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READING TO THE MIND IS WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY

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## NEW OFFICIALS WERE INSTALLED ON LAST MONDAY

Many People Were Present To See New Administration Go In Office

### COUNTY FUNDS ARE LOW

There was a big crowd around the court house here on Monday. The officials chosen at the November election when the republicans made a clean sweep of the county, were installed that day and so they and a good many of their friends and well wishers were on hand for the occasion.

The retiring Board of Commissioners had to wind up their affairs and as they had considerable to do they did not get ready to surrender the reins of government until about two thirty in the afternoon. At that time they went gracefully out of office and the new board composed of J. L. Edwards, of Newport; H. O. Piner, of Williston; B. F. Small, of Sea Level; G. G. Taylor, of Bogus; and C. R. Wheatley, of Beaufort, were duly sworn in.

Shortly after their installation the new board went into executive session and after completing their organization and talking matters over adjourned till nine thirty next day. They elected C. R. Wheatley Chairman; E. W. Hill County Attorney.

The proceedings of the two meetings will be published next week in the News in full but one or two matters will be mentioned here. There were several applications for the position of Keeper of the County home they being H. W. Peterson, Harvey Rice and Mr. Wade who formerly had charge of the institution. Mr. Peterson was elected to the place. As the office of County Treasurer was abolished by the old board the new board had to make some arrangements about the disposition of the county's funds and after some discussion it was decided to put the business in the keeping of three of the banks in the county. The banks chosen were The Bank of Beaufort, the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company and the Bank of Morehead City.

M. Leslie Davis, former County Treasurer came before the board for the purpose of having adjusted a matter which was in dispute between him and the old board relative to his commissions on the road bond issues. He had received one per cent on disbursements and claimed that he was entitled to something on the receipts, stating that he was willing to accept one-half of one per cent. After getting legal advice and considering the matter for some time the board decided to accept Mr. Davis' proposition and close the matter up.

The road question was discussed considerably but as the county has no funds available for building roads now it was the consensus of opinion that the work had better stop for a while until arrangement could be made to get money, except that certain work already started will be finished. A complete statement of the County's finances will be published in an early issue of the News. The board will meet again on Thursday the 16th.

### AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Hugh Pake an eighteen year old youth who lives in the Bettie neighborhood has a painful and dangerous accident last Sunday evening. He and another young man were taking a joy ride when the car which Pake was driving ran into a ditch. The young man was thrown clear through the windshield and head foremost into a wire fence. The result of the accident was that he was painfully scratched and bruised but not dangerously hurt. The other occupant of the car was not hurt.

### FREE COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

The Agricultural and Engineering College in Raleigh will give a free two weeks course in agriculture in January beginning on the 20th. This course is open to farmers any where in the State.

That Big Club offer of the Beaufort News and Progressive Farmer is good one. Better send in your subscription while it is on.

## CONGRESS HOLDS BRIEF SESSION

Harding Answers to Roll And Makes Brief Speech. Many New Bills

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6.—Congress reconvened today with the customary brief and routine opening sessions which were attended by great crowds and marked by an address in the Senate, by President-elect Harding, as unique and historic feature Senator Harding took his seat, answered his name when the Senate roll was called and made a brief address from the rostrum.

Other features of the opening of the third and final session of the Sixty-sixth Congress, were receipt of annual appropriations estimated aggregating \$4,653,000,000 and introduction in the House of an unusual volume of new bills and resolutions. Senators held up their bills until tomorrow in accordance with the custom of limiting the first day to formal convocation.

More than 350 new bills and resolutions were dropped into the House hopper today and a flood of similar proportions is expected tomorrow in the Senate. The new House measures dealt with almost every conceivable subject, including proposals for repeal of war laws, for appropriations of millions of dollars for a myriad of purposes, pensions and many measures for farmer's relief.

### SEA LEVEL NEWS

What will be a great benefit to the boatmen of this section and the entire state is the deepening of the thoroughfare which is a shallow channel connecting Core sound with Neuse river. The appropriation for this project was passed by Congress in 1914 and not until a few weeks ago was operation started to open this channel. The people are looking forward to its completion with the assurance, after it is completed that they will not have to sweat, curse and cry trying to get the old boat off the mud flats and rocks.

We are very glad indeed to think that we are going to have better roads from now on but thinking about it don't make good roads. We have always wanted good roads here at Seal Level but we like a whole lot yet as to having them. We suppose that we got our share of the county funds for road building but our roads are not completed by any means, so we want some more of that stuff called money and some one who knows something about road building.

