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It is unfortunate that the ferry service talked of here some months ago was not put into effect. If a franchise had been granted to Mr. Everett of Edenton it is more than probable that a regular service would now be in existence between Beaufort, Morehead City and the ocean. Such a service would have enabled motorists to bring their cars over to Beaufort and drive to the eastern part of the county or wherever they wished to go. It would have brought many visitors to Beaufort who did not come and would have given the town and the county some fine advertising.

Beaufort has had a large number of visitors this summer, possibly more than it ever had before in its history. The hotels have had good patronage, private homes have entertained a great many and all houses for rent have been taken. If more accommodations had been available and if the town had been properly advertised there is no telling how many folks would have come this summer. We need one or two large hotels and some apartment houses and cottages for rent, backed up by a live advertising campaign. Under such conditions we could have as many visitors here in winter as in summer, possibly more.

THE HARLOWE ROAD.

In another part of the News there appears an article by D. C. N. Mason of Halowe in which takes us to task for a statement made in the News week before last. We will say the outset that the doctor has the edge on us this time. The objectionable statement was that "Tourists find it very difficult to come to Beaufort by automobile and impossible without a long circuitous route over a bad road." The article from which this quotation is made, was printed while the editor was away on his vacation trip to the mountains and we do not agree with it.

Dr. Mason flatters us by inviting us to take a drive in our possess, but we already know that the Harlowe road to the Craven line is one of the best dirt roads in the State. Furthermore we hope that the day is not far distant when this road will be paved all the way to Havelock which with the bridge would give us two fine routes into Beaufort thus assuring the rapid growth of a real city here. The News has never been opposed to paving the Harlowe road. We have said privately and publicly that we thought the bridge would accommodate a larger number of people than the road would but at the same time we realize fully the need of having the Harlowe road paved and we hope to see it done. Carteret county has wonderful possibilities for development but they are largely dependent upon easy means of communication—that is to say good roads and bridges. Such road building as has been done has merely whetted the appetites of the people for more and they will never rest satisfied until all parts of the county are made accessible by dependable highways. The News has no quarrel with any one who wants to see the important roads of Carteret put in first class condition.

TAXATION.

As published in the News last week the county equalization board by making certain changes in assessments of property added about a half million dollars to the county's taxable values. If the county continues to develop as it should, there will be a constant increase in taxables by reason of increased valuations. Every time a house is built on a vacant lot, every time a tract of waste land is cleared and put under cultivation, every time a new enterprise is started or an old one is enlarged values will rise and the county will get more taxes.

There is but little hope of reducing the county's running expenses much no matter who is in charge of its affairs. Of course one administration may be more extravagant than another but the county's fixed charges are now large and never again will they be small. Economy is a great virtue in public as well as private business. But no matter how strictly economy is practiced, Carteret county for a long time to come will have to raise a large sum of money every year to pay interest on bonds, maintain the schools, roads and other expenses. This fact may as well be realized by all concerned and the only practical way to meet the situation should be followed. The only way out is to make more wealth and thus reduce the tax rates or at least avoid making them higher. We must try to get people to come who will invest capital in farms, live stock, residences, factories, stores, automobiles and property of many sorts. If in the next ten years we should add ten millions or more to our taxable values we could then reduce our tax rate considerably or at the worst not raise taxes any. If, on the other hand, we do not attract any new capital, if we do not increase our present wealth then there is precious little hope of tax reduction and we will just have to sweat and endure it the best we can.

PRESS AND POLITICS.

The North Carolina Press Association is a non political, non partisan organization and consequently at its meetings political subjects are tabooed. It is difficult though to keep politics entirely below the surface; it will bob its head up occasionally. An incident of the sort which the writer found rather amusing, occurred at the recent meeting in Asheville.

President Braxton, in his annual address, made a mild criticism of the late General Assembly and the present administration, intimating that the policy of retrenchment was really retrogression. He said that a policy might work injury to the State's institutions and he expressed the hope that the press of the State would not countenance anything of the sort. There was really no serious reflection on the powers that be in Mr. Braxton's remarks but it was the President of the Press Association speaking and some of the politicians present were fearful that the incident might be heralded abroad and some harm done to the Democratic party. Defenders of the faith in the persons of editor Josephus Daniels, Congressman, Hammer, whose wife edits the Asheville Courier and one or two others, rushed to the rescue. About an hour's time was consumed in upholding the Legislature and the Governor and telling the world that North Carolina editors approved of them and all their works. Moreover on the final day just before adjournment a resolution commendatory of Governor McLean's administration was put through without a dissenting voice.

Now as far as we are concerned we have no objection whatever to the reforms suggested and put through mainly by Governor McLean. A government that had a deficit of practically ten millions and didn't even know it certainly needed some business methods injected into it. We do not want the State to go backward neither do we want it to go into bankruptcy. The Governor is doing the State some real service and is entitled to praise for it. The Press Association

probably was correct in what it said about his administration, even if it did flirt with politics in doing so. We cannot help wondering though what would have happened to a resolution endorsing President Coolidge's administration (which has reduced taxes and debts somewhat too) when editor Daniels, editor Webb, Congressman Hammer and some others had gotten through with

MORRISON SAYS NOT TO BLAME FOR BIG DEFICIT

possible to the work. The State of North Carolina ranked first in the nation in the production of peanuts last year. Figures issued show that the crop of the State was valued at \$10,706,000, with 181,000 acres under cultivation producing 152,945,000 pounds of peanuts.

