

THE WEATHER.—Unsettled. Showers late tonight or Thursday.

COMMISSIONERS MEET THIS WEEK

SCORE TOWNSHIP VOTES FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX.

CARRIED BY GOOD MAJORITY

W. A. Crutch Elected to Fill the Vacancy of Jesse N. Hill, Whose Term Has Expired.

The Commissioners of Beaufort county met Monday in regular monthly session. Present, Messrs. W. E. Swindell, chairman, H. C. Braggs, C. P. Arcock, W. S. D. Eborn and W. H. Whitley.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ordered that Noah Jackson be allowed \$3 per month, regular (old age).

Ordered that Mrs. Edward Lee and Bettie Llewellyn of Bath township be allowed \$2 per month for August and September, (physical disability).

Certificate of Special Tax Elections Returns.

To the Board of County Commissioners of Beaufort County, N. C.

We the undersigned registrars and judges of election for special tax school district, located in Long Acre township, Beaufort county, having held the election in said Special Tax School District according to the provisions of Section 4115 of the Revised Code of North Carolina, on the 15th day of July, 1913, do make and certify to be correct the following statement:

Number of voters registered 59, number cast for Special tax \$4, number cast against Special tax 6.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this 15th day of July, 1913.

(Signed) D. W. BERGERON, Registrar.

W. S. D. EBORN, O. W. WOGLARD, Judges of Election.

It appearing from the above report the election referred to above, a majority of the qualified voters voted for special tax.

It is ordered that the tax portion be levied at the next regular meeting for levying taxes, to-wit: 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and 50 cents on the poll, and said taxes be collected by the sheriff as all other taxes, and to be paid into the hands of the county treasurer.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5.

The Commissioners met this day pursuant to adjournment, all members being present.

Ordered that convicts be moved from Richmond to Washington township on September 1st, and they be allowed to work in said township three months.

Ordered that the compensation of Dr. John G. Blount, quarantine officer for Beaufort county, be changed from fees to salary, beginning January 1st, 1913, and that his salary be fixed at \$100 per year.

The chairman of the Board was instructed to notify Mr. W. A. Blount not to commence work on the Bath Creek draw until the contract is properly drawn and signed.

The term of Jesse N. Hill, road commissioner of Choceowinity township having expired, W. A. Crutch was appointed to fill the vacancy for the term of six years from April 1st, 1913.

SEC. DANIELS IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Aug. 5.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels completed his part of inspection of Pacific Navy Yards, on which he started early in July, today. He says he will now devote his time to the preparations of the reforms which he has in mind for the betterment of the entire navy.

GARRISON AT SPOKANE

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 6.—Secretary of the Interior Garrison and party arrived here today to inspect Fort George Wright.

AVERAGES OF LOCAL TEAM

MONDAY'S CONTEST RESULTED IN RAISE IN BATTING AVERAGES

TAYLOR LEADS WITH 345

Cowell in Second With 298, White Davenport and P. Brown Are Close Behind Him.

Although Washington lost Monday's game with Greenville, the majority of the players hit the ball hard and a decided gain in the batting averages is the result. The per cent averages are as follows:

Players:	AB.	H.	PC.
Taylor	29	10	345
Cowell	28	8	286
Davenport	22	6	273
P. Brown	17	4	235
Watkins	15	4	267
J. Brown	13	3	231
Carrow	27	6	222
Barnes	30	6	200
Moore	19	2	105
Smith	16	3	187

MISS SMALL UNDER KNIFE.

Daughter of Representative Small Undergoes Operation for Appendicitis.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Miss Mary Belle Small, daughter of Congressman Small, was operated on for appendicitis at Georgetown University hospital here this afternoon, and late tonight it was reported by the physician in charge that she is getting along splendidly. Miss Small has been subject to recurring attacks of appendicitis for some years and following an attack yesterday, it was deemed best to remove the appendix. She was taken to the hospital early this morning and the operation performed about noon. If she suffers no relapse Miss Small can leave the hospital in about two weeks.

COMMISSION MAKES ITS REPORT ON RATE REDUCTION

Average Scale of Reduction is Almost 20 Per Cent.

Governor, Council of State and Corporation Commission Confer Over the Report

HOLD MEETING TUESDAY

Raleigh, Aug. 5.—The various railroads operating in North Carolina offered the corporation commission a scale of reductions averaging 20 per cent on western products from the Virginia cities.

