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REDUCE NUMBER OF JOB HOLDERS IN WASHINGTON

Committee Lops Off Nearly Eleven Thousand Office Holders From Federal Payroll

VALUABLE RECORDS LOST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special correspondence)—Senator Frank B. Willis, appointed by the new governor of Ohio to succeed President-elect Harding, who resigned his seat in the upper house, is not a stranger to Washington. Mr. Willis was a member of the House of Representatives in the 62nd and 63rd Congresses, from 1911 to 1915, and will enter upon his new duties in the Senate with the benefit of the experience gained in his earlier service in the legislative branch of the Government. For twelve years Mr. Willis was professor of history and economics, and later professor of law at Ohio Northern University, and for two terms was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. From 1915 to 1917 he was governor of his state. Senator Willis is admirably fitted to be a worthy successor to the President-elect in the upper house of Congress. He will fill out Mr. Harding's unexpired term to March 4th, and then will begin the six year term to which he was elected in November.

Eleven Thousand Lopped Off

Congressman William R. Wood, of Indiana is the chairman of the subcommittee which prepared the legislative appropriation bill providing money for the salaries of most of the Federal employees in Washington. In framing that legislation he was constantly reminded of the need for a budget system like that provided in the bill that President Wilson vetoed last June. The appropriation bill as reported to the House reduced the number of employees to the extent of 10,985. "That is the greatest number that we felt we were justified in reducing," said Mr. Wood, "in view of the information we had, or the want of information. This demonstrates the absolute necessity of having a budget system where it will be somebody's business to know what the situation is. The way it is now, we hear only one side of the case, the other side being absolutely voiceless. Nobody who appears before the committee was in opposition to the granting of these increases. There is no way of finding out—we have no one whose business it is to find out—and it is only by prying and by inference from admissions made, or by facts which the committee thinks have been kept from it that we are able to make these decreases."

Irreparable Loss

The recent fire in the storerooms of the Census office has brought renewed insistence among Senators and members of the House that an archives building for housing government documents be built without delay. It appears that the census records that were burned had been stored by the Democratic officials of the Census Bureau in non-fireproof vaults contrary to advice. Many of them were destroyed and can never be replaced. Had there been space available in a fireproof archives building they would have been put there safe from harm. "As a result of this carelessness," Senator Miles Point dexter of Washington, declared, "priceless records that never can be replaced have been destroyed. This government stands alone among civilized governments of the world in its being without a properly equipped building for the storage of archives."

AN APPRECIATION

Although our hearts are bowed down with sorrow, we would not forget to express to the people of this dear old town, our deep appreciation for their kindness to our precious mother during her long years of suffering, and at her death, for the many beautiful flowers sent by friends both far and near.

W. A. SANDERS,
MRS. W. P. SMITH,
MRS. LOTTIE SANDERS,
MRS. W. L. BELL.

FISH BUSINESS LIVELY

The mild weather that has prevailed here for about ten days up until yesterday has been taken advantage of to the fullest extent by the local fishermen. Many loads of fish scallops, oysters and clams have been coming in and the wholesale dealers have kept a steady stream of them going away by express. The netters have been catching more trout and croakers than any thing else but they are also getting some hickory shad, rock and other sorts. The deep sea fishermen have brought in some very nice catches of sea bass lately. Way Brothers handling some 3,500 pounds Monday. Prices are staying up pretty well for the best grades of fish and also for scallops.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTER-TAINED

Mrs. Esther Wolcott entertained her Sunday School class last Wednesday evening at her home on Broad street. Every member came accompanied by a friend, which made a jolly party of girls and boys.

Those present were: Edith Skarren, Bernice Wheatly, Margaret Dill, Kathryn Norcom, Margaret Noe, Lovie Mason, Ruth Killingsworth, Lillian Ewell, Inez Simpson, Letha Mason, Virginia Moore, Pauline Chadwick, Violet Fodrie, Charles Skarren, Guion Barber, Richard Whitehurst, Dorsey Martin, Walter Truitt, Calvin Jones, Charles Mansson.

They played many games, after which "stories" were told, suitable for the occasion. At the close of the evening, each one left declaring to the hostess, a most enjoyable time.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mayor Bushall has informed the News that he expects to be a candidate for re-election to the office he now holds. The News has not heard of any other candidate for this office yet nor of any prospective candidates for the board of commissioners. The election is still some months off and there has not been much discussion of the matter as yet.