Coal rates from Clinchfield and Focahontas districts into North Carolina will be reduced 17 to 20 cents a ton effective August 20, the action coming as a result of the Corporation Commission taking the matter to the Interstate Commerce Commission on appeal for North Carolina consumers.

The Almo Theatre, Raleigh's oldest motion picture house, was destroyed by fire during the week, entailing a loss of \$50,000—all told.

Jesse Wyatt Indicted

The second true bill charging Jesse Wyatt, Raleigh detective, with the murder of Stephen S. Holt, Smithfield attorney, was quashed in the Wake Superior court during the week and a third one returned by the Grand jury. The second halt in the trial was due to the appearance of W. H. Hughes Jr., as a juror instead of his father. Mr. Wyatt appeared in court on Friday and pleaded not guilty. The case will probably be called for trial at the September term.

District attorney Irvin B. Tucker reports that 670 cases were commenced in the Federal Court during the past fiscal year 572 of which were terminated. Fifty cases were not pressed and one was quashed. Fines collected, \$38,572.72.

The State Automobile License Bureau and its numerous branch offices over the State have issued more than 300,000 plates for the year 1925 and contemplate the sale of 45,000 to 50,000 more before the close of the "busy season." Walking is no longer a past-time with North Carolinians who appear to thrive largely on gas these days.

Mexico has heard about North Carolina's mountain-to-the-sea highway and wants Chas. M. Upham, State Highway Engineer, to go down and tell its folks how it was done. Mr. Upham will soon be "happy on the way," for Tarhelia is always obliging. He expects to make only a preliminary survey of the Mexican road situation and return to Raleigh within a couple of weeks.

Governor McLean requested pardon on Commissioner Sink to serve on the Salary and Wage Commission without extra pay and the latter promptly complied. He takes the place of Sam L. Rogers deceased. The wage-fixers are not yet ready to make final report and State employees will receive the usual salary warrant for July.

Rev. Thos Dixon, famous playwright, takes little stock in the Tennessee evolution case. In Raleigh during the week enroute to his boyhood home in Shelby, gave it as his personal view that evolution has nothing whatever to do with religion. that it is "nothing more nor less than a scientific hypothesis as to how God created man in His own image; that it makes no difference whether it took Him ten million years or whether He took some mud and a trowel and made man and set him up by a fence to dry in the sun."

Superintendent A. T. Allen, of the State Department of Education is a pronounced advocate of "vocational agriculture." Addressing the teachers of this branch of instruction at the State College recently Mr. Allen spoke in highest praise of the results realized in the general educational program from the schools devoted to the teaching of agriculture which he would like to see spread until it touches every boy in the State. The Superintendent feels that the returns from this work more than effect the financial outlay.

The first annual Furniture Manufacturers' school is in session at State College this week with representatives from this and other states in attendance. Instruction is being given in the problems of furniture manufacture and finishing without charge by the College specialists.

Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade and a number of his departmental assistants are back from the North Carolina Fireman's Association

meeting recently held in Asheville and report a highly successful meeting of fire-fighters gathered from every section of the State. Mr. Wade delivered a stirring address on the subject "The Fireman as a Factor in the Civic Life of His Town."

Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State Home Demonstration Agent, has a number of engagements to speak on "What it takes to Make a Home," in various sections of the State. She goes to Jackson county on July 24th and to Watauga county on August 14th to address "Farmer's Chautauqua" Meetings.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mary J. Prescott, deceased late of Carteret County, N. C. This is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Newport, N. C., before the 22nd of July 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 22nd day of July 1925.
K. F. CHANCE,
Administrator of the Estate of
Mary J. Prescott, deceased. 8-27-25

OUR HONOR ROLL.

Our honor roll of subscribers this week is sixteen, they are as follows: R. H. Davis, Straits, Ernest Guthrie, Southport; Hoyt Oden, Beaufort; Mrs. P. A. Lamphere, Westerly, R. I.; W. B. Guerrant, Raleigh; M. V. Marshall Beaufort, RFD; B. F. Small, Sealover; Mrs. Levi T. Noe, Beaufort; Roland T. Noe Beaufort; Mrs. Armanda Peterson, Beaufort; Levi Wheatly, St. Petersburg, Fla.; V. Asbury, Asheville; Lottie Sutton, Beaufort; Mrs. Elmo Stewart, Beaufort; Miss A. F. Fales, Beaufort; L. C. Davis, Beaufort.

CARTERET STUDENTS

AT CULLOWHEE
Cullowhee, July 20th—Six students from Carteret County have crossed the State to attend the Cullowhee Summer School, the second session of which began Tuesday, July 14. These students are: Gertrude Styron, Davis, N. C.; Thelma Mason, Roma Dare Morris, Lela Nelson, Vera Robinson, and Justin Robinson, Atlantic, N. C.

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While stars their faithful vigil keep,
Our barks across the darkness creep
Between two busy days.

Afar we float on spirit wings
Beyond the vaulted sky;
We soar to realms of mystic things
And drink of youth's eternal springs,
While Mother Nature gently sings
A soothing lullaby.

Of men asleep, it matters not
How humble they may be;
In sleep we know a common lot;
All strife and burdens are forgot
When each has found his friendly cot
And sails the Morphean Sea.

The luxury of sweet repose
Bids petty cares be gone!
When men their weary eyelids close
The spark of genius brighter glows;
They gain the might that sleep bestows
And gayly greet the dawn.

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