The greatest reductions were offered on grain and grain products, commodities shipped from the west in larger volume than any other class of shipping.

The saving to North Carolina shippers will be \$225 a car on four in car, load lots, \$1.20 a ton on hay in less than carload lots; \$21.60 a car on canned goods, \$12 a car on fresh meats; \$12 a car on wire fencing.

Each of the three zones will get its relative reduction and only water points and those points near the Virginia line will not share in the general reductions, their rates already being proportionately lower than those of the other towns.

EXHIBITS OLD STAGE COACH

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 6.—A relic of the early Western days, the old Wells-Fargo stage coach that carried gold and passengers over the Overland route from California, half a century ago, was one of the features in today's parade in Milwaukee's celebration of the centennial of Perry's victory on Lake Erie. The old coach is one of two which survived the San Francisco earthquake.

Makes Interesting Address On the Construction and Maintenance of roads

Highway Engineer R. E. Toms Addresses Audience at Chamber of Commerce Rooms Last Night.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING.

A meeting of Washington men, interested in the good roads movement for Beaufort county, was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night in order to discuss the building of proposed demonstration roads and also to hear the opinions of highway engineer, R. E. Toms, of Washington, D. C., upon road construction and maintenance.

About twenty-five men were present at the meeting. F. J. Berry was appointed chairman. He called upon Mr. Toms to suggest ways and means by which Washington could best build her demonstration roads. Mr. Toms' address, in part, is as follows:

"I was sent here for the purpose of looking over the ground and to see what equipment would be necessary for the building of roads here. When the necessary funds have been raised and the equipment is at hand the Department will send an experienced man here to superintend the active construction of the roads."

"I have found in my experience, that the first step in road building, is to have a county map drawn up, which will show the entire system of roads within the county. In this way, many changes may be seen which can be made to advantage, such as cutting new roads between two old ones, widening certain roads and other details of a like nature. By glancing at the map you can also tell the amount of traffic that passes over certain roads in the county."

"I divide roads into three classes; first, second and third classes. A first class road is 24 feet wide, a second class 20 feet and the third class 18 feet. It is a mistake in making county roads wider than 24 feet, because these roads cannot be properly scraped or drained. In constructing the road care should be

taken in having the road bed well above high water mark through the swampy districts.

"The drainage of a road is one of the most important matters to be taken into consideration. The crown should not be too high, nor yet too flat, so that puddles will form in it. Ditches should be dug along side of the roads in order that drained water may be carried off in them. In carrying the water under the roads there are four materials which are used to conduct the water; wood vitrified pipe, corrugated iron and concrete. The first is the cheapest and also the poorest. Vitrified pipe is used considerably and should be placed under the road at a depth of one and one half times the diameter of the pipe. Corrugated iron is the most suitable substance for use here. For larger waterways, concrete is the best. Care should be taken in having all pipes large enough to carry off the drainage.

"The consideration of your surface is the next matter of importance. There are three kinds in general use macadam, gravel and sand-clay. The first two are well nigh prohibitive here on account of the expense. A sand-clay road makes a very serviceable and long wearing road. The function of the clay in the construction of the road is to fill up the air holes in the sand and help bind it together. Good coarse sharp sand and a rich clay are necessary for the building of a good road. In preparing the road for receiving the clay, it should first be crowned and then the clay put on from a depth of six to ten inches. A light layer of sand should be put over the clay. After this is done, the majority of county road builders leave the road to take care of itself. But that is just the time when it needs attention most.

It will be found that the dirt will need constant care and after a heavy rain storm, part of it will be washed away, and should be filled in. A steam roller is not of sufficient benefit to warrant its purchase for packing down the road. It has a tendency of consolidating the road from the top down. Scrape a road properly with a split log drag and you will find that it will answer your purpose fine."

"Roads must be looked after constantly. The cost of dragging varies from ten to twenty dollars per year for each mile. The cost of sand clay roads in this county, I should estimate at from \$800 to \$1,000 per mile. If, however, as you say, you have convict labor and have assistance offered you by the farmers the cost of the work should be reduced fifty per cent."

"The equipment necessary for the work is a road plow, one half dozen slip scrapers, slip bottom dump wagons, a road machine, road drag and picks and shovels.

