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## HARDINGS CALL EPOCHAL EVENT

Characterized Abroad as "Turning Point in History"

WASHINGTON, August 1.—President Harding's invitation to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to hold a conference in Washington to discuss limitation of armaments completely changed the face of the diplomatic world. It is variously described in foreign newspapers as—"a turning point in history"; a message "surpassing in importance all other current doings of whatever consequence"; "an appeal to the human race to have done with wars"; and "an act of first historical significance."

With clear insight, President Harding, in this invitation, went straight to the heart of the thing uppermost today in the thought of all peoples, as well as in the council rooms of all governments, namely a desire for lasting, world-wide peace. The President's action appeals to the common sense of the world because it is practical rather than academic. Philosophy and fine words may persuade some men not to fight. Fear of punitive laws may deter others. But both philosophy and fear of the law fall far short in a lamentably large number of cases. The practical way to prevent individuals from shooting each other up is to disarm them. The same is largely true of nations. The President did the simple effective, workable thing—called for a conference to discuss disarmament. The civilized world immediately sensed the tremendous import of this action.

### World Will Head Our Call

Other conferences have been held for a like purpose. That they have proved futile is not to be taken as a criterion. They were held prior to 1914. The world was not sick of war or groaning under war debts. Moreover in some cases the powers instrumental in calling the conference were weaker in armament than some of their conferees, which dulled the edge of their insistence upon general disarmament. In this case the power issuing the call is the second strongest in the world in actual armament and in ability to increase her armament is immeasurably stronger than any other nation. If the race to increase armament is to continue, the United States has less to fear than any power, a fact well known in every foreign chancellery. Her invitation to discuss disarmament is utterly devoid of selfishness or fear. It therefore carries unusual weight.

Under the invitation the conference will also endeavor to reach a common understanding with respect to Far Eastern policies, which as President Harding stated, have a very close relation to the question of limitation of armaments. It is significant that the invitation was preceded by a few days by Secretary Hughes' letter on the "open door" in the Orient, which served notice on the world there would be no more compromising or surrendering of American rights in foreign fields.

Taken together, President Harding's invitation and Secretary Hughes' letter clearly indicate the United States will not theorize or haggle regarding American rights abroad, that it intends to see they are respected, but that it would prefer to attain this through amicable agreement with all powers and to that end calls a conference. This marks a welcome return to the old days of red-blooded, full-statured American diplomacy which insisted upon American rights but at the same time displayed the toleration, patience and fairness which characterize the strong whose strength is well founded in equity and justice.

### ACTION BEFORE REFEREE

A civil action entitled Giffin vs. the Huff Estate was tried here Monday before M. C. Holland as referee. John Giffin is plaintiff in the action was suing the Huff estate for \$1,500. Mrs. Huff administratrix filed a counter claim against Giffin for \$1,500. Attorneys Wm. Dunn, Jr., and J. F. Duncan appeared for the estate and G. W. Dunson for Mr. Giffin. The referee reserved his decision until the evidence was put in form so he could read it.

## NEWSPAPER FOLKS PAY VISIT TO BEAUFORT

On last Thursday afternoon Beaufort was favored with a visit from a number of the newspaper publishers and their families who held their convention at the Bedworth Hotel last week. The party about fifty in number arrived on two boats at a few minutes past five and were met at the dock by several citizens of the town and taken on an automobile ride around Beaufort and out in the country across the new North River bridge and back.

Very few of the visitors had ever been to Beaufort before and practically none of them had ever been out in the surrounding country. They expressed themselves as being greatly interested in what they saw and went away with a different idea of this section and its possibilities. They saw fine crops of cotton and corn growing where a few weeks ago a crop of potatoes had flourished. They also saw soy beans and sweet potatoes in abundance and met carts bringing in watermelons and cantaloupes to town. The visitors were from all parts of the State and those from the West were especially interested in this country which is so different from their rolling hills.

The News is unable to get a list of those who were in the party of visitors but a few of those noted were Joseph Daniel, of the Raleigh News and Observer; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hammar, of the Asheville Courier; Miss Beatrice Cobb, of the Morganton News-Herald; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Weather, of the Shelby Star; E. H. DeFries, of the Shelby Highlander; G. Ed Kestler, of the Concord Observer; Jno. B. Sherrill, of the Concord Times; J. P. Hurley, of the Salisbury Post; Bion H. Butler, of Southern Pines; E. B. Jefferson, of the Greensboro News; Clarence Poe, of the Progressive Farmer; Sanford Martin, of Winston-Salem Journal; O. J. Peterson, of the Sampson Democrat; A. C. Hunsycutt, of the Albemarle News-Herald; J. L. Horn, Jr., of the Rocky Mount Telegram; Dr. J. Y. Joyner, of La Grange; Andrew Joyner, of the Insurance Department, Raleigh.

