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## ROAD QUESTION GETS ATTENTION OF LEGISLATORS

### Four Road Bills To Be Considered—My Limit Pay of Co. Superintendents

### REVALUATION UP AGAIN

RALEIGH, Feb. 1.—Proposed road laws providing for a state-wide system of hard surfaced highways will within the week flood the legislative grind and the indications are that the General Assembly will have to speed up if its work is to be completed in the next sixty days time limit.

Three bills are now in the hands of the committee providing for virtually the same number of mileage. The first bears the name of Dough-ton Cooper, the second was introduced by Representative R. O. Everett of Durham, and the third one by Macguire, of Surry, Republican member of the lower house. The first is for bond issues of fifty millions while the Macguire bill is double this amount and the Everett bill calls for a twenty million dollar issue. Virtually all three bills follow along the plan suggested by Governor Morrison in his inaugural address although there is variance in the matter of details.

Another bill is now being drafted by McSwain of Cleveland which differs radically from the idea of the governor and with the three measures already introduced. One hundred millions is proposed and it is to be spent on nothing but hard-surfaced highways, connecting all county seats and principal towns. The bonds are to be sold only as needed to carry on the work. A sinking fund is provided for from the automobile and gasoline tax for the purpose of retiring the bonds when they become due.

Under the provisions of the McSwain bill the state will not take over the dirt roads to maintain but will maintain by a through patrol organization, all State roads after they have been constructed. The State is to be divided into nine highway districts and the work directed by the present highway commission rather than the creation of a new one.

State construction is provided for with State main tenance with the further provision that counties having already built hard surfaced roads that meet the requirement of the State Highway Commission will receive a fair reimbursement for their roads when taken over by the State as a part of the State system. Na ad valorem tax will be levied.

This bill is to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for their ratification at the election in 1922 for members of the General Assembly. Representative McSwain expects to lay the measure before the body of the week.

### Hits at Revaluation

Representative Tam Bowie's bill calls for a horizontal reduction of tax values by twenty five per cent and is in line with the pledges made by the representative from Ashe that the "iniquities of revaluation" would be done to death.

The Bowie measure also provides that after the reduction has been made from the 1920 valuations it will be used for a basis for all valuations of real estate for the years of 1921, 1922 and 1923.

### Limit Pay of Superintendents

The bill introduced by Representative Wolts of Gaston limiting the salary of county superintendents of public instruction to \$5,000 is expected to bring on a bitter fight. The bill is State-wide and will it is believed affect a large majority of the educators of North Carolina.

Under this bill the expenses of the office of the county superintendent of public instruction, including the salary of the superintendent, stenographers, clerks, supervisors, assistants and all other expenses shall not exceed five thousand dollars. The bill, if passed goes into effect April 1, 1921.

### Other Bills

Two bills introduced in the senate affect the nomination of members of the judiciary. Senator Taylor of

## STATE NEWS

The Harnett county commissioners will be asked to pass \$150,000 for good roads at their next meeting.

Hal Kearns who was seriously injured in an airplane wreck at Ashboro has sufficiently recovered to be removed to his home, reports from Greensboro today.

J. A. Rountree director general of the United States Good Road association will come to Greensboro today to begin work in preparation for the Bankhead National highway association.

Forty four million pounds of tobacco already have been sold on the warehouse floor at Winston-Salem, and predictions now are that sales will reach between 50,000,000 and 55,000,000 pounds before the season closes.

Moseley Hall township, of Lenoir county is seeking to be transferred to Wayne County. The people of Lenoir and vicinity are being asked to sign a petition asking the general assembly to enact the proper legislation.

Senator Lee S. Overman, United States Senator from North Carolina declares that his lobby bill introduced sometime ago in the United States senate is not to keep any North Carolinian from approaching him on any subject.

### CIVIC MEETING CALLED

The Civic Department will meet in the rooms of the Topsail Club on Thursday, February 10th, at 3:30 P. M., and on the second Thursday of each month thereafter. A full attendance is urgently requested.

MRS. A. J. COOKE,  
Sec. Civic Dept. Community Club.

### BANK OF BEAUFORT STOCK-HOLDERS MEET

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Beaufort was held Thursday, January 27, and with few exceptions the former officers and directors were re-elected for the ensuing year. The following Directors were elected to direct the affairs of the bank for the ensuing year: W. L. Arrington, C. A. Clawson, W. B. Duncan, John Forlaw, G. W. Huntley, J. A. Hornaday, Jr., C. D. Jones, W. P. Smith, T. A. Uzzell.

