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## Interesting Facts Are Given About County Indebtedness

In the controversy concerning more bonds for Carteret County, perhaps a statement of a few of the facts might be of interest. In the first place a statement of the indebtedness is in order:

Official approximate figures	
County Notes outstanding (capital indebtedness)	\$1,425,000.00
County bonds (capital indebtedness)	1,473,000.00
Total capital indebtedness	\$2,898,000.00
Less sinking funds	8,300.00
Net County capital indebtedness	\$2,889,700.00

Unofficial approximate figures	
Town of Morehead City not less than	1,100,000.00
Town of Beaufort indebtedness not less than	900,000.00
Beaufort Graded School District	120,000.00
Newport School District	60,000.00
Atlantic School District	30,000.00
Whiteoak School District	20,000.00
Harkers Island School District	15,000.00
Approximate total indebtedness of County with its different political divisions not less than	\$ 5,134,000.00
Total value of property assessed for taxes taken from the sheriff's books, approximately	\$12,500,000.00

From these figures approximately 41 percent of all assessed property values are already covered by bonds and notes or in other words the property owners really own only a little more than half of their property unencumbered by debt.

Some of the town property and favorably located country property may be worth a little more than its assessed value, but practically all farm lands, timber lands and out lands are assessed at from 25 per cent to 50 per cent more than they can be sold for.

The county wide tax is \$2.25 per \$100.00, the total tax rate in Beaufort is \$4.40 per \$100.00 and in Morehead City it is \$3.75. The County Commissioners do not deny that a very material increase in tax rate is imperative immediately and we have hardly begun making payments on the bonded indebtedness.

Within from two to four years large payments will have to be made on these bonds in addition to present payments making necessary an ever increasing tax rate unless tax values are very greatly increased. An increase in assessment values only adds to the tax burden even though the rate per \$100.00 should remain stationary. The excessive taxes are keeping out of our good county industries that would give employment to our working people. The argument of the proponents for additional bonds, that physical development of the county will bring prosperity, is not justified because the excessive cost of these physical developments makes a tax rate that defeats the very purpose we had in mind when we do not believe that it is morally or legally right to use money derived by taxation for excessive physical improvements when there is so much speculation in the projects. An individual or private corporation is well within his or its rights in spending money to improve their properties for speculative purposes, but this principle does not apply in the use of public money even when no selfish ends are sought by officers in charge of such improvements, for in many cases the most promising speculative enterprises fail even when promoted by individuals or private corporations. I have reference to improvements where neither the tax values nor the claim of public necessity justifies the expenditure of public funds.

I fully realize that we must protect the credit of the county so far as it is in reason to do so and I am willing to go even beyond what I can justify as reason. For this reason, I believe the county should support another bond issue to fund the present short term note indebtedness less the credits claimed against the Highway Commission, the own of Beaufort and the Town of Morehead City. This money has been actually spent and cannot be recalled.

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## WORK STARTS ON SCHOOL BUILDING

### Soon Large Force of Men Will Be At Work. Building Materials Coming

Ground has been broken on the big public school building for white pupils. Tuesday Mr. R. B. Strickland, the foreman on the job, put a gang of laborers to work cleaning up, digging out foundations and the like. Several car loads of lime, cement, brick and lumber are on the road. This will be unloaded as fast as it arrives and the actual work of construction will begin in a few days. When the work gets going in full blast about fifty men will be employed on it.

Mr. Strickland expects to employ as many Beaufort workmen as he can get but will not be able to get enough here to do the work. There are not very many bricklayers and carpenters in Beaufort and several other building contracts are about to get under way, so it will be necessary to import some help. One of the first things he will have to do will be to find a place for them to eat and sleep. The building will be quite a large one, having a frontage of 239 feet and 165 feet deep. It will be two stories high and will have a large auditorium and many classrooms. U. A. Underwood of Wilmington has the contract for the building.

The Davis Construction Corporation of Beaufort has the contract for the school building for colored pupils. Work on this will start in the near future.

## REALTY TRANSACTIONS A LITTLE SLOW

The movement of real estate in the county for the past week seems not to have been quite so brisk as for a week or two previous. The following deeds have been recorded:

T. D. Webb et al to R. T. Willis, 1 lot Morehead City for \$1225.

W. B. Blades et al to W. H. Henderson, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$1165.

Jas E. Willis and wife to W. C. Gorham, Trustee, 1 lot Morehead City for \$1200.

Maysville Supply Co. to Wade Meadows, 125 acres White Oak Township, for \$625.

D. H. Lewis and wife to David G. Lewis, 3 acres and 90 Rods, Straits Township for \$725.

D. H. Lewis and wife to David G. Lewis, 1-2 acres Straits Township, for \$100.

Rufus Lewis and wife to Elijah A. Piner, and wife 7 acres Smyrna Township for \$10.