## NEW WELFARE OFFICER CHOSEN HERE MONDAY

At a joint meeting Monday of the boards of Education and county commissioners J. Wallace Mason an attorney of Beaufort was chosen County Welfare officer. The selection was not made without opposition however. First a motion to postpone action was made and lost by a vote of 5 to 2. Messrs. Wade and Taylor of the board of education voting aye and W. I. Willis of the same board and Commissioners Wheatly, Edwards, Small and Piner voting no. A motion to abolish the office was next made and the members of the board of education voted solidly for it while four commissioners voted against the proposition. After this the nominations were declared in order and the names of Rev. A. H. Outlaw and Mr. Mason were put in nomination. When the ballot was taken Mason got four votes and Outlaw three, the board of education voting for Outlaw and the commissioners for Mason. Mr. Mason's name has to be sent to the State Welfare Commission for confirmation before he can assume the office and at this writing this step has not been taken.

## BEAUFORT BALL CLUB CHALLENGE MOREHEAD CITY

After repeated efforts to secure return games with our neighbor across the water, we the undersigned hereby issue an open challenge for five games of ball to be played in Morehead City and Beaufort, as same may be agreed to, on acceptance by the Morehead City Club, of this challenge. We trust that this challenge will receive the prompt attention of the Morehead City Association, and that they will make favorable response at once.

## BEAUFORT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MARRIAGE LICENSES

Registers of deeds Morris has granted permits to wed, recently, to the following couples:  
C. W. Whipper, Lynn, Mann, and Mary O. Robinson, Palletier.  
H. J. Smith and Tabitha H. Scott, Camp Glenn.

## SCHOOL BOARD HAS MEETING

Minutes Of The Meeting Of The Board Of Education Held Monday.

The Board of Education of Carteret County met Monday with all members present.

A committee from Straits came before the Board and asked for a truck to be furnished to bring the high school pupils to Straits from Williston, Smyrna and Marshallburg. No action was taken on the matter.

The following school committees were appointed:

District No. 10—Mr. James E. Willis to take the place of Mr. H. S. Piner, Mr. J. M. Wade was reappointed.

District No. 12—Mr. C. T. Jarvis was reappointed.

Beaufort Graded School—Mr. U. E. Swann, for a term of 6 years; Mrs. H. C. Jones, for a term of 3 years; Mr. M. L. Davis, for a term of 6 years; Mrs. Will Potter for a term of 6 years; Mr. C. C. Guthrie, for a term of 3 years; Mr. J. H. Brickhouse, for a term of 3 years, and Mrs. F. B. Loftin for a term of 6 years.

Mr. J. J. Blair came before the Board for the purpose of discussing with the Board and the Chairman of the trustees of Newport School plans for the Newport School building.

A committee of citizens from Bogus came before the Board asking for an additional school to be located at the Brotherhood Lodge Building. It was agreed and passed by the board to allow them two teachers at the Lodge Building for the coming year as a temporary measure to take care of the district until a new house could be built in case the White Oak Township votes for consolidation at an election to be held in that township soon, in case the election fails then the matter will be open for further consideration and adjustment.

It was moved and carried that no High School instruction be attempted in any schools of the county with less than four teachers.

## REGISTER FOR SCHOOL ELECTION

A new registration was ordered for the school election to be held in Beaufort township on August the 22nd and all who desire to vote on the proposed \$75,000 bond issue will have to get their names recorded before they are permitted to vote. The idea is to issue bonds for the purpose of building a house in Beaufort and consolidating all the schools in the township. The registrar in Beaufort is L. A. Whitehurst and he is to be found at the Beaufort Shoe Shop every day except Saturdays when he will be at the courthouse. The books close on Saturday the 13th. Other registrars are Wire Grass, J. W. Lane; Long Pine, A. Z. Casey. The election will be held at the regular polling places in the three precincts. A far about 225 have registered in Beaufort.

## NEW TRUSTEES CHOSEN

At a meeting of the County Board of Education held in Morehead City Tuesday the following named persons were chosen as trustees of the Beaufort Graded Schools: Mrs. H. C. Guthrie, Mrs. P. E. Loftin, Messrs. C. C. Guthrie, M. Leslie Davis, and U. E. Swann.

At this writing there is one vacancy on the board yet to be filled. The former members of the board were Mrs. U. E. Swann, Mrs. W. Y. R. Potter, W. E. Chadwick, J. H. Foster, Sr., Theo. Duncan, A. F. Doane, C. R. Wheatly, Samuel Yoffie. Of these Mrs. Potter and Messrs. Yoffie and Doane are on the new board.

