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## EXPORT BUSINESS GETS ASSISTANCE

Secretary Hoover Lending Every Assistance to Those Engaged in Developing Export Business

WASHINGTON—As a result of an appropriation by the Congress of approximately 30 per cent more money for the foreign trade division of the United States Department of Commerce the activities of that division for the coming year will be appreciably expanded.

Under the administration of Secretary Hoover the foreign trade bureau of the Department of Commerce has been given the emphasis and prominence which it deserves and which is necessary if the United States is to remain a power in world and keep pace with her competitors.

As evidence of increasing interest among American business men and concerns in foreign trade problems, the daily number of inquiries addressed to the Department of Commerce has increased three-fold within the last year. At present from 1,800 to 2,000 questions of this character are received at the Department of Commerce every day. As evidence of the degree to which Secretary Hoover has "speeded up" his foreign trade work it may be stated that the daily number of reports from the consular service abroad receive by the foreign trade bureau has increased from an average of 70 to an average of 120.

The increased appropriations which will be available for this work will be devoted largely to the strengthening of existing organization rather than addition of any new units. An immediate strengthening will be made in the foreign field service. A number of high grade specialists in American expert commodities will be immediately assigned to such important world commercial centers as London, Berlin, Paris, Rome and Madrid.

In response to requests by American interests and foreign trade an office will be opened at Athens, Greece, for the purpose of making a first hand close range study of opportunities for American trade in the Mediterranean and Balkan sphere. The far East will be given additional attention by an increase in foreign trade experts at various points in China, East Indies, the Malay, States Siam and the Straits Settlement, New offices will be opened at Calcutta and HongKong. The personnel now at Shanghai, China and Melbourne, Australia, will be strengthened.

Particular attention will be paid to Latin-American trade. Additional trade commissioners will be sent to Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City and elsewhere in Central and South America. A new post will be established in the republic of Columbia and the offices at Havana, Cuba, will be increased in importance so that the trade commissioners located there will have charge of all the West Indies.

The personnel of the various divisions in the home office at Washington which come in contact with foreign trade will be strengthened. This will include the division of foreign tariffs, the statistical division, the trade information division, which embraces the publicity work, and the specialties division. The latter will be considerably expanded under an expert whose wide experience in export business will make him authoritative as an adviser to the whole bureau on matters of export technique, merchandising problems, etc.

All told, the Department of Commerce expects with the additional appropriations to not only increase the quality of service which it now furnishes American concerns interested in foreign trade, but through this improved service it expects to assist America to capture her rightful share of foreign business.

## REDUCTION SALE.

The first reduction sale of the Summer in Beaufort is advertised in the News this week. It will be conducted by the Beaufort Bargain Store and embraces every thing in their large stock. Full details of the sale can be seen in their double page advertisement.

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The News did not have room last week for all the matter which could have been put in it. Among other things the grand jury's report was omitted. The report is as follows:

"We the Grand Jury drawn for the June Term of 1922 of Carteret County Superior Court, beg leave to make the following report:

"We have acted on all bills of indictment presented to us according to our best judgement.

"We have made presentments of all cases of lawlessness that have been brought to our attention.

"We visited and inspected the County Home. We found the Home well kept and the inmates well taken care of.

"We recommended that the three orphan children now being cared for at the Home be placed in an Orphanage at as early a date as possible. We also recommended the removal of Penie Hamilton, a feeble minded inmate of the Home, to some Institution better suited to one in her condition.

"We inspected the county jail and found it well kept. The sewers show evidence of poor drainage and we recommend that the drain pipes be regraded to correct this trouble.

"We are of the opinion that the jail itself is out of date, and recommend that it be replaced by a more modern structure.

"We have inspected the various offices of the Court House and find them all clean and well kept.

"In the Sheriff's office we find a need for a wicker enclosure to keep the public away from the private papers and files. Also a large safe or vault.

In the Register of Deeds office we find fourteen books badly in need of rebinding.

"In the Clerk of Court's office we find them in need of a cabinet for filing of papers for which no provision has been made.

"In the cloak room adjoining the Court room we find the locker doors in need of re-fitting.

"We recommend that these improvements be made.

"We wish to thank the Judge presiding and the various officers of the Court for their courtesies to us while we have been in session."

