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## PORT COMMISSION CREATED MONDAY BY COUNTY BOARD

### Board Decides to Build Sand Asphalt Road Atlantic to Davis

#### FERRY FRANCHISE GRANTED

The board of county commissioners held a lengthy and somewhat strenuous meeting Monday. It was dark before they concluded their labors.

The matters of most moment transacted by the board perhaps were the appointment of a port commission and their decision on the Atlantic road matter.

The port commission, which was created by an act of the recent General Assembly, is composed of seven members. The various features of the port bill were published in the News some weeks ago. The following were appointed Monday to serve on the commission: Charles S. Wallace, Frank B. Klein, H. S. Gibbs, A. B. Morris, of Morehead City and W. A. Mace, G. W. Huntley and J. A. Hornaday Jr. of Beaufort.

After considerable discussion the board decided to change the type of road to be built from Atlantic to Davis from a concrete base with asphalt top to a sand asphalt road. This is the type of road running out of Beaufort to a little ways beyond North River. From the end of that to Davis the road is concrete.

Mr. B. J. Mann of Newport came before the board and asked that certain ditches be re-opened. The matter was referred to Road Supervisor M. A. Norris to investigate.

A motion was passed appointing Commissioner Huntley and Supervisor Norris to investigate the Merrimon road and report on the same.

Mr. S. E. Styron of Sea Level and others were before the board for the purpose of advocating certain changes in the proposed route of the Atlantic-Davis road. Board agreed to investigate the matter.

A franchise was granted to Mr. O. W. Chadwick to operate a ferry line between Gloucester and Harker's Island, the franchise to be good for seven years. Ed. F. Gillikin was relieved of poll taxes. County Attorney Hamilton was instructed to make a settlement with E. E. Fulcher of Williston for land taken over by the county. Dr. K. P. B. Bonner came before the board with reference to the county hospital matter. A committee composed of chairman Woodland and Drs. Bonner and C. S. Maxwell were appointed to investigate the matter. The clerk was instructed to take the name of James Salter of Atlantic off the poor list and to put on that of A. H. Trott of Stella at \$10 a month. A motion was passed to make the valuation of the Atlantic Hotel for 1925 and '26 the same as it was in 1924. A motion was passed to investigate the burning of some buildings on the land of K. A. Merrill and to make compensation for some in tax rebates.

#### NORFOLK MAN LEASES FRONT STREET HOUSE

Mr. R. B. Taylor of Norfolk has leased the Brynars residence on Front street for a term of years and will occupy it in a few weeks. The house has a very pretty location near the western end of Front street and is delightfully cool in summer. Mr. Taylor is having the house repaired and some changes made in it. Mr. D. L. Godwin is in charge of this work and will have it finished in a short time.

#### MOREHEAD CITY CITIZENS GET READY FOR ELECTION

Morehead City, April 6—Citizens of Morehead City are getting ready for the election which takes place here on the first Tuesday in May. A mass meeting of interested citizens was held in the City Hall Saturday evening which selected candidates for mayor and members of the board of commissioners. The following were nominated for mayor: Luther Hamilton, who is now mayor, board of commissioners, W. M. Webb, Gilbert Willis, D. B. Willis, Charles H. Freeman, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner.

It is reported here that another ticket may be put in the field but at this time nothing has been done so far as the public knows.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses issued for week ending Wednesday, Alexander Becton and Lillian Murrell, Morehead City.

Dr. J. J. Davis of Marshallberg was in town Monday for a few hours.

## Town Printing Ordered From Morehead City

The board of city commissioners met Monday for their regular monthly meeting with the Mayor and all members present. After having been in session a few minutes they recessed to meet again Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

At the meeting held Tuesday Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Maxwell, Parkin, Smith and Whitehurst were present. No matter of any very great interest was attended to unless the consideration of a proposed curfew law could be so construed. A motion was passed to have City Attorney Duncan draw up a curfew ordinance. A motion was also passed to have 500 circulars printed and that these circulars should be printed in Morehead City. Some bills were read and ordered paid and then the board recessed subject to the call of the Mayor.