Mr. Chas Gould of New York who has been here for some weeks took a party to New Bern last week on his handsome yacht Chinon, the following were in the party: Mr. and Mrs. Eayard Taylor Missis Helen, Mae Bell and Georgia Neal, and Elliott Ewell. The trip was made in a day and was found very enjoyable.

The dredge Croatan came in about ten days ago from down the sound and is busily engaged in cutting off the shoal that obstructs navigation at the west entrance to the harbor. A considerable basin will be dredged out there and it will greatly improve the harbor facilities as well as make it easier for boats to go in and out.

On Monday Jas. Neamith waived examination before Justice Holland on the charge of killing Louis Carter on Christmas day. He was held for Superior Court under the same bond which he had given some weeks ago as required by a coroner's jury for killing Gus Carter.

County Superintendent L. B. Ennett has been spending several nights in Beaufort this week. He is making a round of the schools in this section and is taking advantage of the fine weather that has prevailed recently to do this work.

The News has received information from the Navy Department that Wm. Francis Fletcher of Beaufort has been transferred from the receiving ship at New York to the U. S. S. Coca Solo, Canal Zone.

Jaluis F. Duncan Jr. celebrated his seventh birthday Saturday by entertaining a party of children of about his age. After having a nice time at the home the young folks went on an auto ride and wound up by taking in the picture show.

Master Wade Neal had an accident breaking his arm last Wednesday while out skating.

TAYLOR'S CREEK TO BE DEEPEMED

Chamber of Commerce Recommends Improving Important Waterway

A called meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, took place Monday night in the rooms of the Old Topsail Club. The chief object of this meeting was to make recommendation to the engineers in charge of the dredging operations in this section as to the Taylor's Creek channel. It seems that three projects are under consideration as follows: First to make the waterway all the way through to Core Sound 100 feet wide and ten feet deep at low water; second to make it 100 feet wide ten feet to the Carteret Lumber Company's plant; third to construct it 75 feet wide and seven feet deep all the way to the sound entrance.

The matter was pretty thoroughly discussed and then a resolution adopted which asks for a 100 foot wide depth channel to the lumber plant and then 75 feet wide, seven foot depth the rest of the way. It was thought by the meeting that this sort of channel would meet the demands of commerce at the present time. Besides the lumber mills and fish factories there is a large volume of transportation through this waterway. All of the eastern part of the county uses it and there is an immense quantity of potatoes, cotton, fish and other products brought here for rail shipment. Merchandise of all sorts is carried from here down the sound, practically all of which goes through the Taylor's Creek channel. A committee composed of M. C. Moland, J. E. Duncan and F. R. Seely was appointed to take the matter up at once with the engineers.

The dues of the Chamber of Commerce were fixed at fifty cents a month payable quarterly and a membership committee composed of G. W. Duncan, Geo. J. Brooks, J. A. Hornaday Jr., M. Leslie Davis and J. A. Brickhouse appointed. A resolution was passed endorsing the action of the Community Club as to clean up day. The matter of freight train service was discussed considerably but no action was taken regarding it.

CAPTAIN DICK MASON DEAD

Captain Richard Mason, of Beaufort, died at his home here last Friday night at ten thirty o'clock after an illness of several months with Bright's disease. The funeral exercises were conducted by Reverend F. R. Bumpas at the home Saturday afternoon and the interment was in Ocean View cemetery. He is survived by his widow and three children Mrs. Carl Smith, Mrs. Dewy Guthrie and Miss Pearl Mason. Three brothers of the deceased Messrs. Jno. W. Holloway and Aleck Mason are living here. Captain Dick Mason was one of the best known fishermen in this section and had many friends who deeply regret his passing away.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ann St. M. E. Church, Beaufort, N. C. sadly and tenderly pay this last tribute of respect to the memory of our beloved sister Mrs. Emily F. Sanders, who passed from us Tuesday morning January 18, 1921.

Though feeble and not able for a long time to attend her church, she was always interested in all Christian work.

Resolved—

- 1.—That we recommend her sacrificial life as an example to all as one who was ever willing and anxious to do her Master's bidding.
- 2.—That to the bereaved family we extend our sincere sympathy.
- 3.—That this tribute be written in our Minute Book, and a copy sent to the Beaufort News and also to the North Carolina, Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. E. WALTER HILL,
MRS. A. F. DOANE,
MRS. R. C. JONES.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners has been called for tomorrow. Some unfinished business matters are to be taken up so the News understands.

