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## CRIMINAL CASES OCCUPY TIME OF SUPERIOR COURT

Only One Civil Action Was Tried On Account of Big Criminal Docket

### SLOT MACHINES GONE

As stated in the News last week a very large criminal docket was in progress. It was not finished until Friday morning and only one civil action was disposed of before court adjourned.

The slot machine cases excited quite a good deal of interest but did not take very much time as the defendants all pleaded guilty. They were let off with the costs, had their machines destroyed and were put under bonds to show good behavior for two years. The civil suit of George D. Styrone against J. I. Baker and the Ocean Beach Company was finished Saturday about the middle of the day. It resulted in a verdict of \$500 for the plaintiff who was suing for \$50,000 on account of injuries sustained when he was cut by Baker in a fight that took place at the beach resort last summer.

The criminal cases disposed of were as follows:

W. M. Jones, fraud, pleaded guilty judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Louis Guthrie, theft and receiving stolen goods, verdict not guilty of theft but guilty on other charge. Prayer for judgment continued to March term of court. Defendant put under \$400 bond.

Willie Green, assault with deadly weapon, carrying concealed weapon and violating prohibition law. Verdict guilty, got twelve months on roads on the three charges.

Henry Salter and Lillian Salter, assault upon Mrs. Ida Robinson. Not guilty as to Henry Salter. Lillian Salter found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail or pay Mrs. Robinson \$26 for doctor's bill and Mr. Robinson \$10 for auto hire. Also give bond for \$150 to show good behavior for two years.

J. E. Arnold, fraud, passing worthless check, jury verdict guilty, 8 months in jail or pay costs and give bond of \$300 to show good behavior for two years.

Roy Potter violating prohibition law, pleaded guilty, 6 months on Pitt county roads.

Matthew Owens, abandonment, continued to next term.

Lovey Davis, violating prohibition law and breaking jail. Pleading guilty. Twelve months on roads.

Alfred Wilson, larceny, pleaded guilty. To be hired out to some farmer for three months.

Louis Jones, violating prohibition law and larceny, escaped from jail. Noll pressed.

Len Harper, violating prohibition law and larceny, not guilty.

John Moore, violating prohibition law, broke jail. Noll pressed.

George M. Robinson, assault with deadly weapon; not a true bill.

Mack Hunnings, violating prohibition law in two counts. Pleading guilty, sentenced to 9 months on Pitt county roads.

Harvey Hunnings, violating prohibition law, not a true bill.

Howard C. Willis, violating prohibition law. Case continued to March term.

Alice Moore, receiving stolen property, not a true bill.

George Copes, larceny, acquitted.

Oneill Gillikin, seduction, case continued.

Robert Lee Guthrie, speeding auto. Capias issued.

Carl Buck, murder; bill found January term. Continued to March term.

George Sparrow, violating prohibition law; pleaded guilty. Six months on roads or pay costs and give bond for \$300 to show good behavior for two years.

Lee Garner, violating prohibition law. Pleading guilty; eight months on Pitt county roads.

B. A. Barnhill, abandonment; not a true bill.

Ansil Chapin, abandonment; not a true bill.

Ernest Fenderson pleaded guilty to charge of assault. Got 12 months in jail or give bond of \$300 to show good behavior for two years, and pay James Noe \$10.

Those who pleaded guilty to operating slot machines were the following: Grady Perkins, Geo. W. Dill, J. R. Willis, Mrs. W. H. Barber, R. H. Hill, R. N. Dickinson, Matthew Owens, T. E. Styrone, Claude Martin, George Norcom, C. V. Hill, John Henry Davis, J. T. White, Sarah Marshall, Will Parker, S. A. Duplanty, P. Shanarah, Ellis Baxter, Dave Lewis, S. T. Matthis, C. P. Tyler, J. L.

## BRIDGE CONTRACT WAS LET TUESDAY

Big Resort Development Planned For Bogue Island. Work Already Started

The letting of a contract here Tuesday for a bridge across Bogue Sound by the Atlantic Bridge Corporation has aroused considerable interest and from expressions heard by the News is regarded as an event of great significance to this entire section. The contract was awarded to the Davis Construction Corporation of Beaufort. The cost of the bridge exclusive of the concrete surface on the fill will be about \$110,000.