A report of the Cashier showed that the bank was in excellent condition and that the business of the past year has been good.

After the meeting of the stockholders the Directors met for the election of officers, and all the former officers were retained. The officers and employees of this bank are T. A. Uzzell, President; John Forlaw, Vice-President; J. A. Hornaday, Jr., Cashier; Miss Ella D. Davis, Assistant Cashier; Mrs. C. B. Wolcott, Book keeper.

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ferred a bill which will require any candidate for the supreme court, in years when there is more than one vacancy, to file notice with his announcement saying what place he intends becoming a candidate for Senator Sams introduced a bill which would exempt judges of the supreme and the superior court benches from participation in the primary and have them nominated by convention.

The third workmens Compensation Act was offered in the house by Hall and in the senate by Dewar. The essential difference between this bill and the other two is that the Dewar-Hall bill provides for a state insurance fund for paying injured workmen.

Representative Glover followed out the suggestion of the governor in his bill giving the executive authority to investigate and remove from office any member of an executive board when he deems it for the best interest of the state. Ultimately the bill will fix it so all appointments for boards will be made for a term of four years during the first year of the new administration.

## INSURANCE MEN AFTER FIRE BUGS

### Suspicious Fires Being Investigated By State Insurance Dept.—Arrests Made

RALEIGH, Jan. 29.—Every available deputy of the State Insurance Department is at work now investigating fires on complaint of parties suspecting incendiarism. Insurance Commissioner Wade received notice Wednesday from Deputy Commissioner W. A. Scott that he secured the arrest near Wilson of Daniel Page and a negro accessory, Hilliard Barnes, accused of burning Page's store and stock of goods. They are both in jail in default of bond, awaiting preliminary trial. Later at the hearing Page was bound over to court under a \$5,000 bond. The negro Barnes was released. Investigations by Deputies of the department during January, have already resulted in the arrest of 12 in various sections of the state, 9 of whom have been returned to court after a hearing. Deputy Commissioner Jordan had four arrested in the Asheville section last week.

Investigation of a fire at High Point last week resulted in a report by Deputy Scott that in his opinion it was due to carelessness of construction. He reported the fire to which the furnace was connected had a wooden block built in it in place of brick, and this block had burned half into at the point where the fire started burning up the store and stock of goods.

Investigation of fires by the Insurance Department last year resulted in the trial, conviction and sentence of eleven cases of arson, and there are still several accused awaiting trial in various counties of the State.

### COTTON CENSUS FIGURES

The U. S. Census cotton report recently issued shows up to January the 16th there had been ginned in Carteret county 1537 bales, at the same time last year 2441 bales was the record. The figures for the State are 802,513 bales for the year and 811,353 for 1919.

### MERRIMON ITEMS

E. L. Nelson who has moved to Kinston, has been with us about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eecton, of Bachelors was over visiting friends, relatives, and attending preaching Sunday.

Rev. J. M. Carraway preached at Merrimon Sunday and Sunday night.

Misses Mildred Salter, Virginia Riggs and Elizabeth Belangia who are attending St. Paul's School at Beaufort, spent the week-end at home with their parents returning to Beaufort Sunday P. M.

Guy M. Carraway who has been at work on the Dredge got his leg badly cut and bruised up by getting caught in the fly wheel of a gas engine.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The Register of Deeds has recorded the following within the last few days:

Monroe D. Lewis and wife to David W. Harris 6 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$50.

The Bank of Beaufort to D. W. Morton the Thos. Thomas house and lot on front street, Beaufort, consideration \$5150.

D. W. Morton to J. A. Hornaday, Jr. the above named property consideration \$500.

### Mr. Geo. W. Thompson Dead

Mr. Geo. W. Thompson died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Morehead City after an illness that had lasted for several years. Mr. Thompson formerly lived in Raleigh and was a well known business man of that city. His health became greatly impaired some years ago and thinking that the climate of this section would be of benefit to him he and Mrs. Thompson came to Morehead City and built a nice home there and have there lived since that time.

The body of the deceased was taken to Raleigh for interment in the cemetery there.