NORTH CAROLINA GETS HER SHARE

Work Now In Progress Will Be Carried Out Through Rivers and Harbors Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Appropriations approximating \$185,000 for rivers and harbor improvement work in North Carolina are carried in the annual rivers and harbors bill, which that committee of the house has virtually completed and will report out in a few days. In addition, there is more than a half million dollars remaining unexpended from an earlier appropriation, in which North Carolina will share, as well as an appropriation of over \$3,000,000 for dredge work for the Atlantic coast, part of which will be done on the North Carolina coast.

North Carolina items approved by the rivers and harbors committee and written into the bill are:

Manteo Bay, \$4,500; Pamlico and Tar rivers, \$8,500; Neuse river \$15,000; Swift Creek, \$1,000; Trent river, \$1,750; Contentnea Creek, \$1,900. For water way connecting Core Sound and Beaufort harbor, \$2,500; East Branch Cape Fear river, \$3,000; Black River, \$2,000.

None of these items is for new projects, but all the appropriations are to continue work that is already under way.

Provide For Four Dredges

In addition to the above appropriation the engineers recommended an appropriation of \$695,000 for dredging the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, of which \$600,000 was intended to be used in the construction of a dredge and the other \$95,000 for maintenance. Instead the committee will recommend the construction of four sea-going dredges for use on the Atlantic seaboard, including the Cape Fear river, and with their construction provision of a special dredge for the Cape Fear was deemed unnecessary. The committee will recommend an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for these dredges, but the item of \$95,000 for the maintenance of a dredge at Cape Fear will stay in the bill.

For the Inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort inlet there is an appropriation of \$50,000 for maintenance. The engineer did not submit a recommendation for a further appropriation for this improvement because there is an unexpected balance from past appropriations for this work amounting to \$552,000. The total appropriations carried in the bill as virtually completed by the committee and as it will be recommended to the house, amounts to about \$25,000,000. Last year's bill carried appropriations of only approximately \$12,000,000, hence the committee's recommendations this year are for more than double the amount congress made available for this work last year. This is in line with the committee's policy of enlarging the scope of the work on the rivers and harbors following a period of several years when because of the war appropriations were heavily reduced and only such work as was absolutely necessary was done, no new projects being undertaken. Nevertheless, even in the new bill, no provision is made for new work, the appropriations all being to continue present projects, and as compared with estimates the appropriations the committee has incorporated in the bill show a considerable reduction.

LOWER ELECTRICITY RATES

The members of the board of commissioners of the town of Beaufort had an informal meeting Monday night in the office of Mayor Bushall and made a tentative agreement on some matters that will come up at the regular meeting Tuesday night. The decision to reduce the salaries of some of the city employees was reached and it was also decided to lower the rates charged for electricity. The rate per kilowatt which has been for some months 17 1/2 cents will be reduced to 15 cents, flat rates in proportion. If the price of coal continues to decline the rates for electric juice will go still lower, possibly to 12 1/2 cents.

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If you want things printed in this paper you had better sign your name to them.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Only one marriage license has been issued at the office of the Register of Deeds this week. This one was to Lawrence Sanders and Gracie Jones (col.) of Morehead City.

COMMUNITY CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Community Club of Beaufort will hold the regular business meeting the first Thursday in February at 3:45 P. M., in the Old Topsail Club urged to rooms. All citizens of the town are urged to attend.

STATE NEWS

Fourteen divorce cases are before the Guilford county civil court. Superior court for the trial of these cases was convened Tuesday.

Will Hopkins, believed to be the murderer of Louis Ramsey is in jail at Clinto. He was arrested in Goldsboro Monday night.

Higher prices and a general willingness to sell characterized the opening of the tobacco market throughout central Kentucky Tuesday.

The Wake County Red Cross have announced they will use their influence to keep the county welfare organizations throughout the counties of the State.

All Cuban business of the Aladin company has been turned over to the local plant at Wilmington. They will manufacture all readicut houses sold by the company in Cuba.

Present day thoughtlessness and lawlessness were charged by Judge Frank A. Daniels in his charge to the grand jury of the Cumberland county court at Fayetteville, Tuesday.

The people of Greensboro are expecting to vote March 1 on the proposal to change the city government. A petition signed by 1,010 citizens has been presented, asking that the government to be changed to the managerial plan.

Reports of the Child Welfare Commission are to the effect that there have been 570 violations of the law within the past 17 months. This number was found in the 3,935 inspections conducted by the commission.