Mr. R. E. Edwards, of Merritt, is this week installing the Delco-Light system in the M. E. Church. This will complete the church.

Quite a large number of young people from Atlantic, including the high school teachers spent Sunday evening here. We welcome you and ask you to come again.

Mr. B. F. Small left Monday morning for Beaufort to attend Commissioners meeting and attend other business.

Mr. D. E. Taylor, of Greenville, is spending the week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Maltby Taylor.

Mr. Wm. M. Hill and Mr. S. W. Robinson two young men of Atlantic, spent Sunday here.

Mr. Chas. Lewis of New Bern, was a business visitor here Friday.

Mr. Wallace Willis returned home Monday after a business trip to Beaufort.

Mrs. Edward Willis and Dorothy Willis returned home Monday after a few days visit at Pestown.

Mr. Willie Buss who has been on the sick list for several weeks is improving.

Mrs. Sophronia Salter was taken to Beaufort Saturday very ill but later news is that she is improving.

Mr. Luther Taylor had a busy day Sunday transporting men and women both young and old from Atlantic to Sea Level in Mr. Small's car and in meantime trying to attend to his duties at home.

Mr. Alton Taylor had an attack of the blues Sunday but Monday morning was very much better.

Capt. Day has discharged another load of oysters.

Mr. John Lit Taylor, of Beaver Dam, drove down to Sea Level Sunday.

## SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Superintendent Ennett Resigns But Is Induced to Finish Out Term

At a meeting of the County Board of Education here on Monday the resignation of Superintendent L. E. Ennett was tendered the board. After discussing the matter with Mr. Ennett he was persuaded to stay in office until next July after which time a new man will probably be elected. Mr. Ennett has been Superintendent for a number of years but has never been a whole time official. The salary which he has received has never been sufficient to justify him in giving his whole time to the work. At one time he got only fifty dollars a month and lately he has been receiving one hundred. The Board advanced his salary to one hundred and fifty and the understanding is that after the first of the year he will give his entire time to his duties. In some counties superintendents receive much larger salaries than this amount.

At the meeting Monday the Board made a settlement with the manufacturer from whom the sanitary toilets for the schools were bought. A man will be sent here to install them as soon as the necessary work can be done to get ready for them. Repair work on a number of school buildings was ordered done and the matter of consolidating some of the schools was discussed but no action taken.

Some routine matters were disposed of after which the board adjourned. All the members were present at the meeting.

### NEW REGISTER OF DEEDS

Troy Morris the newly elected Register of Deeds was duly inducted into his office last Monday. Mr. Morris who is from Atlantic, is a nephew of the former Register of deeds J. R. Morris. Sheriff Thomas was also sworn in to succeed himself on the same day. Judge K. J. Respass Clerk of the Superior Court did not have to run this time. The office of Treasurer having been abolished by the old board of commissioners there is no one in that office now. W. C. Stancill, of Johnson county, was elected by the former board to the office of County Auditor for a term of six months and has entered upon his duties.

### OFFICE SUPPLY MAN HERE

Owen G. Dunn of New Bern, the well known dealer in office furniture and supplies of all kinds was in Beaufort last week on a business trip. Mr. Dunn's trade covers practically all of eastern Carolina. He said that he has been in a number of good towns recently but none of them did he have as good a trade as in Beaufort. This probably is due to the fact that Beaufort is not dependent upon any one crop or product but has a variety of them.

### WIL CARRY SUPPLIES TO LIGHT SHIP

Captain Eugene Youmans and his son E. K. Youmans of Harker's Island have the contract for carrying mail and supplies to the Cape Lookout light ship. They have made one trip and were here Monday getting supplies for another visit to the ship. Captain T. G. Willis of Beaufort formerly had this contract but gave it up last month.

### NEW MILL MANAGER HERE

F. R. Seely of Hollister, N. C. arrived last week to assume charge of the Carteret Lumber Company as General Manager. Mr. Seely formerly had charge of a mill at Hollister.

The lumber plant here will close down Christmas week for the holidays and if business conditions justify it will resume operations after the first of the year. Lumber plants all over the country are shutting down and this is one of the few that are still in operating.

Make some friend a Christmas present of the Beaufort News and Progressive Farmer, both one year for \$2.25.

When the news gets a hand he goes straight home—which is more than any man can do.

## ILLITERACY MUST BE ABOLISHED

Well Known Attorney Offers His Services In Aid of Night School For Adults.

The article on "Abolishing Illiteracy" which appeared in the News last week has attracted several favorable comments. One of these which is published below contains a concrete offer of help.