## FARM CROPS ARE TWO WEEKS EARLY

### Cotton Belt Will Raise More Food Stuff This Year. May Raise More Potatoes

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The 1927 agricultural production program as indicated by reports from farmers appears to be in fairly good balance as among crops and live stock, although weather conditions will be a decisive factor, says the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, in its April 1 report on the agricultural situation.

The production season is reported as fully two weeks early, with frost out of the ground and spring corn coming into full swing over most of the country. Storms in the North have kept land from drying out in some localities but a good share of early grain is sown and fields are being fitted for later crops.

Early crops and general work in the South are reported as "markedly" advanced, the Southwest, especially, presenting a very promising picture as to grains and forage crops. Fruit is unusually advanced almost everywhere, although there is still a considerable frost hazard this month for fruits and tender truck crops.

Report from farmers show an intention to shift acreages of crops rather than to make any substantial justment in the Cotton Belt, for example, is indicated by a planned increase of about 6,000,000 acres in feed and food crops. The North and West are planning about a 3,000,000 acre increase in their principal crops, which would little more than replace acreage lost by drought in the Great Plains last year.

"If conservatism is to be recommended on any part of this intended program," says the bureau, "it should probably apply at least to the cash crops, especially potatoes. The intended potato acreage, with average yields, would produce some 410,000,000 bushels, or near a record crop, which would be a sharp increase over the crops of the last two years.

"The county is going into the new season without carrying burdensome stocks. March reports showed only about 14,000,000 bushels more potatoes stored than a year ago. There are around 380,000,000 bushels less of feed grains on hand than last year. Even the carryover of cotton will be much less than was thought probable a few months ago."

The tendency to expand potato acreage is reported to be particularly marked in the Cotton Belt, in Michigan and Minnesota, and in the Western States. Increases in Virginia and in the Cotton States except Florida and Texas seem to be mostly outside the commercial areas. There is a marked tendency to increase acreage in both the commercial and non commercial areas of the Western States, and it is in these States, says the report, that the marketing problem is most likely to be serious next fall, if present intentions are carried out and average yields are obtained.

#### MAKING GOOD PROGRESS ON BIG HIGHWAY BRIDGE

The steel beams and so forth for the Beaufort drawbridge have arrived and work will start soon putting them in place. The steel for the Morehead draw arrived several weeks and already a great deal of the work of putting it together has been done. This work is being done by the Roanoke Bridge and Iron Company, Sanford and Brooks, who have the contract for the concrete work, are making good progress and parties who are well informed about the matter think this part of the bridge work will be finished by the middle of June.

## EDUCATION BOARD ELECTS OFFICIALS

### Number of New Committeemen Appointed. Taylor Chosen Chairman of Board Again

The county board of education at its meeting Monday re-organized for next year's work. Messrs. Taylor, Webb and Mason, the members of the board were all present.

Mr. Wiley H. Taylor, the present chairman of the board was re-elected as was also county superintendent J. H. Workman and county supervisor Miss Margaret Gustin. The terms of a number of committeemen expired and these places were filled by appointing new members or re-appointing old ones. Messrs. Ray Robinson and Theodore Salter of Portsmouth came before the board and asked to have a new one room school building erected there. The board took the matter under consideration.

The following is a list of the new committeemen appointed for terms of three years each:

Portsmouth, Milon Willis;  
Cedar Island—Duffey Day.  
Atlantic, Orvin Robinson.  
Sealeville—J. L. Salter.  
Stacy—Jamon Fulcher.  
Davis—Stancey Davis.  
Harkers Island—Chas. Hancock.  
Wire Grass—M. M. Eubanks.  
Lower North River—Albert Willis.  
Upper North River—Solomon Wilkins.