## NAVAL RADIO STATION NOW AT CAPE LOOKOUT

Amateur radio operators in Beaufort, Morehead City and vicinity have been considerably helped by reason of the removal of the naval radio station from Camp Glenn. The work of dismantling the old station has been in progress for several days. A new station has been erected at Cape Lookout and has been in use for about ten days. It interferes very slightly with the amateur radios.

The construction of the new station at the Cape has been going on for several months and it is said to be a much more modern and better equipped station than the old one. It will be used solely for furnishing vessels with compass bearings from Cape Lookout. A vessel gets her bearings from Cape Lookout and Cape Hatteras and then can tell exactly where she is. This is often very helpful to ship masters in bad weather. A compass station has been in use at Cape Lookout for several years. No commercial messages will be handled at all by the Cape Lookout station. It is under the control of the United States Navy Department.

## POLICE COURT MONDAY WAS A SHORT AFFAIR

Mayor Thomas found only one case awaiting his consideration in Police Court Monday afternoon and that one proved to be a dud. Charlie Gorham, colored, had charged James O. Harris also colored, with trespass upon his property on Mulberry Street Beaufort. After examining one witness and listening to some discussion by attorneys Hill and Wheatly the Mayor decided that it was a dispute about title and not within his jurisdiction. Therefore the case was dismissed.

## COUNTY BOARD MINUTES GIVEN

### Interest On Big Bond Issue To Be 5 1/2 Percent. Another Loan Made

The minute book of the board of county commissioners shows that the board met on Monday February 7th and that all members of the board were present.

A resolution was adopted that the \$1,250,000 bond issue authorized at the meeting on January the 10th shall bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent, payable semi-annually. Another resolution offered by Commissioner Huntley and seconded by Commissioner Hall authorized a loan of \$25,000 to take care of the school board budget and to pay other expenses.

A motion was passed allowing Game Warden D. J. Godwin \$36 for expenses in enforcing game laws. E. A. Mason asked that a ditch across his land be changed. The matter was referred to County Engineer George J. Brooks. E. D. Lynch asked for aid from the county poor fund. This was referred to County Welfare Officer Alvah Hamilton. A motion was passed to pay transportation of Miss Martha Jones to the State School for the Blind at Raleigh and to admit her mother to the county home. Miss Lydia Gillikin asked for adjustment on damage to her lands by the highway. Referred to the county engineer.

Jurors for the March term of court were chosen as follows:

C. M. Garner, Newport; S. J. Chadwick, Straits; Wilbert Lewis, Straits; J. F. Styron, Davis; Charles W. Freeman, Morehead City; Rev. W. W. Styron, Roe; J. K. Parker, Ocean; J. I. Willis, Atlantic; R. L. Chadwick; Straits; W. W. Davis, Beaufort, RFD Howard Fulcher, Sea Level; B. A. Oglesby, Newport RFD; J. C. Long, Morehead City; J. B. Morton, Morehead City; R. L. Daniels, Roe; Leon A. Mann, Newport; John H. Morris, Atlantic; J. R. Hardee, Luken; E. P. Watson, Peletier; J. W. McCabe, Wildwood; G. W. Daniels, Roe; D. W. Tucker, Peletier; A. J. Slaughter, Newport; Jas. W. Taylor, Sea Level; E. G. Campen, Beaufort, RFD; J. O. Wallace, Morehead City; T. L. White, Morehead City; Geo. W. Smith Salter Path; Telford Willis, Harker's Island; B. J. Taylor, Bogue; R. J. Chadwick, Beaufort; S. A. Chalk, Morehead City; W. F. Gillikin, Beaufort; W. E. Currier, Newport, RFD; E. C. Mundine, Newport RFD; D. B. Wade, Morehead City.

## IMPORTANT REALTY DEAL IN FRONT STREET LAND

A deal was concluded Tuesday afternoon between Messrs. James Rumley and I. E. Ramsey whereby the latter becomes the owner of Mr. Rumley's lot on Front street. The house on the lot which Mr. Rumley and family now occupy as a residence will be moved to a lot on Queen street which he has bought from Ann Street Methodist church.

Mr. Ramsey already owned the valuable corner lot next to the Rumley place and the two pieces together will give him a frontage on Front street of 99 feet. The News understands that Mr. Ramsey intend to build a house on it that will contain five store rooms. The store will be built of brick and will make a very pretty block of buildings.

## Poultry Specialist Is Coming To Carteret County Monday

Arrangements are being made for a series of poultry meetings in the form of a Poultry School, which will be held at nine different places in the county next week.

Mr. C. F. Parrish, Assistant Poultry Extension Specialist, from State College, Raleigh, will have charge of these meetings and will bring to the poultry producers of the county information that will be helpful as well as interesting at this time when poultry production is increasing rapidly in Carteret County.