Twenty five cotton warehouses are now operating under the state warehouse law G. Ed Kestler writes the News and Observer at Raleigh. These warehouses represent 17 counties. Four warehouses have applied for license to operate.

Representative tobacco growers of Wake county meeting Saturday in the courthouse adopted a resolution to appoint two men to canvass the county. B. C. Bullock of Raleigh and C. B. Eddins, of Zebulon, were appointed.

The French Broad river in Madison county near Sandy Bottom, was dragged Saturday for the bodies of two small Wyatt boys, one aged 7 and the other 9 years. The boys were drowned Friday afternoon when they got a boat, loosened, it and drifted out in mid-stream. The boat capsized and the boys fell overboard.

Dr. Buren Sidburg, of Wilmington has thrown a bomb among the tick eradicators in the legislature. His bomb is infant mortality statistics. He claims that bad milk is responsible for the death of many babies, and he says in his letter to Representative Leslie Johnson that this should be attended to before there is any talk of tick eradication.

Quick action of officers in removing Alfred Bennet, a negro, from arrived Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. When the people began to stir around yesterday they found the ground covered with nearly an inch of snow and while the children were pleased with the sight the older folks did not like it so well. In one or two places in town trees are still in bloom and it was rather a novelty to see the bushes covered with snow while the "last roses of summer" still adorned them.

MUCH DISPUTING ABOUT ROADS BY LEGISLATORS

Several Plans For A State System Of Roads Being Advocated By Lawmakers

NO ELECTION LAW YET

RALEIGH, Jan. 26.—The first month of the General Assembly's activities is drawing to a close and so far very little legislation of general interest has been enacted. The bill increasing the salaries of some of the State officials which was passed early in the session is about the only piece of legislation of more than county wide interest.

So far nothing has been done about passing a modern election law for the State but several counties have had bills introduced looking to the establishment of the Australian ballot in their particular cases.

The road question has attracted more attention here of late than any thing else. Mr. Everett, of Durham, has introduced a road bill and several others are in soak ready to be taken out most any time. The N. C. Good Roads Association wishes to have a measure passed bonding the State for \$20,000,000 for roads and providing an ad valorem, a gasoline and automobile tax to take care of the bonds and maintain the roads, without any county aid whatever. Governor Morrison does not approve of this plan and wishes to substitute therefor a \$50,000,000 bond issue without ad valorem tax and wants the counties to help maintain the roads.

The Republican members are said to be preparing a bill which will provide for \$100,000,000 worth of bonds and it will carry ad valorem and other taxes sufficient to make the building of roads sure in every county in the State. The Republicans of course cannot get any measure through because they have only 40 members in both branches of the General Assembly, still they will have a good deal to do with the final outcome of the road matter.

Two workmen's compensation bills have been introduced but the labor unions are said to be opposed to both of them and it is doubtful if either passes. Several prohibition bills are in sight.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

As shown by deeds filed with the Register of Deeds the following transactions in real estate have occurred in the county recently:

M. L. Willis and wife to Mrs. Merena Whitehurst 2 story dwelling and lot 50 by 100 feet in Morehead City, consideration \$5,000.

Amos Dudley and wife to Alex. Dudley 12 interest in tract of 6 and 6-10 acres in Morehead township, consideration \$150.

T. D. Webb and wife to W. S. Swindell lot No. 3 in square 90 Morehead City, consideration \$1 &c.

W. S. Swindell, Jr., and wife to Jno. Guthrie lot 3 in square 90 Morehead City, consideration \$75.

W. B. Hancock and wife to Jno. F. Hanff lot 11 in square 6, 50 by 120 feet, consideration \$850.

Geraldine Oaksmith Waddington to Geo. Henderson, Jr., and wife lot near Morehead City, consideration \$1 &c.

Geo. Henderson, Jr. and wife to Derwood B. Willis above lot, consideration \$35.

Chas. W. Scott to C. G. Austin lot 28 by 40 feet on Cedar St. Beaufort consideration \$10 &c.

Jas. B. Adams to Iva Lewis 50 acres in White Oak township, consideration \$2,500.

SNOW

The first snow of the season and in fact the first in about two years arrived Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. When the people began to stir around yesterday they found the ground covered with nearly an inch of snow and while the children were pleased with the sight the older folks did not like it so well. In one or two places in town trees are still in bloom and it was rather a novelty to see the bushes covered with snow while the "last roses of summer" still adorned them.