The News is informed by W. A. Mace, president of the Atlantic Beach Bridge Corporation, that work will be rushed on the bridge as fast as possible and that it is hoped to open it up for traffic before the Summer is over. It is to be a toll bridge and moderate tolls will be charged for use of the structure. Work was started on the dirt fill, which will be 4000 feet long, some weeks ago. The trestle and drawbridge will be 3000 feet long. The draw itself will be 60 feet.

The new bridge starts at 28th street, which is a short distance from the present corporate lines of Morehead City. Cresote piles will be used and the structure will be a substantial one and able to care for the traffic upon it for a good many years. It is expected that thousands of automobiles will cross it in the course of a year. It will make easy access to one of the finest bathing beaches on the Atlantic coast. A hard surface highway will be built across the island to the ocean and parking facilities provided there for a large number of cars. A large pavilion for bathing and dancing will be built. The company expects to spend around a quarter of a million dollars in the big project which it is undertaking. The company owns some 800 acres of land on the island. This has been surveyed and platted and lots will be offered for sale after the improvements have gotten well under way.

### VICE PRESIDENT INVITED.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 7—(INS)—Vice-President Charles G. Dawes has been invited to address the annual meeting of the National Association of Alumni Secretaries, which will be held here April 28-30, it was announced today.

### REAL ESTATE BUSINESS SHOWS SIGNS OF LIFE

While there is no boom in real estate in Beaufort or Morehead City some sales are being made right along. Deeds filed at the office of Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace recently show some interest is being felt in real estate. Those recorded are as follows:

W. P. Smith and wife to Geo. J. Brooks, 1-4 interest in tract, Beaufort Township, for \$100.

C. L. Duncan and wife to Pattie R. Ives, part lot Beaufort for \$2750.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to R. A. Temple, 2 lots West Beaufort for \$360.

Richard Felton and wife to C. L. Duncan, Alley-Way, Beaufort for \$100.

W. T. Pelletier to Willie L. Pelletier, 1 87-100 acres Morehead Township, for \$10.

R. T. Willis and wife to James L. Irons and wife, 1 lot Morehead City for \$2250.

W. C. Willett, Trustee to Oscar F. Mason, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$1.

Geo. H. Smithson and wife to Richard Springle 1 lot Morehead City for \$300.

A. I. Schisler to Amma D. Graham, 1 lot Morehead City for \$726.66.

Robert W. Taylor to Alethia B. Taylor, 1 lot Morehead City for \$10.

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W. B. Rowe and wife to J. S. Miller, 20 acres Newport Township for \$150.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Perry Godwin and wife, 2 lots Morehead City for \$100.

S. A. Rhue to W. H. Hay, 4 acres White Oak Township, for \$57.

### BIRTH OF A SON.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blythe, Feb. 7th., a boy, Julian Hart.

## Realty Company Starts Many Suits

The Beaufort Realty Corporation owners of the real estate sub-division known as "West Beaufort" have started a number of suits to collect from persons who have failed to meet their payments on lots. Attorney Wilson H. Lee of New Bern was in town recently representing the plaintiff in the matter and summonses for 100 persons have been issued. The News understands that about 200 more summonses will be issued very soon. The West Beaufort property was bought about two years ago by New Bern capitalists and was put on the market by them. A large number of lots were said to have been sold to persons all over the State and elsewhere.

## MAY ESTABLISH A PORT COMMISSION

Bill Introduced in Legislature To Issue \$100,000 Worth of Bonds For Port Terminal

A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly by Representative W. H. Bell which provides for the creation of the "Port Commission of Carteret County." The News understands that Congressman C. L. Abernethy prepared the bill and is advocating its passage.

The bill states that the commission shall be composed of seven business men, citizens of the county, to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Carteret county. That they shall be paid five dollars a day for their services for such time as they are in attendance upon meetings and expenses. The bill says that when the commission requests the board of county commissioners to do so, they shall issue \$100,000 worth of bonds or if they prefer they may call an election on the question of issuing the bonds. The money raised by the bond issue is to be used to acquire lands, water rights, build piers, warehouses, elevators and the like. The object of all this so the bill states is "to develop the port facilities of Carteret county."

The News has not heard many comments on the proposed port terminal matter as it is not generally known. Such comments as have been heard have been unfavorable. The view seems to be that however worthy the project may be the county is so heavily loaded with debt that no money can be raised without materially increasing the strain on the taxpayers of the county. In fact the bill states that the board of commissioners may levy a sufficient tax to pay the interest on the bonds and the principal also.