Here are a few of the things which he will tell us and show us:  
How to select eggs for hatching.  
How to cull for eggs production.  
How to select layers for breeding pens.  
How to feed baby chicks, broilers, and laying flocks.  
How to build individual brooder houses.  
How to arrange poultry houses to avoid lice and mites.  
How to build poultry houses and brooders.  
The cause, prevention and cure of all kinds of diseases.  
This is an annual opportunity for

## COMMITTEE HEARS BOND DISCUSSION

### Warm Debate Between Speakers. Substitute Bill For Smaller Amount Advocated

Proponents and opponents of the proposed million and a quarter bond issue for Carteret county had a lively bout before a sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee in Raleigh Tuesday night. The meeting lasted over two hours and a sharp debate between the two sides occurred. Forty minutes to a side was the time allowed the speakers.

Those who spoke in favor of the validation of the bonds were Messrs. Charles S. Wallace, Luther Hamilton, W. B. Blades, T. C. Wade, J. E. Woodland, G. W. Huntley, J. R. Morris, W. H. Bell. The speakers on the other side were Messrs. M. Leslie Davis, U. E. Swann, A. L. Wilson, J. M. Carraway, Dr. C. N. Mason, Thos. Webb, Joseph Pigott. Among others who attended were Contractor F. M. Simmons, County Engineer, George J. Brooks, Clerk of the Court L. W. Hassell, Joel Davis, Cleveland Davis, J. J. Whitehurst, Richard Whitehurst, A. B. Morris, Dennis Mason, Charles Hancock of Harker's Island and David Jones of Marshallberg.

Up to the hour of closing the forms of this newspaper for the press no information had been received here as to what the committee has done or will do. Some of the proponents of the large bond issue want the bill withdrawn and another for a smaller amount substituted for it. Others say they are willing to leave the whole thing to a vote of the people.

## Action Postponed On Tax Refund Matter

A special session of the Beaufort board of commissioners was held at the city hall Monday. Those present were Mayor Thomas, commissioners, Maxwell, Parkin, Smith and Whitehurst. The purpose for which the meeting was called was to take some action on the matter of remitting the taxes on the Inlet Inn. There was some discussion of the question and then it was decided to leave it to City Attorney G. W. Duncan to make a study of it and then make some recommendation.

Attorney C. R. Wheatly representing the Standard Oil Company came before the board and asked for permission to put a small oil tank and pump on the company's property on Front street. A motion was passed to permit the work to be done under the supervision of the city engineer.

A list of delinquent license tax payers was taken up and discussed. Some were two or three years behind with their taxes. It was decided to have all notified that their taxes must be paid on or before March the first if not warrants will be issued for those who fail to pay.

## CHURCH NOTICE.

A special program will be given Sunday night, 7:30 at Ann Street M. E. Church. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

## U. D. C. NOTICE.

The U. D. C. will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. H. D. Norcom, Monday February 21, 3 o'clock P. M.

## FAVORABLE COMMITTEE REPORT MADE ON BILL CREATING NATIONAL PARK

### Money Is The Only Thing Needed Now. It Looks Like Several New Judicial Districts Will Be Created. Otto Wood Has Been Captured Again

## Parent-Teachers Talk About Curfew Law

The P. T. A. met Tuesday night, February 15, at 7:30 at the school auditorium, opening with the song "America, the Beautiful." In the absence of the president, Mrs. Hugh Overstreet, Mrs. Ed. Potter, vice-president, presided.

The most important feature of the business program was discussion of a curfew law in Beaufort. A committee with the endorsement of the parents and teachers present, was appointed to interview the board of town commissioners concerning this law.

It was announced that an operetta "Moonbeam" under direction of Misses Hollowell and Griffin, of the music department, will be presented Friday night, March 4.

Mrs. Hendrix announced that the music department of the Community Club will present a Colonial program Monday night, Feb. 21, at the school building. Miss Gladys Chadwick, leader of High School Art Club, urged all parents and children to attend art exhibitions of famous pictures which is to be at the school building Thursday and Friday. She stated that orders from individuals would be taken for copies of the master-pieces. Mrs. Leslie Davis, as chairman of grade mothers, asked that they meet and decide to buy some picture from exhibit for each room, emphasizing the importance of selecting best pictures for child-training.

The P. T. A. moved that three prizes of one dollar each be given in the contest of recognizing pictures as arranged by teachers.

The Association carried a motion that a telegram of sympathy be sent the absent president, Mrs. Overstreet.

The attendance prize was won by the fourth grade under Miss Leslie Arrington, 41.5 per cent present.

A most interesting literary program on "Culture" was given as follows:

"Music in the School"—Miss Lucile Pond.

"The Study of Pictures"—Mrs. M. Leslie Davis.