Merrimon—Mrs. D. M. Salter.  
South River—L. H. Hardy.  
Lukens—J. C. Mason.  
Salter Path—S. W. Dixon.  
Gales Creek—Alvin Taylor.  
Core Creek—D. L. Hardesty.  
Harlowe—Ramon Ball.  
Stella—W. F. Barnhill.  
Buck Store—J. A. Norris.  
Russells Creek—B. H. Russell.  
Newport Con.—A. S. Bell.  
Camp Glenn, Con.—M. H. Willis.  
Wily Willis.

Smyrna—Joe Pigott, D. R. Jones.  
White Oak Con.—E. W. Meadows, Albert Taylor.

## Memorial Exercises For Confederate Dead

The Fort Macon chapter of the U. D. C. is arranging to have a celebration here, as usual, on the 10th of May which is the day that is very generally observed in North Carolina in honor of Confederate soldiers who were killed during the war or have died since.

Mr. Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer and former Secretary of the Navy during the Wilson administration will deliver the principal address on memorial day. The exercises will take place in the county court room. The ladies will serve dinner to the veterans and a few other guests on the grounds in front of the court house. A musical program will be arranged and the graves of the dead will be decorated. Just a year ago the handsome bronze statue on the court house grounds was unveiled in the presence of a large crowd.

#### MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FAVORS COUNTY HOSPITAL

At a meeting of the Carteret County Medical Association held last Friday evening a committee composed of Dr. C. S. Maxwell and Dr. K. P. B. Bonner was appointed to confer with the board of county commissioners in regard to the establishment of a county hospital.

Those present at the meeting were Drs. K. P. B. Bonner, B. F. Royall, S. W. Thompson, C. G. Ferebee, C. S. Maxwell, E. B. Whitehurst, W. E. Braswell and T. C. Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hugh Hill went to New Bern Tuesday where Mrs. Hill's tonsils were removed.

## Group Center Commencements Are Being Held This Week

Carteret County Group Center Commencements begin this week. The county is divided into four parts and each part has a central school. Teachers, pupils, and patrons from the surrounding schools will meet at the central schools for the Group Commencement.

The morning program will consist of contests in English, Reading Spelling and Arithmetic. English has been given special attention during the school year. Much time has been devoted to Oral Composition. Teachers and pupils will be especially interested in these contests. Reading Standards in the county have been advancing during the last three years. It will be interesting to note what standards will be reached in

## CARTERET WOMAN WINS NICE PRIZE

### Mrs. D. S. Sharpe Has One of The Oldest Sewing Machines And Gets Prize

Carteret county, N. C. has the distinction of having one of the winners in the nation wide contest put on by the Singer Sewing Machine Company recently to discover the 100 oldest sewing machines in use in the United States. It transpires that Mrs. D. S. Sharpe, Route 1, Newport, has one of these ancient sewing machines.

This search was made on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Singer Machine Company and advertisements carried in various publications of large circulation aroused great public interest in the contest. It is said that 153,040 women sent in replies to these advertisements. Each of the 100 successful contestants received a Deluxe Library Table Singer Electric in exchange for her old machine. A machine of this description was sent to Mrs. Sharpe and she was greatly pleased and most agreeably surprised when she learned through the Beaufort News that she had won it.

The News engaged Mr. J. M. Liles the photographer in Morehead City to secure a photograph of Mrs. Sharpe and her old machine which he did. The picture is a very good likeness of both. Mrs. Sharpe is sixty six years old and the old Singer machine is sixty eight years old. It is in good condition considering its age and can do very good work even now. Mrs. Sharpe is a widow with seven children, several of whom are grown. She owns a farm on which is raised cotton, tobacco, corn and potatoes and some live stock. The farm is located on Gales Creek and is only three or four miles from the ocean. Clams, oysters and fish are fairly plentiful and there is also a good deal of game in that part of the county. Mrs. Sharpe bought her old machine from a neighbor and has had it twenty three years. She is very proud of her new machine and thinks it will last even longer than the old one has done. Mrs. Sharpe's picture and that of the other winners in the contest will be used all over the country for advertising purposes.

