CONFERENCE WILL SPEED UP COURTS

Lawyers And Judges Will Try To Reform Court Procedure

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh April 27th—On Monday the Governor appointed a lawyer from each of the twenty judicial districts to sit in the Judicial Conference created by act of the recent Legislature. The appointees are: J. C. B. Eringhaus, Elizabeth City; Second—H. C. Connor, Wilson; Third—R. C. Dunn, Enfield; Fourth—George X. Freeman, Goldsboro; Fifth—J. D. James, Greenville; Sixth—G. V. Cowper, Kinston; Seventh—J. Crawford Biggs, Raleigh; Eighth—J. O. Carr, Wilmington; Ninth—J. Bayard Clark, Fayetteville; Tenth—W. J. Brogden, Durham; Eleventh—B. S. Womble, Winston-Salem; Twelfth—W. P. Bynum, (Republican), Greensboro; Thirteenth—H. F. Seawell, (Republican), Carthage; Fourteenth—Charles W. Tillett Jr., Charlotte; Fifteenth—A. H. Price (Republican), Salisbury; Sixteenth—Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby; Seventeenth—Johnson J. Hayes, North Wilkesboro; Eighteenth—D. E. Hudgins, Marion; Nineteenth—J. C. Merrimon, Asheville; Twentieth—James W. Ferguson, Waynesville.

The conference will, in addition to these, be composed of the Chief Justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court, and the judges of the Superior Court. The Chief Justice will preside and the clerk of the Supreme Court will be the secretary. The conference is expected to provide machinery for the administrative organization of the State judicial system for the purpose of expediting trials and bringing about needed reforms in court procedure. Another object is to enable the Supreme and Superior Court judges to become better acquainted.

Governor Defends Commission

Governor McLean started the present week with a statement in defense of the Salary and Wage Commission he recently appointed on authority of the General Assembly, calling on the people to uphold that body against what he terms a "systematic effort to discredit it." The Governor declares that he believes the people of the State will "give the very able gentlemen who constitute the Commission their united support and thus render futile the attempt of a few who are acting by ulterior motives to prevent North Carolina from placing herself with other progressive states, which are putting fair, just, and business-like methods into the administration of the government." He does not believe the Commission will arbitrarily reduce all salaries, or fix a flat salary for each class of work without regard to the elements of experience, ability and hours of service. It is admitted that "there are many technical, professional, and scientific workers whose salaries cannot be fixed as a class. "Inequalities" appear to be the object sought and which it is proposed to correct.

Corporation Commissioner Maxwell, who recently designated Blue Sky Commissioner by Governor McLean, has appointed Representative I. M. Bailey of Onslow, as assistant in the supervision of this work. Mr. Bailey will receive a salary of \$4,500. He will act as attorney and counsel for the entire department, in addition to aiding Commissioner Maxwell in handling Blue Sky problems. The appointee is considered fully qualified for the duties as he is undertaking.

Willie Stewart, son of C. W. Stewart who died in the electric chair here last week, has been given his liberty by Governor McLean. He was serving a fifteen months sentence on the roads of New Hanover county for fighting and resisting arrest. The Governor freed the young man so that he might aid the stricken family and in the hope of aiding him in becoming a useful citizen.

Nearly 32,000,000 copies of daily papers are printed for every week day in the year.

STATE NEWS

Items Of Interest From Various Parts of North Carolina

Sixty three percent of the North Carolinians who applied for admission in the army in January at Camp Bragg were rejected physically unfit. This statement was made by Lieutenant W. S. Bryan in the course of an address to students at Wake Forest college recently. A citizen's military training camp is to be held at Camp Bragg during the month of July.

Last Friday was the hottest April day in Charlotte in 47 years. The mercury reached 86 degrees. On the same day it was 94 in Greensboro and was hot all over the central part of the State, in fact every where except on the coast and in the mountains. Wednesday there was a big drop in the temperature and fires were necessary.