## DOLLAR DAY SALE BE HELD HERE

### Plans Are Being Made For Biggest Trade Event Ever Held In Beaufort

The merchants of Beaufort have decided to put a liberal supply of pep into trade conditions in these parts. In other words they are going to ginger things up.

A meeting of a number of the leading merchants of the town was held Monday evening in the rooms of the Old Topsail club and it was unanimously decided to put on a Dollar Day sale here on Saturday the 19th of this month and also on the following Saturday. The plan was suggested by W. L. Stancill, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and it will be conducted under the auspices of that organization.

Dollar day sales as they are called have been held frequently in towns and cities of this state and elsewhere and they have usually proven very successful. Genuine bargains are offered and as a result many people are attracted to the sales and many goods are sold as a consequence. Everybody likes to get hold of a bargain now and then and besides that people like to come to town when they know that a big crowd is going to be there on that day.

It is the custom when these dollar day sales are held for each merchant to take some article, or several articles if he wishes, and offer it at actual wholesale cost or even less than cost for that day only. As most of the stores offer different articles the result is that the public has a chance to get a lot of things at very low prices. Full explanation of the sale will be made now very shortly. A large advertisement will appear in these columns giving the names of merchants and the articles which they are going to sell at cut prices. Thousands of circulars will also be printed and scattered all over the county. For fear the weather might prove unfavorable on the first Saturday it was decided to hold the sale on two Saturdays so as to be sure to strike one good day. It is in order for everybody to watch out for the advertisements and be ready to take advantage of the big sale.

Now is your chance. The Beaufort News will be sent for two years to a new or old subscriber for \$3. This is less than 3 cents a week. Don't miss this opportunity.

### NORTH RIVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beacham spent Sunday at Upper North River visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillikin.

Miss Viola Allridge, of Russell Creek, is here spending a week with Mrs. Paul Beacham.

Misses Nora and Essie Gillikin, of New Bern, spent Sunday here with their parents.

Mr. J. E. Gaskill and Mr. A. D. Lewis, of Beaufort, spent a few hours Sunday with Mr. Alex Wade.

Mr. Tom Willis left Sunday for Morehead City to spend a few days.

Mrs. Dan Hill spent the week end in Beaufort visiting Mrs. Joe Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arthur spent Sunday at Upper North River.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Taylor, of Harlowe, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Primrose Gooding.

There will be a basket party at Lower North River School House Friday night, February 11th. Everybody is invited.

If your neighbor does not take the Beaufort News tell him about the big offer we are now making.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Two marriage licenses have been issued since last week's issue of the News. They were to Tommy Smith and Julie Garner of Newport; Earl Campen and Maderis, Dudley, Beaufort R. F. D.

The Philantropist Customer—"Why, you've put your prices up again!"  
Fishmonger—"Well, mum, I ask yer, 'ow else are we to fig t the profiteer at 'is own game?"—Punch London.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Dr. G. W. Lay has declined the call to serve a church in Charleston which he received some weeks ago and will continue to serve St. Paul's. Dr. Lay and his family have many warm friends here who are pleased to know that they will not leave Beaufort.

Mr. C. S. Treadwell, of Chicago, arrived here last week and is spending several days here looking after the development work at the open grounds. He and Mr. C. G. Strieder and Mr. B. M. Potter, of New Bern, and W. J. B. Shull, of Newport, are looking over the property and getting things in shape to start the drainage work which is to be resumed at an early date.

Honorable D. M. Jones spent Saturday and Sunday here on a visit to his family and friends. He says that considerable committee work has been done by the General Assembly but no bills of general interest have been passed yet. He thinks it likely that a good roads bill will get through this time. Some of the Republicans are favoring an issue of \$100,000,000 worth of bonds which would give every county a million for roads. Mr. Jones returned to Raleigh Monday accompanied by Mrs. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wheatly who have been living in the Thomas house on Front street for several years moved this week into their handsome new home at the corner of Front and Marsh streets. This is one of the finest residences in town and it has an outlook that cannot be beaten in the State.

New filing cases bought some months ago arrived Monday and were installed in the offices of the Clerk of the Court and the Register of Deeds. The Whitehurst Company of New Bern, sent a representative here to put the cases in place.