#### VIRGINIA MAN BOOSTS CAPE LOOKOUT HARBOR

Mr. R. C. Wight of Richmond, Va., who was in town for the week end, says that the people of this section ought to start a boom for the development of Cape Lookout as a harbor and port. He thinks it is naturally one of the best harbors along the coast and all it needs is to get the breakwater finished and get a railroad there.

Mr. Wight thinks that if a coal station should be established at Cape Lookout that it would be a great convenience to many ocean steamers and that they would fill their bunkers there. Also much other freight could be and would be handled through the port at the cape. There are many people in this section who agree with Mr. Wight and would like to see Cape Lookout converted into a big shipping port. Furthermore they would be willing to help the cause along in any way that they could. In the meantime they are waiting to see what will be done about improving Beaufort harbor and getting a steamship line in here.

#### EXPLANATION IN ORDER

Owing to the fact that a shipment of newspaper has not yet arrived and to the further fact that a large amount of advertising and news matter is at hand this week the News is being printed on two kinds of paper. It was necessary to use some book paper in order to print this edition. Next week no doubt the News will appear in its usual form.

## LEGISLATORS CLAIM IGNORANCE OF AUTO LICENSE CARD LAW

### Only One Concern In Entire Country Can Make The Holders Which Will Cost The State \$332,500. Motorists Pay Fifty Cents Each For Them. Road Building Seems To Be Getting Cheaper

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, April 4.—With the Governor and State Treasurer in New York signing bonds and other officials enjoying a period of relaxation Raleigh experienced a rather quiet week. A dozen or so members of the General Assembly favored the capital city with a visit and talked about things the Legislature did and did not do, but not a single one of them was willing to father the "container provision" of the new State Automobile Law which exacts a fee of fifty cents from the owner of every car for a license card. Two or three of the solons have admitted hearing the provision discussed in committee but fail to recall the day or the hour when it was finally passed upon. However, the cardholder is not to be distributed with the 1927 license on July 1st, according to Commissioner Doughton, who solemnly affirms that he will be unable to provide the contrivance by that time. It is said these holders will cost the State around 35 cents and that approximately 950,000 of them will be needed during the two-year period. The cost to the Department would aggregate \$332,500. If sold to motorists at 50 cents a piece a profit of \$47,000 would be realized. A disquieting feature of the affair is the fact that only one concern in the entire country is authorized to manufacture the holder described in the act and North Carolina will be handicapped to it, unless a special session of the General Assembly intervenes.

Before departing for New York to affix his name to \$10,000,000 of State bonds Governor McLean named H. V. Kooz of Greensboro; W. S. Murchison of Raleigh; and Ross Sigmon, Salisbury as members of the Real Estate Commission created by the late General Assembly. This Commission has power to grant licenses to Real Estate Dealers in the counties of Buncombe, Durham, Forsythe, Guilford, Henderson, Lee, Rowan and Wake. The bill provides initial fees of \$10, and \$5 for brokers and salesmen, respectively, and annual renewal fees of \$5 and \$2 respectively in addition to fees for licenses and privilege taxes collected by the Department of Revenue which were materially increased by the 1927 General Assembly. Enroute to the metropolis the Governor journeyed via Wilmington and delivered a ringing address before the annual meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He also investigated the claims of Thomas E. Cooper, former Wilmington banker, now serving an eight year sentence on the roads of New Hanover county, for executive clemency. The prisoner has already served two years in the Federal prison at Atlanta.

#### Highway Bids Were Low

During the week the State Highway Commission opened bids on twenty road projects totaling on the lowest estimates submitted \$2,542,372.50 for the construction of 79.58 miles of hard surface and 63.08 of tposoil roads. Two bridges, one over the Yadkin River in Davie county to cost \$145,516.50 and the other over Green River in Henderson county at an expenditure of \$103,700 were included in the projects. Funds for this work comes from short-time notes executed in anticipation of the \$30,000,000 bond issue authorized by the recent session of the General Assembly. The Commission is to make the award during the present week from the low bids which are said to be in the aggregate nearly \$200,000 below the estimate of commission experts.