## PRISONERS GET LIQUOR AND HAVE BIG TIME

Before they took their departure from the county jail several of the prisoners there had a right considerable celebration there last Thursday. Having found out that there was some liquor stored there they managed with the help of two boys, who were in the jail but not in the cells, to get into the room where the booze was and got a half gallon of it. With it they had a merry time and soon got to feeling so good that they did not care whether they were in jail or out of it. Judge Cranmer heard of the affair and ordered all the liquor brought to the court room and emptied in the sewer which was done.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN SECURED

Superintendent R. L. Fritz of the Beaufort Graded School has begun to make the necessary arrangements for the school. As commencement orator he has secured Professor N. W. Walker of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Walker is Dean of the School of Education. The commencement sermon to the graduating class will be delivered by the Reverend Richard Bagby who is the pastor of the First Christian church of Washington, N. C.

## INCOME TAX TIME AGAIN.

Income tax time has gotten around again. Some folks may have made up their returns but the chances are that a large majority have not done so. Representatives of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department start out this week and will visit all the principal towns in eastern Carolina. An income tax man, probably Mr. A. T. Gardner, will be in Beaufort February 25-26 for the purpose of helping tax payers to fill out their re-

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES PREPARE FOR ACTION ON IMPORTANT BILLS

Many Bills of Great Interest Have Been Introduced. May Appropriate Two Millions For National Park. Thirty Millions For State State Highways. Anti-Evolution Bill Introduced

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, February 7—Entering the fifth week of its existence the General Assembly of 1927 finds itself on the threshold of a new day in legislative activities. It has barely started on that task before it. The big committees are busy whipping into shape important matters for consideration as the days come and go. The joint-committee on appropriations is engaged in a re-draft of the bill passed to it by the Budget commission and is almost ready to report it to the Assembly itself. However, this is not to be done until the finance committee has completed the new revenue act which is destined to take care of the appropriations agreed upon.

Probably the outstanding event of the week in legislative circles was the impetus given the proposed National Park in the Great Smoky Mountains in a joint session of the two houses on Wednesday called for the purpose of hearing men of national repute portray the scenic beauties of Eastern America and enumerate the numerous advantages the establishment of the park would bring to North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The speakers were Congressman Henry W. Temple, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the South Appalachian Park Commission, Major William A. Welch, of New York, superintendent of the Palisades Park, and A. B. Commer, of Washington, assistant director of the national park service of the Interior Department who had been invited to the State by the North Carolina Park Commission headed by Representative Mark Squires. The legislative mind was attuned to the occasion and the visitors experienced little difficulty in driving home many salient points favorable to the cause they were here to represent. The movement advanced to a definite step the following day by the introduction of a joint bill by Ebbs, of Buncombe, in the Senate and by Nettles, of Buncombe and Squires, of Caldwell, in the House authorizing a two million dollar bond issue for the purchase of the acreage and safeguarding the State's interests after the land is turned over to the federal government. Washington makes no appropriation for the purchase of land for park purposes.

**Many Bills on the Way**  
Bills are "on the way" to allow non-profit insurance companies organized in this State on a legal reserve basis, allow North Carolina delegates to national conventions to go "uninstructed" when not more than one candidate had made a bid for the State's electoral vote; force the teaching of Americanism in the tax supported schools and colleges of the State requiring at least two hours study of the constitution of North Carolina and of the United States in all state schools for a period of twenty weeks; change the present law allowing widows \$300 and \$100 for each dependent child in the settlement of an estate to \$600 and \$200 respectively; to make the "old North State" the official anthem; increase the legal rate of interest to 8 per cent; establish a farm colony for delinquent women too old to be admitted to Samaritan; to levy a tax of 22 cents a gallon on lubricating oils for motor vehicles to be used in the construction of county roads; to consolidate state official agencies with the view to economy of government and the prevention of duplications; to provide for the annual registration of all drug stores and pharmacies; increase salary of the Secretary of the State Board of Health from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year; increase the number of judicial districts; authorize the State to refund \$29,909.00 to reimburse individuals (\$12,000 to former State Treasurer W. H. Worth who replaced the sum stolen by his chief clerk, W. H. Martin, along in the eighties, and \$17,909.12 to the estate of George W. Elkins, of Philadelphia alleged overpayment of inheritance taxes in 1920); enlarge the powers of the State Highway Commission in locating roads; issue \$30,000,000 of State bonds for extension of highway system); uniform game law; definite jurisdiction of recorder's courts; amend the State banking laws; prohibit persons under sixteen years of age from driving motor vehicles and requiring all drivers to procure a license; provide for the payment of income taxes in installments; prohibit the lending of money to bank examiners by state banks; require fire escapes on office buildings; create the North Carolina Get-

