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MEETINGS

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DELEGATES ENJOY BEAUFORT VISIT

Do Some Sight Seeing As Well As Attend To Business Of Conference

(By Geo. B. Lay)

The summer conference of the Diocese of East Carolina was opened here Tuesday morning with a short service and the celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30. About 80 clerical and lay leaders of this diocese were present at the opening session, having come in by rail and automobile the previous evening. Several arrived later on during the progress of the conference. The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the diocese, arrived Tuesday evening to take part in the session.

Rev. L. G. Wood, field secretary of the Nation Wide Campaign, of New York, featured the Wednesday meeting with an address on "Conference" on Wednesday evening. Dr. William H. Milton, rector of St. James church, Wilmington, and executive secretary of the Nation Wide Campaign, spoke at the opening session of the conference and is leading a discussion every morning on parish organization, parish conference and stewardship. The Rev. W. R. Noe, chairman of the Nation Wide Campaign for this diocese, and the Rev. Theodore Patrick, Jr., editor of the Mission Herald, of Plymouth, also had prominent places on the program.

The work of the conference was brought up to date in an admirable address Wednesday night by Rev. George W. Lay, rector of St. Paul's Church, of this city, using as his subject, "The Task of the Church in Religious Education."

The session today and Friday will have several features of great interest to the public here, especially for local Episcopalians. At 8 o'clock tonight, the Rev. J. N. Bynum and Mr. J. R. Tolar, Jr., will lead in the discussion of the subject, "The Task of the Church in Christian Social Service." The conference will be closed Friday night by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese, whose address will feature the service at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon the members of the conference enjoyed a trip to Fort Macon and around the harbor here for several hours. Wednesday afternoon the men enjoyed a dip in the sound. The air of freedom from routine work rested on the men who joined in the singing of popular songs during their off hours, several attended ball games here and others investigated the "lay of the land." They have been having a real holiday, backed by intelligent and hard work during the sessions of the conference. It has been surprising to many to note the fine hilarity and good fellowship evidenced by all. The folks back home, at various points, would enjoy seeing their ministers and other leaders here enjoying themselves in their own way, very much like a bunch of school boys let out for recess, after a long study period.

The following are in attendance at the conference: Rev. Archer Poogher, Fayetteville; Rev. Thomas H. Brinsfield, Aurora; Rev. J. N. Bynum, Belhaven; Rev. Francis J. Coffin, Winston; Rev. Walter B. Clark, Williamston; Rev. J. B. Cooke, Wilmington; Rev. Harvey A. Cox, Darst; Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Wilmington; Rev. H. B. Drane, Edenton; Rev. J. D. Gibble, Wilmington; Rev. J. W. Heyes, New Bern; Rev. W. H. Milton, New York; Rev. Alexander Miller, Wilmington; Rev. D. G. McKinnon, New Bern; Rev. A. C. B. Noe, Farmville; Rev. W. R. Noe, Wilmington; Rev. Thomas F. Opie, Red Springs; Rev. A. R. Parshley, Clinton; Rev. Theodore Patrick, Jr., Plymouth; Rev. John L. Saunders, Winton; Rev. Alfred Taylor, Hertford; Rev. W. H. Wheeler, Wilmington; Rev. L. G. Wood, New York; Rev. F. N. Skinner, Barton's Point, S. C.; Rev. W. N. Come, Goldsboro; Theodore Patrick, Sr., Clinton; E. E. Mathews, Winton; J. R. Tolar, Jr., Fayetteville; E. F. Noe, Farmville; James M. Lord, Wilmington; Mrs. A. M. Waddell; and Miss Rosa Dall, New Bern.

Commissioner Huntley Objects To Action of Board

To the Taxpayers of Beaufort:

The Town Officials at their last regular meeting voted salaries in general and the Mayor's in particular, giving him \$100.00 per month increase.

They also bought a fire alarm system costing not less than \$5000.00 installed, making a total of not less than \$6000.00 to be raised next year by taxation above regular amounts. To do this it will be necessary to raise our tax rate about 36 cents on the hundred or about 25 per cent above present taxes. The fact that the Board has publicly made the statement that taxes would not be raised seems to amount to nothing.

Some of the officers might tell you that it will amount to very little, as it will spread over a term of years. But that doesn't justify the action, and as a matter of fact it would be contrary to the laws on municipal finance.

Leaving out all other arguments, it appears to me as ridiculous to think of buying an elaborate alarm system, when we have nothing with which to fight a fire.