#### Job Hunters Busy

The usual rush is on for temporary positions in the automobile bureau of the State Department of Revenue through the busy season, forty applications for each position available, and Commissioner Doughton "lets it be known" that other applications cannot be considered. Those having previously served the Department in a satisfactory manner are to be given preference in making up the summer personal. The change from the fiscal to the calendar year will entail additional expense and the Legislature authorized a charge of 25 cents more than the regular license fee to take of this extra work to accommodate farmers whom representatives contend would be in a better position to purchase licenses in January than in June. The Department figures that 425,000 motor vehicles will be licensed this year and the extra quarter.

Dr. C. N. Mason of Harlowe was in town Monday on a business trip.

## Police Court Monday Tried Mostly Drunks

Police court Monday afternoon lasted just about one hour. All of those who faced Mayor Thomas were in trouble on account of liquor. All were convicted.

Manly Bailey, colored, was charged with drunkenness and having assaulted Annie Collins. He admitted having been drunk but said he knew nothing about the other charge as he was too drunk to remember any thing he did. The evidence was that he picked the woman up and fell and that she ran away but was not hurt. He got 30 days in the streets.

Alverson (Pete) Fulford, colored was charged with drunkenness, also injuring a stove that belonged to Janie Wilson. The evidence in his case was that he came into the house drunk and fell over the stove and a chair but did no damage of any consequence. When asked by the Mayor where he got his liquor he said it was not whiskey; that he got it from a white man who said it was "20 minutes to hell." He got 60 days on the streets.

Rosa Belle Pigott, whose case was continued from last Monday, was tried on the drunk and disorderly charge. Two witnesses testified that she had been drinking and used profanity on the street. She denied that she was drunk and was very indignant at the witnesses for testifying against her. She was bound over to Superior court under a \$25 bond.

Floyd Robinson charged with being drunk, admitted it but said he was on the streets only a few minutes and was not disorderly. His statement was corroborated by officer Ford and he got off with the costs.

Burnie Burr who was attending court went to sleep during the proceedings and was locked up by the chief on the suspicion that he had too much booze aboard.

## License Now Required Of Some Fishermen

People who fish with hook and line, or rod and reel, in freshwater streams in North Carolina will have to possess a license according to a statute made and provided by the late General Assembly. The licenses are issued by the clerks of the Superior Court in the various counties and it costs \$1.10 to get one. A state wide license costs \$2.10 and may be had from the Superior Court clerk also. The Game Wardens, State Fisheries Commissioners and assistants also have the authority to issue fishing licenses.

Not only does the angler get his license but he also gets a fine button which he must wear upon his person when he is engaged in the agreeable pastime of angling. Persons who are not residents of the State have to pay more than those who are residents for the privilege of fishing in the freshwater streams, ponds and lakes. It costs a non resident the sum of \$3.10 for this privilege. All moneys collected are turned into the State treasurer for the use of the State Fisheries commission.

## Suit Started Against Town of Beaufort

Proceedings in a damage suit against the town of Beaufort were started here today by attorney S. H. Newberry of Morehead City. The amount involved is \$3200 and the plaintiff is Alton Mason of New Bern. Judge D. L. Warde is associated with Mr. Newberry in the case. Papers were served today on Town Clerk M. A. Hill. It is alleged that on the night of March the 30th Mr. Mason drove into an old septic tank on Pine-street and sustained injuries to his person and automobile.

#### TOWNS TO ADVERTISE IN MAGAZINE "SPUR"

Mr. John Vavasour Noel representing the semi-monthly magazine called "Spur" was in Beaufort and Morehead City Wednesday arranging for the publication of articles concerning these towns. Mr. Noel stated to the News man that several citizens in Beaufort had agreed to become responsible for the cost of the article concerning this town. Mr. Noel also stated that he had practically concluded arrangements to publish an article about Morehead City in the magazine. The articles will be illustrated by appropriate pictures.