## CITY BOARD HOLD MONTHLY MEETING

Appoint Building Inspector. Inlet Inn Tax-Matter To Have Rehearing Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the board of town commissioners took place at the city hall Monday with all members present.

Fire Chief D. M. Jones came before the board and asked that Mr. J. V. Caffrey be appointed building inspector in the fire district. A motion was passed making Mr. Caffrey inspector at the nominal salary of \$5 a quarter. Mr. Jones also asked that the license tax be remitted on a concern operating a merry-go-round and Ferris wheel. The fire department is to receive a share in the receipts of the concern.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to amend the resolution of January 19th relative to relieving the Inlet Inn of taxes. The proposed amendment is to read "if the board has the legal right to do so." The matter will be taken up for re-hearing at a meeting of the board next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Chief Longest stated that City Treasurer Stencil had requested him to ask the board to ratify an ordinance authorizing a bond issue of \$125,000 to fund floating debts. On motion of Commissioner Whitehurst seconded by Commissioner Smith this was done. A application to relieve the Springle of city taxes was laid over until the meeting of the board Monday night.

Attorney J. F. Duncan, representing the Standard Oil Company asked for permission to fill in the space south of their property and put wall around it. A motion was passed giving the permission. City Attorney G. W. Duncan was instructed to take up with the railroad officials the matter of completing their work on Broad street. Some bills were audited and the board adjourned.

## Carteret County's Taxable Values Are About Twelve And A Half Millions

POLICE COURT HAD FEW CASES MONDAY

There was very little business transacted in Police Court Monday. Only two cases were tried. Luther Mason, a white boy, was tried on the charge of the larceny of a pistol. On account of his youth and upon the promise of his father to send the boy out of the State judgment was suspended in the matter. Charles Fenderson, colored, was held for Superior court on the charge of seduction under the promise of marriage. His bond was fixed at \$250. Lottie Stanley was the prosecuting witness.

BUSINESS COLLEGE WILL OPEN HERE MONDAY

The effort being made to organize a branch of the Atlanta Business College is meeting with considerable success according to field representative W. P. Murphy. Mr. Murphy states that school will open Monday and that pupils from Beaufort, Smyrna, Williston, Davis and Atlantic have enrolled and that others are expected to do so. The school will give an opportunity to young men and women to get a business education without having to go to the expense of attending some school a long ways from home. A branch school will be started in New Bern also.

NO MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The matrimonial market seems to be rather quiet now in Carteret county. No licenses had been issued at the Register of Deeds office up to Wednesday afternoon.

"VIRGINIA DARE HIGHWAY"

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 7—(INS)—A movement is under way here to name the concrete stretch from Edenton, down Roanoke Island to Wanchese, the "Virginia Dare Highway."

The proposal is expected to be placed before the Legislature during the present session. It has been pointed out that the name "Virginia Dare" would be especially appropriate for the highway.

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## Self Advocates Wider Buses

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 7—(INS)—R. O. Self, director of the bus division of the State Corporation Commission, is a strong advocate of the 90-inch width of buses. According to reliable reports here, an effort probably will be made during the current session of the Legislature to increase the width limitation from 86 to 90 inches. Of the 38 states in the Union which regulate the width of buses, only one has a narrower restriction than North Carolina, according to Self. That state is Florida. The average legal width in the 38 states was 94 1-2 inches, Self said.

1926	Valuation
Portsmouth	13,263
Cedar Island	75,591
Atlantic	122,797
Davis	136,493
Stacy	121,880
Sea Level	150,416
Williston (Col)	3,566
Smyrna	213,713
Straits	557,216
Harlowe	351,196
Newport	1,002,035
White Oak	588,061
Beaufort	3,612,211
Merrimon	366,762
Morehead City	4,703,974
Marshallberg	169,291
Harkers Island	180,706
Carteret	189,815
	\$12,558,986

  

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