There has been a continued effort to have the entire management of the Town placed in Mr. Busaba's hands. Just after the present Board was elected a proposition was made to this effect. My objection at that time was positive, on the grounds that it should be decided by the voters, either at the polls or by petition. As I was not alone in this objection the matter was dropped at that time. But at the afternoon session of the last regular meeting, the Mayor was given absolute control of the business and of the town's administration. I did not attend that session as the Mayor sent me word "that there would be no need of coming" and I naturally supposed that there was nothing to come up before the Board. It is hard to believe that a man who could receive the endorsement of more than half of the voters of the town, would use methods of that kind, even for \$1200.00 per year.

Personally I am in favor of a city manager, but first except to cut down expense in other directions and receive an expression from the Taxpayers before making an effort to get one, and would not be in favor of anyone who would use shady methods to obtain the job. Fearing those methods might prove lasting.

My only desire is to look after the interest of the taxpayers. As I am a taxpayer I expect to give the best there is in me along that line. I am not looking for any reward, salary, job or political honors. I may be mistaken in my ideas and efforts, but a positive expression from the taxpayers will correct this, for there is no joy in being the cause of friction.

In view of the fact that we have employed expert engineers, at an amount already fixed to supervise the construction of our water and sewerage system. As the contractors can only face the possibility of losing money by prolonging the job and running up the cost. As the Town is now buying and paying for all material going into the job through the Clerk's Office. As the contractors are under a \$25000.00 bond guaranteeing a turnkey job. That we might lose by having an inexperienced Town Official pass on the work while under construction the protection of the \$25,000.00 bond guaranteeing the completion of a perfect job. Also it could lead to irregularities to have a Town Official with absolute power with whom the contractors might deal.

These are facts as I see them, and I may be absolutely wrong, but there can be nothing wrong in placing them before you that you may be acquainted with conditions that you may either approve or disapprove. For it is a matter of serious concern to the taxpayer. It being the taxpayer who has got to pay the bill, and until we pay some of our present indebtedness, new propositions will only mean more and higher taxes, with nothing less than a 25 per cent increase for the coming year.

(signed) G. W. Huntley.

CROP OUTLOOK IS REASONABLY GOOD

Rainfall Has Been Excessive But Chances for Crops are Favorable

RALEIGH, N. C., June 10.—Practically all crops have an unusually good forecast for June 1st conditions, covering both state and nation, reports the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service. The recent rainfall in North Carolina has been too heavy and interrupted and delayed the needed cultivation. Grass is getting a start.

While the southern states have an excess of rainfall, the northern ones were better favored with fair and warm weather. The Weather Bureau finds that prospects of fair conditions for this state will follow the present wet wave. Small grains, cotton and some fruit will be damaged by the wet conditions, but hays, grasses, pastures, some truck crops, and corn will benefit thereby.

The rye, clover and other hay crops show a 92 per cent condition prospect for both North Carolina and the averages. Pastures average about 94 per cent in the same way. Apples are reported as very good in the Surry, Wilkes sections and variable condition around 90 per cent conditions in the lower mountain apple counties with the state averaging 74 as compared with 73 per cent for other states. The national agricultural crop is forecasted at 180,000,000 bushels as compared with 89,000,000 last year when the condition averaged but 39 per cent.

The Sandhills peach section has an extra good crop of peaches about the best in the country. They may almost double last year's shipment if they get 1200 cars, as indicated by the full normal crop prospect there. Large increases in young orchards were made last winter. The general state peach crop averages 90 per cent, and is the best in many years. Those who failed to spray for rot, are suffering now however.

It now looks like a bright outlook for crop products with cooperative marketing in prospect and so greatly needed, it is hoped that the marketing of the big crops may be so handled as to renew in the producers more encouragement than they have had for three years. These essential producers have done overtime "Goat" duty and should have the "Hood Wink" taken from their eyes. They are due a reasonable profit ahead of any other industry.

MANY NATIONS LEVY TARIFFS

Other Nations Have Hastened to Write Tariffs Protecting Home Markets and Industries

WASHINGTON.—A vast amount of pressure is being brought to bear upon the Congress to abandon all efforts to write a new tariff at this session. It is argued by those back of this effort that this is not a propitious time to enact a new tariff law because economic conditions throughout the world are unsettled and this nation should wait until normal conditions prevail before attempting to enact a tariff law. It is also urged by the same interests that for this country to enact a protective tariff would invite retaliation by the other nations.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the United States has practically the only nation which has not written a new tariff since the armistice. The claim that a new tariff for this country would invite retaliation by other nations is completely refuted by the fact that other nations have already enacted tariffs which discriminate against the United States. The following is a brief chronology of tariff legislation the world round since the armistice. These new tariffs, without exception, make a stiff advance in rates and without exception, have been enacted to protect the home markets and industries of the nations enacting them.