According to reports the books of ex-sheriff Massey of Johnston county show that he is badly in arrears with the county. The reports are that the deficit may reach \$100,000 or more. An audit of his books is being made.

Fourteen negro prisoners came very near escaping from jail in Charlotte last Sunday morning at about 4 o'clock. They had cut a hole through a brick wall and were about to escape when a falling brick made a noise and alarmed a police officer. None of the prisoners escaped.

President R. W. Stone of the Farmers' Union says that he favors the cooperative plan of marketing farm products. He urges all farmers to join in such associations and help to make cooperative marketing a big success.

The Ku Klux Klan seems to have been an issue in the recent Fayetteville mayoralty campaign. J. R. Harrison said that his opponent J. H. Cook was backed by that organization. Cook made no statement but was elected by a considerable majority.

Bert Robinson of Lenoir county had a narrow escape from death last Saturday while cleaning out well He sank in quicksand and was unable to get out. A rope was put under his shoulders but his rescuers could not pull him out. It was necessary to do a lot of digging before he could be saved.

While backing his car out of the garage A. P. Ritchie of Gastonia ran over and killed his eight year old son Monday. The boy got on the running board and when he fell off was run over by the front wheel. He lived but a few minutes.

Twenty prisoners were taken from Charlotte Monday to the Federal penitentiary for selling narcotic drugs. Among the number was a dentist and a doctor. Most of the prisoners are dope fiends themselves. They were held in jail for several weeks and their health is said to be better now than when they went in.

Henry P. Varner of Lexington, publisher and moving picture theatre owner died Monday night after a short illness with pneumonia. Mr. Varner who was 55 years old had been prominent in newspaper circles for years. He was for a time State Commissioner of Labor and Mining and had held other public offices. He started out as a poor boy accumulated a large estate.

SURVEYING COUNTY ROADS.

Acting under instructions from the board of county commissioners engineers are making preliminary surveys of certain roads that it is proposed to pave. Mr. C. K. Howe who has charge of the work has completed a survey of the road from Beaufort to the North River bridge. This week they are working on a road running out of Newport and other surveys are to follow.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following realty transactions have been recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week:

Cape Lookout Development Co., to L. K. Hall lot 7 block 91 Cape Lookout, consideration \$90.

James F. Willis to Allen Davis, tract in Hunting Quarter Township, consideration \$50.

J. M. Rose et al to Sabra D. Salter, tract Hunting Quarter Township consideration \$10.

Ruby Fulcher et al to Clyde Willis, tract Hunting Quarter Township, consideration Love and Affection.

Sarah C. Arendell to L. B. West lot 15 block 5 Morehead City, consideration \$1500.

L. A. Hart et al to L. B. West lot 11 Morehead City, consideration \$1000.

John G. Jones et al to C. R. Wheatly tract Morehead City Township, consideration \$100.

J. C. Long et al to J. G. Bell lots 10, pt. lot 8, and lot 6 block 75 Morehead City consideration \$1000.

W. J. Piner et al to L. R. Dudley et al 11 acres White Oak Township, consideration \$85.50.

LOCAL WATERWAY NEEDS DISCUSSED

Engineers Hear Citizens Set Forth Arguments For Improved Channels

As stated in the News last week a hearing on proposed waterway improvements took place last Thursday. At the morning session the discussion was relative to the deepening of the water on the bar, or Beaufort inlet, to 30 feet and providing a channel of the same depth to pier one. The list of speakers who discussed this matter was given in the News of last Thursday.

At the afternoon session the first subject considered was that of deepening the channel in North river to five feet. A delegation from the east side of the river was present and urged that this be done. They were Messrs. Andrew Gillikin, Watson Lawrence, O. W. Lewis, Warren Gillikin, Messrs. G. W. Huntley, W. L. Stancil and M. Leslie Davis also presented facts bearing on the subject. The other subject discussed was that of deepening the channel from Gullant's Point to the Fort Macon bulkhead channel to a depth of twelve feet which is the depth of the inland waterway. Those who spoke and urged the importance of this work were Captain G. J. Brooks, Messrs. W. A. Mace, C. P. Dey, Seth Gibbs and W. G. Mebane. The speakers showed the difficulty which large boats have in negotiating the channel and the great handicap traffic is under. The size of the boats and the volume of business is constantly increasing, the speakers stated, and there is a great necessity for the improvements.