"Captain Leach, upon inquiry, informed the meeting that the convict gang would be ready to put on the roads by September 1.

The motion was made that F. H. Rollins be made treasurer of the fund. Motion carried. William Ellison was elected collector and secretary.

H. McMullan made the motion that one half the money raised be spent on improving the road leading to Old Ford, while the other half be put on the Cemetery road. It is understood that the farmers giving the most labor along either of these routes, will get the longest stretch of roads built. The motion was carried.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

CROW BRANCH ITEMS.

Jacob Schnabel spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Buck.

Alonsa Buck and Laura Schnabel visited Miss Lillian Buck Sunday.

F. D. Taylor and Walter Moore visited R. M. Warren Sunday.

Miss Blanche Griffin of Vanceboro spent Saturday night with Miss Lillian Buck.

Miss Clara Sutton who has been visiting Mrs. W. H. Downs left last week for her home in Vanceboro.

J. R. Downs visited R. L. Barr Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Downs and sister, Miss Blanche Griffin attended church at Haw Branch Sunday.

Miss Pearl Prescott spent Thursday night with Miss Lillian Buck.

POLICE WOMEN ON DUTY IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Chicago's ten police women clad in modest blue tailor made suits and wearing silver shoes and hats with blue bands, went on duty today. Their work will be mainly to look out for women and children.

The details of their duties, apparel and powers have been worked out by a committee of women social workers and the chief of police. It was decided they would be of greater service in the public parks and other

TO THE FARMERS OF THIS SECTION

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture will have a limited number of samples of material for the inoculation of Crimson clover, Burr clover, Red clover, Vetch and Alfalfa for distribution this fall.

Any one in this section of the state who expects to sow any one of these crops this fall for the first time should send in his application at once for enough of this material to inoculate seed for an acre. There is no charge for the material, but each man is required to report results. Applications must reach us at least a month before seed are to be sowed.

J. L. BURGESS, Agronomist.

RECORD HOLDERS IN PA- CIFIC COAST MEET

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 6.—All the prominent athletes of the Pacific coast, several of whom are present or former world's record holders, are here to compete in the international track and field championships of the Pacific Coast, held at Oak Bay Park, today. Los Angeles, Portland, Spokane, Seattle, and San Francisco, as well as cities of British Columbia have sent their crack athletes to try for prizes. Among those on the starting line for Frisco is George Horner, holder of the world's high jump record. Another jumper who has a record of better than six feet is Eddie Beeson, who is entered in the hurdles with "Jumbo" Morris, Jack Nelson, former national sprinter Ralph Rice will compete in the shot put, hammer throw and discuss events.

CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 6.—More than local interest is attached to the South Carolina state conference for the common good which began in this city today, for this is an experiment already being watched by progressive citizens of neighboring states and seems likely to spread to all parts of the Union. During the meeting teachers from all parts of South Carolina will discuss the needs of their state with respect to schoolroom education.

SUPPER GIVEN AT A LABORATORY

CO. G. AND NAVAL RESERVES, WITH INVITED GUESTS, ENJOY SPREAD.

GOOD SPEAKING HEARD.

Col. R. S. Neal and Joseph F. Taylor Were Among Those Who Responded to the Feasts.

A supper was given in the Compa-

ny G. Armory last night by Co. G. and Lieutenant Commander C. L. Morton to the Sixth Division of the North Carolina Naval Reserve and invited guests. A large number were present and spent a most enjoyable evening. The refreshments were heartily appreciated and were followed by some excellent speaking. Lieutenant Commander Morton acted as toast master on the occasion and filled his part to perfection.

Among the speakers called upon during the course of the evening were Col. R. S. Neal, Joseph F. Taylor, Lieut. Z. M. Potts, Sergeant R. R. Handy, Lieut. Pickles and Dave Carter. The gathering broke up at about eleven o'clock.

At the election of officers of the Naval Militia, David Pickles was elected Senior Grade Lieutenant, while John Brabble was elected Junior Grade Lieutenant.

WASHINGTON VS GREENVILLE

Final Game With Greenville Team to Be Played at Greenville This Afternoon.

The Washington team left for Greenville this morning for the final game of the season with the Greenville team. Brown is scheduled to pitch for the local team and with the boys hitting the way they were Monday, ought to show the Greenville players a thing or two. The spectators left on the 3.20 train this afternoon, while some went via automobile.