The fifth grade, under Miss Louise Fritz, delightfully entertained with program on "Poets Through the Ages" Children in suitable costume appeared as pictures while Edgar Swann gave quotations and poems that each represented.

Mrs. J. H. Stubbs, Sec.

## A. D. DART IS DEAD.

Through Mr. William Zacharias of Emmetsburg, Maryland the News has learned of the death of a former resident of Beaufort, Mr. A. D. Dart. He died on the 16th of last October and was buried at Middle Haldane, Connecticut. He was well up in years, probably around eighty years old.

Mr. Dart came to Beaufort some thirty years ago and lived here for ten or fifteen years. He went from here to Oriental, then to New Bern and from there went to New Jersey. While in Beaufort he used to do a little work in the way of making photographs and post cards. He was a man of strong prejudices, likes and dislikes. Mr. Dart was a well known figure around Beaufort for a number of years and was respected by all who knew him.

## WEDDING PERMITS.

Permits to enter the state of matrimony have been issued recently by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace to the following happy couples:

Iredell Gaskill and Adell Salter, Sea Level.

James T. Nixon, Salter Path and Lula Adams, Broad Creek.

Murray T. Newkirk, Beaufort, and Juanita Gilliken, Marshallberg.

B. A. Lamb, Lucama, N. C. and Mary V. Simpson, Marshallberg.

## I. O. O. F. MEETING.

A number of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from Beaufort are expected to attend a District Meeting of the order at New Bern on Friday next. A number of the Grand Officers, including the Grand Master and Grand Secretary will be present and are expected to make addresses. A banquet will be an interesting feature of the occasion.

Tobacco seed was treated for 240 farmers at a meeting held in Reidsville by County Agent F. S. Walker recently.

Raleigh, February 14—The General Assembly will have been in session six weeks next Wednesday and not a single measure of State-wide significance has found its way to the statute books, although a goodly number are "on the way" and another week may evolve evidence forming the basis for a story of progressive action. Bills galore have been offered in both the House and Senate during the past week and the more important committees reported daily scores of tentative measures for consideration on the floor. Proposals to establish a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains, the effort to create additional judicial districts, the bill to allow the State Highway Commission unquestioned authority in establishing highways and the judicial salary bill are some of the big questions to be determined before the end of another week. The joint appropriations committee is not taking seriously the claims of State institutions and the appropriation bill may contain sweeping reductions in a number of items set forth by institutional executives at committee hearings back in the early days of the session.

Proponents of the Great Smoky Mountain park scored heavily on Wednesday evening when the Senate Appropriations Committee, by a vote of 14 to 6, reported favorably the bill to provide \$2,000,000 for the purchase of the land to be utilized in the establishment of a National Park in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Members of the Senate committee voted soon after the conclusion of a public hearing in the hall of the House which developed into a rousing booster meeting for park enthusiasts, who were ably represented by former Judge Frank Carter and Thad. D. Bryson of Asheville and Bryson City respectively. E. S. Parker Greensboro, Miss Carrie McLean, Representative from Mecklenburg, Senator Ebbs and Representative Nettles of Buncombe, and Representative Squires, of Caldwell, Opposition to the bill was voiced by Haywood Parker, of Asheville, and Jones Fuller, of Durham, representing the Champion Fibre Company. The question of financing the proposition alone stands in the way and if a way can be found to provide the funds without serious embarrassment to the State treasury the bill will go through "with a whoop." There is a wide spread sentiment here favorable to the passage of the bill and no inconsiderable number of assemblymen feel that the State cannot afford to let the opportunity to "get on the map" of Eastern America in a big way go by.

The proposal to increase the number of judicial districts has been passed on from the Senate to the House and all pending bills relating to this subject and to be brought to the attention of the latter body on Thursday evening of the present week. The Senate has already passed the Smith bill, which would add seven new court districts, by a vote of 34 to 10 and that measure is to be taken up in the House with the Everett bill and the committee substitute as special orders. The House still has an open mind on the subject of additional districts but is reasonably certain to vote for at least four more. The Senate has also put the judicial salary bill behind it and the House must approve or reject the proposal to increase the salaries of the judges \$1500 per year. Other bills approved by the Senate and sent across to the House: a change the date of automobile registrations from the fiscal year to the calendar year and provide for two license plates; refund the former State Treasurer W. H. Worth \$12,000 for money stolen by his chief clerk during the fusion regime; worthless check bill with "teeth" and has on its calendar half a dozen important State-wide measures.

Bills emanating from the Judicial Conference have been subjects of debate in the House during the week, but the greater number of them "weathered the storm" and have gone over to the "upper branch." The bill to simplify the service of papers in civil action and which would require copy of the complaint to be served with the summons, or a notice as to when the complaint would be filed aroused the ire of many members, but after prolonged discussion and numerous explanations by the author favorable action was taken. Companion measures to this one were approved with few exceptions. (Continued on page nine)