On Friday Major O. O. Kuentz and District Engineer H. T. Patterson went to Newport first for a hearing on Newport river and then went to Morehead City and held a meeting there. Morehead City citizens stressed the importance of a 30 foot channel from the bar to pier one and also asked certain harbor improvements. The information derived at all of these hearings goes to Washington and if favorable action is taken by the engineering department Congress will be asked to make necessary appropriation for doing the work.

CROWDS ENJOY COMEDY.

The production "Flapper Grandma" given under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association Monday and Tuesday nights proved quite a success. Two large audiences saw it were highly entertained and the association got about \$160 as its share of the proceeds. The money is to be used to equip the school library. The show is on the order of a musical comedy. There is quite a bit of fun in it and some catchy songs and dances.

HAVE NOT FIXED SALARIES YET OF STATE EMPLOYEES

Wage Commission Had Meeting But Did Not Have Necessary Information

MANY QUESTIONS ASKED

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, April 27—In a week that was admittedly dull so far as developments or state affairs were concerned, the Salary and Wage Commission met in Raleigh and organized; the State Highway Commission announced road contracts for more than three and a half millions to be let the first week in May; a move got under way to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina and the Governor spoke his opposition to its abolition, and a date was fixed for the first meeting of the new State Board of Equilization. The Governor also announced appointments of several members of Boards of various institutions. Three of these being republicans; and expressed his high estimate of the value to the state of the National Guard.

The Salary and Wage Commission came and saw, but went away without conquering. The members found that the Governor had laid a ground work for them to begin with but that the State employees had not supplied the skeleton to the building which they will erect and name "economy" at the expense of the salaried help of the State. The Governor had previously distributed to every state employee a questionnaire to be filled out with detailed explanation of the work done and the salary received. The employees were instructed to fill these out and return them in time for the meeting but a scant number were ready. The questionnaires are gems of the inquisitorial art. What the director of the budget did not ask the poor state employees to answer could scarcely be imagined. The instructions on filling out the document cover four pages to the paper's two—the last word in red type.

It was suggested about the capital that the Wage Commission, in the performance of what must be unpleasant duties, would go into the salaries of the teachers of State institutions. The point is made, however, that the boards of trustees of these institutions may have something to say about the matter. They, at least, are not holding political jobs and the law, it is generally believed, gives them the right to regulate teachers' salaries. Any great amount of tampering with the institutions controlled by the various boards is likely to be resented by the men composing them, who are not dependent on the crumbs from anybody's table for a livelihood. The wisdom of tackling teachers' salaries is being questioned, but Mr. Rogers, elected secretary to the Commission, is inclined to the opinion that the matter is clearly within the purview of that body.

Several Republicans Appointed

The Governor has kept his word in deciding some weeks ago that members of the minority party would not be ignored in official appointments. Republicans, he said, were excluded from membership on the Budget Commission because he considered the Democratic party responsible for the fiscal policy of the State. In naming board members during the week three republicans were recognized; they are: ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake, Wake Forest; Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem and ex-Judge W. S. O'E. Robinson, Goldsboro. They go on the Hospital for the Colored Insane at Goldsboro, Teachers College for Negroes at Winston-Salem and the State Hospital at Raleigh. Editor Sanford Martin, of the Winston-Salem Journal, is appointed a director of the State School for the Blind and Deaf, Raleigh. He is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian type.

His Excellency cleaned house at Cullowhee, in so far as board membership is concerned. The new members are: Reuben Robertson, Canton; Mrs. Giles Cover, Andrews;

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