## BEAUFORT WON TWO

A series of three baseball games was played here last week beginning on Thursday between the local club and a team from New Bern. The New Bern outfit won the first game with a score of 5 to 2, batteries New Bern, Janet and Satterthwaite. The next game was won by Beaufort, more 4 to 2, batteries Beaufort Pickett and Coward, New Bern, Brewer Fumbee and Satterthwaite. Saturday game was a walkover for Beaufort, the score being 25 to 6, batteries Sorell and Coward, New Bern, Jonnett, Fumbee, Allen; Satterthwaite and Pickett.

## WORK START SOON AT COURTHOUSE

Contract Let For Paving In And Around Court Square

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of county Commissioners which took place here last Monday the bids for concrete work around the courthouse were opened and contract let to Hancock & Davis. A number of matters of considerable importance came before the board and are mentioned in the official report which follows:

Beaufort, N. C., August 1, 1921.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met this the 1st day of August, 1921, at their regular meeting place in the town of Beaufort, Carteret county, North Carolina, with all members present, to-wit: C. E. Wheatly, Chairman; George G. Taylor, J. L. Edwards, Henry O. Piner, B. Frank Small.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was ordered by the Board that a voucher be drawn to refund J. W. Guthrie the taxes he paid on a mortgage of \$700. Said mortgage he did not own.

Mr. Joe Carraway came before the Board and asked that work be done on the roads in Merrimon Township. He stated that the roads were almost impassable at present and would be entirely impassable before winter unless they were improved.

It was ordered by the Board that the County Engineer inspect the roads in Merrimon Township and report to the Board at the next regular meeting. It was also ordered by the Board that the County Engineer ask for bids for the necessary improvements on the roads in Merrimon Township.

It was ordered by the Board that \$10.00 be paid to the Children's Home Society of North Carolina.

It was ordered by the Board that Cicero Fulford (colored), Beaufort, N. C., be paid \$5.00 per month from the Poor Fund.

Reports of the returns of the election held July 19, 1921, in Stacy public school district was opened, canvassed and the result found to be as follows: Total number voters registered 121; total number voting for Bond Issue 118; total number voting against Bond Issue 3. The election was declared duly carried as voted upon.

Report of the returns of the election held July 19, 1921, in Newport Consolidated School District was opened, canvassed and the result found to be as follows: Total number of voters registered 337; total number voting for "Bond Issue" 197; total number voting against "Bond Issue", 88. The election was declared duly carried as voted upon.

Report of the returns of the election held July 26th, 1921, in Sevel Public School District was opened, canvassed and the result found to be as follows: Total number of voters registered 177; total number voting for "Special Maintenance Tax" 164; total number voting against "Special Maintenance Tax" 13. The election was declared duly carried as voted upon.

Bids for the improvement of the Courthouse Square submitted to the Board by the following named persons were opened and read to the Board: Hancock & Davis, Clarence Impson, Charles White, Eagle Co., C. K. Howe, N. F. Eure, Haggood & Davis being the lowest bidders, the contract was awarded to them.

Bids for building approaches to Oyster Creek and Marsh Creek bridges and bids for sea wall at Williston, were rejected. County Auditor was instructed to ask for new bids.

The Board took recess to meet at 2:00 o'clock.

The Board reconvened at 2:30 o'clock with all members present.

Mr. Thomas S. Martin appeared before the Board and asked that his land be valued according to its real valuation. The matter was left open for investigation. Mr. J. L. Edwards and B. Frank Small were appointed a committee to investigate the land of Thomas S. Martin and other with reference to the real valuation and report to the Board at their next regular meeting.

Mr. J. F. Duncan came before the Board in behalf of the Interstate

Cooperage Co., and asked that certain reductions be made in property valuations. Upon investigation the Board ruled that the valuation remain as they are. But that error as of listing 120 acres purchased from W. H. Bell be corrected, and the Auditor was instructed to correct the error.

Mr. L. W. Hassell who had been appointed by Judge J. Lloyd Horton, to fill the unexpired term of the Clerk of the superior Court of Carteret County, North Carolina, appeared before the Board presented his bond of \$5,000 and took the oath of office.

Mr. D. B. Garner came before the Board and asked for instructions with reference to settling a dispute now existing between him and D. Sharp over a certain road.

It was ordered by the board that D. B. Garner and D. Sharp get together and settle the dispute now existing between them.

It was ordered by the Board that Goodson and Walker and other owners of Carteret Lodge be notified to repair the property across the Mill Dam and also repair the bridge across the same. Unless this is done the County Commissioners will proceed to do it and charge them with same.

It was ordered by the Board that the office of the Veterinarian in this County and All Time Health Officer be abolished effective the 31st of August, 1921.