- The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland), October 1, 1921.
- Australia, March 25, 1920; July 13, 1921.
- British Dominion of New Zealand, November 3, 1921.
- Dominion of Canada, June 4, 1921; September 1, 1921; October, 1921; still higher tariff law now pending before Canadian Parliament.
- British Dominion, Union of South Africa, May 5, 1922.
- British India, March 1, 1922.
- Newfoundland, May 26, 1921.
- British West Indies, including all the islands, British Guiana and British Honduras September 1, 1921.
- The Barbadoes (British), July 1, 1921.
- British Togoland (Africa) July 20, 1921.
- Fiji Islands (British), November 11, 1921.
- British Honduras, March 31, 1922; Switzerland, May 24, 1921.
- France, July 14, 1919; November 7, 1919; March 29, 1921.
- Italy, July 1, 1921.
- Czecho-Slovakia, March 10, 1920; August 6, 1921.
- Jugoslavia, July 10, 1921.
- Poland, August 11, 1921.
- Ecuador, September 25, 1921.
- Argentina, July 6, 1920.
- Chili, February 23, 1921.
- Peru, December 29, 1921.
- Belgium June 10, 1920; March 31, 1921; November 7, 1921; February 6, 1922.
- Finland, January 1, 1922.
- Mexico, January 1, 1922.
- Sweden, June, 1921; March 27, 1922.
- Denmark, November 26, 1921.
- Hungary, November 23, 1921.
- Spain, February 16, 1921.
- Romania, July 1921.
- Bulgaria, April 1, 1922.
- Austria, July 16, 1921.
- Japan, March 30, 1922.

NEW BEACH RESORT OPENS

A new resort for those who wish to dance or go surf bathing will soon be opened in this vicinity. The name of the new place is Asbury Beach and it is in about two miles of Beaufort and in plain sight of the town. It is located about midway between Fort Macon station and the Ocean Beach hotel. V. A. Pedworth of Morehead City is the proprietor of the new place and will be assisted in the management by Geo. S. Henderson also of Morehead City. A two-story building has been erected. The lower part is for bath rooms and refreshment stand and a vest room. The upper part of the building 74 by 84 will be used for a ball room. A first class orchestra has been secured for Summer. A good wharf has been built at the landing place and a five foot channel dredged to it. The management intends to open the new resort Saturday evening with a big ball to which the public is invited.

ROAD WORK GOING AHEAD

Mr. H. M. Lilly of the State Highway Commission now living in New Bern was a visitor here Tuesday. Mr. Lilly stated that about three miles of concrete work had been done on the highway running from James City to Croatan. The work of putting on the asphalt top will start at once and in a few days this part of the road will be opened to traffic. It is expected that this contract will be finished by early fall and there will then be ten miles of hard surface road between this section and New Bern.

Capt. J. R. Emery of Manteo passed through town Tuesday enroute to Lupton to visit his parents.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BEAUFORT, N. C., JUNE 5th, 1922.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met this the 6th, day of June, 1922., at their regular meeting place in the Court House at Beaufort, North Carolina, with all members present, to-wit: C. R. Wheatly, Chairman; Geo. G. Taylor; J. L. Edwards; Henry O. Piner and B. F. Small.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Roy D. Look appeared before the Board and asked for damages to crop caused by the new road crossing his farm. He stated that the road had taken about 1 1/2 acres of his growing crops, and that damage amounted to \$100.00. The Board promised consideration.

Mr. B. B. Lawrence appeared before the Board and said that the county had taken 1-4 acre of his land for the road. Damage \$25.00. The Board promised consideration.

Mr. Roy Dickinson appeared before the Board and asked that he be granted peddlers license. The Board granted the request.

The Board ordered that Gordie Willis be relieved of his taxes from 1916 to 1922.

M. John Harvey came before the Board and asked to be relieved of his 1921 taxes. The Board ordered him relieved.

Mr. Dockman came before the Board and asked for permission to bridge the old canal. The matter was referred to the County Engineer.

Ordered by the Board that S. H. Styron and W. M. Webb be reimbursed the amount they were overcharged by the Register of Deeds on entry of land.

No other business appearing the Board took recess to meet again at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

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

Bids for painting the County Home were opened and read to the board by the Chairman. Bids were as follows:

- H. W. Noe, bid \$235.00.
- W. J. Chapin, bid \$207.00.
- H. M. Marshall, bid \$175.00.
- Dora Merrell bid \$233.00.
- E. F. Skarren, bid \$349.00.

Ordered by the Board that the Contract for painting the County Home be awarded to H. M. Marshall upon entering upon a justified bond amount \$150.00, to be approved by the County attorney.