COLONEL H. C. HUDGINS DIED SUDDENLY LAST NIGHT

Was One of the Oldest Employees of the N. S. Railroad.

Resided in Portsmouth. Was Well Known in Washington and Had Many Friends Here.

Col. H. C. Hudgins, who for many years has been general freight and passenger agent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, died at his home in Portsmouth last night.

Col. Hudgins was one of the oldest employees of the railroad, having been on its payroll ever since the road commenced operations in North Carolina. He is well known in Washington and his many friends will hear of his demise with the deepest regret.

UNCALLED FOR LETTERS

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending August 2nd, 1913.

Armstrong, H. Becton Proprietor, Burroughs, E. W., Cooper, J. D., Clements, W. J., Nixon, Edwards Early, Emery, John, Hardy, Samuel, Hartfield, Frank, Jackson, William H., Lewis, C. A., McCrosby, J. A., Ogletree, O. S., Thompson, B. A., Watson, Wm.

Ladies—Davis, Mrs. Bettie, Gogs, Miss Annie, Hammond, Mrs. Irene Morris, Mrs. Ellen Mitchell, Mrs. Charles, Nixon Miss, Carrie, Phipps, Miss Gertrude, Wall Mrs. W. D.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office August 13th, 1913, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised" giving date of list.

HUGH PAUL, P. M.

BIG INCREASE IN POSTAL RECEIPTS

LOCAL OFFICE MAKES A FINE SHOWING FOR MONTH OF JULY

\$212.57 MORE THAN JULY 1912.

Noticeable Increase Comes During One of the Dullest Months of the Year.

A record for the local post office was broken last month when the receipts went higher than they have ever been before at this season of the year. During the month of July, 1912, the receipts were \$1,190.43, while this year they amounted to \$1,403, an increase of \$212.57.

The receipts of the local office have been showing a steady increase from month to month. Parcel post receipts are steadily getting heavier and the public are taking full advantage of the system.

MARQUARD IS OUT TO BREAK HIS PITCHING RECORD

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Rube Marquard McGraw's eminent southpaw, who hung up a record for straight victories last season that will probably be a mark to shoot at for some time to come, is loose again upon a record making expedition. The Rube has now compiled nine consecutive victories or nearly one-half of the number he unfurled last year, and is still going strong.

It may be that Marquard will never again reach the mark he set himself last season and which such hurlers as Walter Johnson and Joe Wood have tried for and failed. But he has gone nearly half the distance without any difficulty whatever, and has a good chance to equal if not pass the nineteen straight which now stands as the record.

The thing that stands very much in his favor just now is that the Giants are going at top speed. They are winning just as often as they were early last year when he started his large run, and what is more they are apt to continue their pace through the balance of season, as was the case last season, for they have already had their annual slump and are now in the ascendant.

Marquard has changed his style of pitching since he made his big run of nineteen straight. He was under a heavy strain during that time last year, because he tried to get every man that faced him at the plate. He had not learned then to save himself for the tight place, but he now permits his teammates to do a little work whenever he has a lead, and like Matty, only uses all of his stuff when the situation demands it. For that reason he may be able to go along and win repeatedly without in any way impairing his arm and bringing on a slump such as followed his streak last year.

AUGUST 6 IN HISTORY

1849—A treaty of peace signed between Austria and Piedmont.

1854—The usury laws of England repealed by Parliament.

1864—Admiral Farragut, with six iron clads was reported to have passed Fort Morgan and Gains and to be bombarding the inner defenses of Mobile.

1870—Franco-Prussian war.

1874—The Cabinet of the Vatican was reported to have asked Austria, France, and Portugal to renounce their rights of excluding candidates at the Papal elections.

1901—Lord Kitchener issued a proclamation that all Boer leaders taken in arms after the 15 of September would suffer permanent banishment from South Africa.

1903—Bulgarian insurgents blow the Governor's palace at Koushevo, killing fifty Turks.

1912—Col. Roosevelt denies, at Chicago, report that Progressives may abandon fight.

Remember the Date for the Opening of the Washington Tobacco Market is
Wednesday August 20th.
The Highest Prices will be Paid For All Grades. All Farmers Needing Aid In Housing Their Tobacco Crop Will Be Taken Care Of