## POTATOES NEARLY GATHERED

The potato crop in the Beaufort section has been rather a disappointment to producers and the public at large. Still the results show that it has not been a complete failure by any means. The records of the railroad company show so far 18,000 barrels of potatoes have been shipped this year and there are still a few left. If the heavy rains had not occurred at planting time and had then again during the harvesting season the crop would probably have been fully double what it was and the potatoes would have been of a better quality. On account of the damaged condition of some of the crop and poor grading, prices have been rather low. One advantage the growers here have is that a good deal of the potato lands will be used to produce a second crop of some sort and this will help the situation considerably.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only one marriage license has been issued so far this week by Register of Deeds Troy Morris. This was to E. Arthur Mason of Beaufort and Mary K. Piver of Bettje.

## WILL WORK FOR THE NEWS.

Wm. Dabney White of Beaufort will become a member of the staff of the Beaufort News next Monday. Mr. White will pay special attention to gathering news of a local nature, that is of town and county. It has been the purpose of the News management all the time to make the paper as interesting to its subscribers as it possibly can and developing its local news department seems the best way to effect this result. Mr. White is a student of the University and has taken a course in Journalism. Any news items given him or help of any sort will be appreciated by all concerned.

Mrs. Irma Willis and three children of Washington, D. C. are here on a visit to Mrs. Lilla Willis.

## BANK OF NEWPORT WON ITS SUIT

Verdict of Jury is That Bond-Company Must Pay \$5000

The Bank of Newport won its suit against the Fidelity Deposit Company and Geo. W. Rhodes in Superior Court yesterday. The amount awarded by the verdict was \$5800 but as the bond given was for \$5000 no larger amount than that sum can be collected. The suit grew out of a transaction wherein one E. B. Troy fraudulently secured several certificates of deposit amounting to \$17,000 some of which were recovered and the amount due the bank was finally brought down in that way by payment by Mr. Rhodes, who was cashier of the bank at the time the affair occurred. The case was closely contested by Attorneys Gulon and Guion for the bonding company and Messrs. Duncan, Hill and Wheatly who represented the bank.

The court has been working on the civil docket for about a week and quite a good many cases have been settled or tried. One case that took up considerable time was that of Blackledge and others against Newby and White. This was a dispute about the titles of certain lands. The jury decided that the lands should be divided equally between the two parties to the suit and that the timber that had been cut should be paid for by defendant. The defendants took an appeal.

The case of the Norfolk and Southern against Morehead City was settled out of court by the defendant agreeing to pay \$500. J. B. Morton against the American National Insurance Co. verdict of \$303 and interest for plaintiff. Blades Motor Co. vs I. C. Stallings verdict for plaintiff, \$1820 with interest.

Two divorce suits were tried in this court. The first was that of Maggie Gillikin against Jesse J. Gillikin. The complaint alleged abandonment for five years and the plaintiff got the divorce. Zither Foster of Onslow county against J. J. Foster, charged infidelity and plaintiff was granted the divorce.

Harrell Guthrie of Morehead City who pleaded guilty of trespass was ordered sent to the Jackson Training School and has been carried there by Welfare Officer J. Wallace Mason.

## FARM AGENT ARRIVES.

The new Farm Demonstration Agent for Carteret county arrived here yesterday and will enter at once upon his duties. The new man is Mr. A. H. Harris of Pamlico county. He was raised on a farm and can plow as good as any body but he has also had the benefit of four years instruction at the A. and E. College in Raleigh. Mr. Harris will spend some days getting around the county for the purpose of seeing conditions and getting acquainted with the folks. In the meantime he says wool is bringing very good prices now and if any one has some wool for sale he would be glad to be notified and he will help sell it.

## ATTENDED B. Y. P. U. IN NEW BERN

A number of young people from Beaufort attended the B. Y. P. U. meeting in New Bern last week and report having a very enjoyable trip. They hope to attend the next meeting which will be held in High Point. Those who went to New Bern from Beaufort were Mrs. W. L. Paul, Misses Florence Parkin, Margaret Hill, Glennie Paul, Reverend and Mrs. H. A. Day and Newman Lewis.

## FARM PROBLEMS DISCUSSED.

A meeting of a few business men to consider certain farm problems was held last night in the office of County Auditor Stancil. C. C. Kirkpatrick of New Bern and O. F. McCrary of Washington were present and discussed live stock, cooperative marketing, truck growing and the like. An effort will be made to get the farm demonstration work in this county started on certain definite lines.