Persons who believe in the ground hog theory will have to see to it that the weather is good for six weeks or else have no more to say. Yesterday was the day for the little animal to appear and as at no time did the sun break through the mists and clouds he had no chance to see his shadow.

### PROHIBITION LEADERS HOPE TO TIGHTEN LAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Prohibition leaders in Congress are hoping to tighten up the Volstead law.

They are planning new legislation to provide a flat jail sentence for the first offense of selling liquor, without giving the courts the optional right of imposing a fine. Other changes being discussed among the prohibition leaders relate to the search and seizure clause, so as to reach the home brew and to make more sweeping the present law under which a person buying liquor may be punished equally with the person selling it.

Confiscation of every drop of liquor held by citizens, regardless as to when or how it was secured, is also being urged. This would legalize seizure of all stocks held in private cellar, or a safety deposit vault. Objection to that however, has been made by some dry leaders on the ground that little such liquor finds its way into channels of bootleg trade and that it won't be long before all such liquor will be used up.

Unless a pending bill, which would permit federal commissioners to try minor liquor cases, is passed, a proposed amendment to the law would take care of this. Federal court dockets are now badly congested with Volstead violations and government officials have reported a change of procedure necessary.

The big fight for amendment will start with the opening of the new session in April, according to dry leaders. They say they have enough votes in the house to put through any added restrictions they might desire, but that there is not enough time left.

Meanwhile, Chairman Volstead, of the house judiciary committee, on whose shoulders will fall the bulk of revising and tightening up, is awaiting word from prohibition enforcement officers as to suggestions for making the law bullet proof. He wants the advice of the men charged with responsibility of breaking up the outlaw traffic.

## CHAIRMAN GOOD MAY RESIGN HIS SEAT VERY SOON

### One of the Leaders in Congress To Retire.—Chairman of Important Committee

### APPOINTMENTS HELD UP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(Special correspondence)—It is understood about the Capitol that Congressman James W. Good, of Iowa, Chairman of the House Appropriation Committee, will resign his seat in the near future to become a member of a western law firm. It is probable that Representative Charles R. Davis, of Minnesota, will be selected to fill the vacancy in the chairmanship. He is the ranking Republican on the Appropriation Committee, and precedent entitles him to the honor. Mr. Davis has been a member of the House for 18 years, and for about half of that time has served on the Committee on Appropriations. For several years he has had entire charge of the District of Columbia Appropriation Bill, being chairman of the subcommittee to which that measure was assigned.

### Bars Up.

As a result of a conference of the Senate Republicans, the disposition of the more than 10,000 appointments sent in by the President has been determined upon. New appointments in the Army and Navy will be confirmed if they come under the provisions of the army reorganization act. A few Navy appointments will also receive the approval of the Senate, as will some civil nominations that are necessary for the proper conduct of Government business. About 3,500 postmasters, political appointees of Mr. Wilson, will be allowed to go over until the next administration. It is understood that chairmen of committees to which the nominations have been referred are to go over the lists informally and select those names which may be confirmed without embarrassment to the Harding administration, report them to the Senate, and have them approved in open session. If the Democrats undertake to interfere with that program and force the confirmation of political appointments the Republicans are ready to drop their present plan and approve only certain army and navy officers.

### Swivel-Chair Heroes Ordered Out.

It is reported that sustained criticism by Congress of the swivel chair Army officers still stationed in Washington, has resulted in an order being quietly passed around in the War Department to dispense with all possible officers now assigned to the Capital. The number now on duty there is said to be in excess of 1,000. That is a great reduction from those assigned to Washington during the war but it is felt that the number should be still further cut in view of the fact that the war work is being rapidly wound up.

### Time Expired

One of the officials of the American Wholesale Coal Association requested the Senate Manufacturers Committee to postpone consideration of the Calder Coal Bill for three weeks until the coal operators had had time to study it. Senator Robert M. LaFollette, the chairman of the committee, informed the witness that "We will dispose of this bill long before that time, and if you have anything to say you had better say it now." It is evidently the intention of the committee to expedite the consideration of the measure, and attempt to have it enacted into law before the expiration of Congress on March 4th.

### QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The first Quarterly Conference for the year will be held at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening, February 9th, at 7 o'clock. The Presiding Elder, Reverend F. M. Shamburger will conduct the prayer services and afterward hold the Quarterly Conference. Everybody invited.

All the officers of the church are expected to attend.