Ordered by the Board that in the event H. M. Marshall fails to enter into contract and give bond within ten days from this date W. L. Stencil, County Auditor is hereby ordered to award contract to the next lowest bidder.

Ordered by the Board that Andrew Gillikin be instructed to proceed immediately to Cedar Island and make the roads passable there.

Special Election ordered held in Harlowe Township to ascertain whether the voters in said township are in favor of consolidating the school district in said township with the Newport School district.

Special election also ordered held in Marshallberg School District for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the voters therein on the question of levying a special annual tax for the maintenance of the school in said district.

No other business appearing the Board adjourned.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Register of Deeds Troy Morris has been issuing marriage permits at a pretty lively rate in the last few days. The following named couples got the necessary permits:

Stacy Willis and Marie Willis of Williston, Roy G. Fulford, and Luis Rose Harker's Island, Jno. T. Garner and Laura J. Springle of Beaufort, Z. V. Betts Sr. of Morehead City and Mrs. Abby Bennette of Camp Glenn, James Rieves (col) Greensboro and Ellen Boyd, Morehead City, David Sabiston Jacksonville, and Frances M. Jackson of Morehead City.

WEDDING AT CAMP GLENN

A quiet wedding took place Tuesday evening at Camp Glenn at the home of the bride.

The contracting parties were Mrs. Abbie Bennett and Mr. Z. V. Betts.

FIVE MEN GET ROAD SENTENCES

Large Crowd in Court To Attend Trial of Men Accused of Selling Whiskey

The first three days of Superior Court have been taken up mainly with the trial of liquor selling cases and the interest of the people of Beaufort and elsewhere in the county in the trials has been very great. In fact ever since the arrests of a number of men in Beaufort on evidence furnished by detectives Robt. Lumden and William Brandon of the Southern Detective Agency last week the matter has been one of the leading subjects of discussion. Some have condemned the city officials for employing the detectives while others have zealously defended them. It is a matter of common knowledge that much liquor has been sold here and elsewhere in the county ever since a lot of booze was thrown overboard at Cape Lookout last December by a rum runner. City officials say they could not stop the whiskey selling without outside help.

Wm. H. Garner and his son Carlton who is about eighteen years of age were the first of the defendants in the liquor cases to receive attention. They entered a plea of guilty and after having been told in forceful language of the evil of their ways by Judge Cranmer they were sentenced to the jail to be worked on the roads of Craven county. The father received a sentence of 15 months and the son got four months. The next case tried was that of George Garner, another son of Wm. H. Garner. He was tried by jury and acquitted. The jury was reprimanded by Judge Cranmer and excused from any further attendance at court.

The end of the liquor selling cases was a dramatic one and came Wednesday afternoon. All of the defendants, except three who had run away, entered pleas of guilty. Their attorneys Walter Hill and Claude R. Wheatly made strong pleas for them, stating that the men had never been in trouble of the sort before, that they would not violate the prohibition laws again and asked that they not be sent to the roads. The Judge had each man to stand up before him and told them of the evils of liquor selling and announced his judgments. A large crowd of men and women were present as spectators and for an hour or more sat paying as close attention as if they had been witnessing the production of a great tragedy in some theater. When the judgments were finally announced the sobs and shrieks of female relatives of the accused could be heard filling the court room and the halls of the building.

Those that plead guilty of selling liquor and were sentenced were the following:

Price Johnson, judgement suspended, put under \$500 bond to show good behavior two years.

Guy Whitehurst, same sentence as Johnson.

John Davis (colored) \$300 to show good behavior two years.

Dan Smith (col) eight months in jail to be worked out on county roads.

Cecil Ebooks, 12 months in jail to be worked out on roads.

George Styron, 12 months in jail to be worked out on county roads.

Howard Willis of Morehead City who was caught some time ago with 40 gallons of whiskey in a cart plead guilty and drew a sentence of 18 months on the roads. Luther Loyd of Beaufort who was let off at a former term of court on a suspended sentence and who was convicted in the Mayor's Court recently of drunk and disorderly conduct was sentenced by the Judge to six months on the roads. Henderson Mobley a negro from Morehead City was convicted by a jury of secret assault and was given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary.

The grand jury finished its work today and was discharged. The foreman of the jury was Charles A. Lincoln of Morehead City. N. L. Carrow of Beaufort was appointed officer in charge of the jury. Solicitor Jesse H. Davis prosecuted the criminal docket.

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Capt. H. Harris and Mr. H. H. Howard of Ocracoke passed through town Tuesday enroute to Norfolk to attend to business.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the people of Beaufort and elsewhere for their sympathy and kindness in our recent bereavement.

Mrs. M. C. Holland and family.