It is hoped that other citizens will display some interest in this important matter. The communication of Mr. E. Walter Hill is as follows:

Editor of The Beaufort News: I was so much impressed with the Editorial "Abolishing Illiteracy" that appeared in this week's issue of your very valuable paper, that I have re-read it, and I wish to express my hearty approval thereof, and to give to it my full endorsement.

The statistics therein conveyed are very illuminating as well as most appalling. It is very hard for me to comprehend that in this wonderful age of enlightened civilization that there are so many of our people neighbors and friends, groping around in the darkness or illiteracy "like children crying in the night. Like children crying for the light, with no language but a cry".

Mr. Editor, you have clearly defined our responsibilities as citizens, sharply emphasized them, and pointed the way whereby this deplorable condition may be rectified. Illiteracy is no longer excusable. It is a thing that can not and should not be palliated. It is the Duty of every citizen to get behind a movement to eradicate this evil. It can and should be eradicated at once. We should not must not be satisfied with anything but complete eradication. Never rest until every man, woman and child has mastered the rudiments. Shall at least be able to read and write. Personally I am willing to teach a night school without price that any one desiring may gain at least the primaries of an education. I would like to hear from others.

In conclusion Mr. Editor, I wish to say that I have been forcibly impressed with the appearance and news quality of your paper since you have installed new machinery. You are getting out a good paper. One of which the county may well be proud of, and I wish for you that measure of success you so generously deserve. The editorial referred to above is well worth the price of subscription. Beaufort, N. C. Dec. 6th.

E. W. Hill

### WILL HOLD BAZAAR.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold its Christmas Bazaar Tuesday, December 14th, 1920, at the corner of Turner and Front streets, the store formerly occupied by Rountree & Co.

There will be something to please every one. The usual fancy booth to attract the older ones, the mystery table for all, the grab bag for the children, also delicious eats to please all consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, coffee, chocolate, cake and candies.

### NEWS ITEMS FROM MERRIMON.

(Omitted last week.) H. D. Carroway has a little girl seriously ill with diphtheria. We hope she will soon recover.

Rev. J. M. Carroway has returned from Rocky Mount where he attended the N. C. Conference.

Mrs. J. M. Carroway is in Graham, N. C., visiting her daughter Mrs. Dora Rodgers.

Mrs. Kate Gooding, of North River, is spending a few days with Mrs. C. B. Carroway this week.

Mrs. M. R. Goodwin left last week to visit her husband who is in the sanitarium at Fayetteville.

It was reported Monday that Mr. J. B. Ecton was dead. He left home Saturday intending to go to a hospital, but the report has not been confirmed.

### NO QUORUM, NO MEETING

Tuesday evening was the regular meeting night for the board of town commissioners but as there was not a quorum present the meeting was not held. Those present were Mayor Bushall, Commissioners Mr. E. and Whitehurst, Clerk M. A. Hill and Chief of police W. R. Longest.

## RED CROSS ROLL CALL CONCLUDED

Total Membership Of 139 Secured. Will Meet Next Week.

After a thorough canvass of the city and faithful work on the part of the team captains and teams the local Chapter Annual Roll Call for the ensuing year of 1921 has reached a total of 126 members all of which are annual memberships but two, one of these being a \$5 contribution and the other being a 110 sustaining membership. The total amount contributed, not including auxiliaries, which are yet to report, is 1139. While this amount is not as large as we wished it would be, still we believe that under the conditions of readjustment this does well for Beaufort. None of the auxiliaries, which include the colored section of the city of Beaufort, Davis Shore, Atlantic, Marshallburg and Smyrna, have reported as yet. We hope these reports will bring our total at least up to the 200 mark.

In giving the following report by teams allowance is made for the fact that some territory is better than other, and the teams being limited to their respective territory in some cases have done better than others in territory expected to do better. Due credit is hereby given to all for their faithfulness in this great cause.

The Roll Call Chairman, in behalf of the local chapter and the Red Cross Organization, wishes to take this opportunity to thank ever one who has worked so faithfully and those who have contributed so willingly to this worthy cause.

1.—Mrs. G. W. Duncan 10 members, \$10.00.

2.—Mrs. George Lay 15 members, \$10.00.

3.—Miss Lillian Duncan 10 members, \$10.00.

4.—Mrs. C. A. Clawson 18 members, \$18.00.

5.—Mrs. Greenleaf and Mrs. Swindell 12 members, \$21.00.

6.—Miss Nellie Richardson 14

7.—Mrs. Will Potter 22 members, members, \$14.00.