It was ordered by the Board that all road forces be dropped except road force Beaufort Division which shall keep up the roads from Beaufort to Davis Shore. Newport road force shall keep up the roads in the Western part of this county.

It was ordered by the Board that all men on the road force work sixty (60) hours per week.

It was ordered by the Board that a typewriter be bought for the Clerk's office.

It was ordered by the Board that the Auditor report be filed in Register of Deeds office.

A petition was presented by citizens of Beaufort requesting that road be built from Southwest corner of W. C. Mann's fence to J. L. Taylors gate. This matter deferred until next meeting and petition ordered filed.

## DEATH OF MRS. SEELY

Mr. F. R. Seely received the sad intelligence here Monday of the death of his mother Mrs. Horace Seely at Asbury, Missouri. Mrs. Seely had been in rather feeble health for some time, but the end came suddenly and was unexpected.

## CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our friends in the town and county for their many kindly attentions, courtesies and floral tributes during the illness, death and burial of our husband and Father.

Mrs. K. J. Respass and Children.

## CONVICTED OF ASSAULTING WIFE

Tom Lawrence a white man who lives in Beaufort and is apparently about 35 years of age was tried on Monday before Mayor Bushall on the charge of using indecent and profane language and of assaulting his wife. Mrs. Lawrence swore that he choked her because she did not buy him 25 cents worth of snuff. Lawrence denied the assault but said he thought she ought to have bought the snuff. Mayor Bushall believed the evidence against Lawrence and fined him \$10 and costs in one case and \$20 and costs in the other, same to be worked out on the streets of the town. Mrs. Lawrence is a delicate looking woman and is the mother of an infant two or three months old. She makes a little money by taking in some work for the Orion Knitting Mills.

## GRAND LODGE MEETING

At a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Charitable Brotherhood held at Fungo, in Beaufort County, Neal P. Davis, of Morehead City was elected President and A. L. Wilson, of Newport was elected Secretary. Carteret county with a membership of 1,500 is the banner district of the order.

## CAPE LOOKOUT TO BE A GREAT PORT

Plans Under Way To Make Resort and Port Of Famous Cape

It seems probable that the long deferred development of Cape Lookout is now about to take on new life and that it may yet realize the hopes of those who have desired to see a seaport and resort city established there.

A concern called the Cape Lookout Development Company, in which C. K. Howe, of Beaufort, is the moving spirit, has recently secured a charter from the secretary of State and is now engaged in advertising and selling property at the cape. Quite a number of lots have been sold and before next Summer it is expected that a good many houses will be erected there. Besides several cottages, indications point to the erection of a club house and possibly a large hotel.

Last Friday the development company secured a fishing boat and took some fifty or more of the newspaper folks who were holding their convention at the Bedworth Hotel, down to Cape Lookout and gave them a chance to see the magnificent harbor there. Some of them had been there before but others had not and were highly pleased with their trip. It was the opinion of many who went on the trip that Cape Lookout is North Carolina's best chance to build up a seaport of the first grade. Accessibility to the ocean, depth of water and security make it perhaps the most available site for a port along the Carolina coast.

Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, and Dr. J. Russell Coles, of Danville, Virginia, are two distinguished men who have spent some time recently at the cape. These two men, who were friends of the late President Roosevelt, have expressed themselves as being greatly impressed with the possibilities at Cape Lookout both as a place of resort for recreation and as a commercial port. Dr. Coles has been going there for years on fishing trips and is thoroughly familiar with the conditions there. A great variety of fish are caught in the waters around the cape and it is regarded as one of the best spots for angling, along the Atlantic coast.

Those who are developing the Cape Lookout property hope that at no instant date a railroad of some sort will be operating between Beaufort and there. If the Norfolk and Southern road does not see fit to build a line there, the promoters of the enterprise hope to be able to organize a company and build a trolley line like the one from Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach. The State highway to Beaufort will probably be finished in a year or so and when this is done and an electric or steam road built to Cape Lookout this country will become the Mecca for sportsmen from all over North Carolina.

There are many persons who believe that important as the possibilities of converting Cape Lookout into a big Summer resort that its commercial possibilities are even greater. The naturally fine harbor there has been greatly improved by the breakwater which the Federal Government started there some years ago and on which more than a million dollars has been spent already. When the railroad is finished the harbor can be used for a coaling station. A fuel oil station may also be established there and it is possible that a cotton export business may be built up there some day. It will of course take time to develop Cape Lookout fully but the men who are interested in the project mean business and in the next year or so they hope to have some big results to show for their hopes and activities.

## DIRECTORS MEETING

A short meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the headquarters last night. A matter of general interest that was discussed was that of cleaning up Ocean View cemetery. The secretary was instructed to take the matter up with the authorities and see what could be done to put the cemetery in respectable condition. Another matter discussed was that of securing better telephone service here.