8.—Mrs. Charles Bushell 10 members, \$10.00.

9.—Mrs. Clarence Guthrie 8 members, \$8.00.

10.—Miss Imogene Stewart 7 members \$11.00.

Total number of members 126. Total amount received \$139.00. Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. DAY, Roll Call Chmn.

Since the above report was made last week additional members have been enrolled making the total number of memberships 139 and the total amount received to date \$152. On account of the Public Welfare meeting in New Bern which will be attended by Red Cross delegates from Beaufort, the regular meeting of the local chapter will be postponed till next Tuesday. The meeting will be held in the Graded School at seven o'clock.

### A JOYOUS OCCASION

The Womanless Wedding at the County Court House last Friday evening attracted a very large crowd of women, men and children all curious to know how this remarkable event could take place. That they were highly entertained was shown by the applause and shouts of laughter that greeted the participants as soon as they appeared and lasted to the end of the performance. As a burlesque on a swell wedding the affair was a great success. All of those who took part in the ceremony acquitted themselves well. The part of the blushing bride was played by the well known fish dealer Jake Parrott and while he was not exactly a thing of beauty he was a joy forever. The part of groom was acted by G. W. Duncan who was a striking contrast in size to his charr'ng bride but nevertheless came up to the standard in other respects. The complete cast of characters was given in last week's issue of the News. The sum of the \$145.20 was realized from the performance which will be used by the Parent-Teacher Association for beautifying and improving the Graded School grounds.

## CAMPAIGN STARTS AGAINST TYPHOID IN THIS COUNTY

State Board Physician Will Give Treatment to School Children of County

### TREATMENT FREE TO ALL

The anti-typhoid campaign which has been going on for some time in various parts of the State will begin in Carteret county next Monday and will be vigorously waged till the county is covered. The work which will be done by Dr. D. R. Schenck under the direction of the State Board of Health, will be among the school children and others. Dr. Schenck, whose home is in Rutherfordton, has been a practicing physician for many years in the western part of the State. Last winter he was sent out by the State Board to help combat the influenza epidemic and for some months past he has been engaged in administering the typhoid vaccine.

During the past two years thirty two of these campaigns against typhoid fever have been waged and some 80,000 persons have taken the treatment. At first it was a little difficult to get people to take the treatment, now they are not only willing but generally anxious to do so. Since the beginning of the fight against typhoid in this state the death rate has been cut in half and it is hoped to lower it still further.

Dr. Schenck came here from Columbus county where he has just closed a very successful campaign, having administered the treatment to about 2,000 persons. As a rule most of the school children were eager to take the treatment. At one school 98 percent were vaccinated.

The campaign in this county will begin next Monday at lower North River school at 9 o'clock; then Bettie school will be next at 11 o'clock, then Otway, Straits and Marshallburg the same day. The full list of appointments appear elsewhere in an advertisement in this paper. In order that the work shall proceed rapidly Dr. Schenck states that the children must be on hand promptly ready to take the treatment. He has a lot of work to do and must not be subjected to unnecessary delays.

### ANSON WILLIS DEAD

Anson Willis the young man who accidentally shot himself while on a hunting trip Monday a week ago died Friday morning in the hospital at Morehead City. An account of the accident appeared in last week's issue of the News. Mr. Willis and a companion Bert Lloyd were in a boat and in passing the gun to Lloyd it was accidentally discharged, the passing through was. etoin etonia load of shot passing through Willis' left leg shattering both bones and severing the principal artery. He was taken to the hospital and there the limb was amputated. It was thought at one time that he would recover but he proved unable to stand the trying ordeal through which he passed and succumbed to his injuries. Mr. Willis' body was brought back here and interred in Ocean View cemetery. He is survived by his widow and one child.

### CHRISTMAS SALE AND SUPPER.

The Societies of St. Paul's Church will hold a Christmas Sale and Supper at three o'clock on Friday, December the tenth. Many practical and fancy articles for gifts will be on sale and also chicken salad, tea, hot chocolate, sandwiches, cake, candy and ice cream. The place will be the store on the corner of Front and Turrier streets. Come, buy your gifts, see your friends and enjoy your supper.

### "CHRIST AS HERO"

This will be the subject of the theme of the sermon at the First Baptist Church next Sunday night at seven o'clock. The discussion will deal with the question "Why religion does not appeal to young people."

The subject for the morning sermon will be "Christianity and Education." Special music will be rendered at both services. Male quartets will sing.

Question to ask yourself "Why do I (not) attend church?"