Mrs. J. S. Hardesty is spending several days in Oriental.

## REPLY MADE TO HUNTLEY CHARGES

Mayor and Members of Board Resent Criticism of Commissioner Huntley

Editor of the News: In last week's issue of your paper an article that reflected somewhat upon the Mayor and four members of the board of commissioners of the town of Beaufort signed by Commissioner G. W. Huntley was published. We ask the privilege of replying to the same.

Mr. Huntley's indictment carries two counts; first that salaries of certain officials had been raised, second that we had contracted for a fire alarm system. We do not deny either charge and state that in both instances we acted for what, in our judgment at least, was the best interest of Beaufort.

As to the increase in salaries here are the facts. Mr. Hill the Town Clerk has been receiving a salary of \$75 a month, we raised it to \$85 a month. The duties of clerk are onerous and the responsibility of the position is considerable. The salary paid Mr. Hill is not excessive and we doubt if there is a town in the State the size of Beaufort that is paying less than Beaufort. It is certainly difficult to find a capable conscientious man such as Mr. Hill is who will do this work for less. The allowance to police officer Styron for collecting water and light bills has been \$7 a month it is now \$12. Does anybody think this is a high price to pay some one to walk all over town collecting these bills?

On May 9th the four commissioners whose names appear below in a written request, which is on file at the Clerk's office requested Mayor Eushall to have oversight of the very important work of laying the sewer and water mains. He was particularly charged to make out the pay rolls and look after all expenditures. He also looks after all purchase for the town in all departments. He will give practically his whole time to the town's work and will receive for this \$100. Would Mr. Huntley take the job for that price or less; Mr. Huntley is chairman of the Electric Light and Water Committee. That department of the town's business has been running behind for some time. It is evidently necessary for some one to do something to get it on a paying basis and the Mayor will do what he can to bring about that conclusion.

The statement was made that the tax rate will be considerably increased in order to take care of the purchase of the new equipment. In so far as this goes, the statement is correct. The tax rate will be increased by a very small amount, but this will be offset by the decrease in the rates of fire insurance, which have already been assured the property holders of this town by the Underwriters Association, upon the installation of the new equipment in addition to the new water system now in process of completion. As to raising the tax rate we can say with confidence that it will not be necessary to advance it more than 25 cents on the hundred if that much. One of the principal reasons for this action on the part of the Board, is that it really offers encouragement to the present fire company to organize an efficient organization that will not only be of assistance in fighting fires but at the same time will bring about the organization of a volunteer fire company that will be of credit to our town. We know of nothing that should require the attention and consideration of the Board, more than the protection of the lives and property of the people which we represent, and we feel that it would be criminal neglect on our part to fail to provide this protection.

Mr. Huntley stated that he did not attend the meeting of the Board because he was told that nothing of importance would come up. We leave it to the public to decide whether a commissioner should absent himself from meetings on such grounds or not, but he that as it may Mr. Huntley knew that the board had an engagement at 2:30 o'clock to confer with the representative of the Game (Continued on page five)

## STORMY TIME AT CITY BOARD MEETING

A rather low barometric pressure at a special meeting of the board of Commissioners Tuesday evening developed into a storm of some real proportion before the sitting was to consider the town budget for the next fiscal year. The trouble grew out of discussion of certain items of the budget.

According to the new municipal finance act incorporated towns have to prepare a statement of their proposed expenses and after displaying it to the public adopt and stick to it ever thereafter. At the Tuesday night meeting City Treasurer W. L. Stancil read over the various items of expense and the members of the board decided what to do about them. Those present were Mayor Bushall, Commissioners Ford, Huntley, Lewis and City Clerk Hill.

The trouble began when the items of salaries was reached. Commissioner Huntley stated that he objected to any increase in salaries, particularly the Mayor's. He also objected to paying the detectives bill for getting evidence against bind tigers and also the purchase of the fire alarm system. He was very emphatic in his protests and stated that these things had been done in a secret and dishonorable way and that he was tired of such actions. Mayor Bushall and Commissioners Duncan and Lewis responded hotly to Mr. Huntley's statements and for a while it looked like the Chief of Police would have to quell the disturbance. However the storm blew over after a while and the work was finished at about 10:30. A public meeting will be held on Monday July the 3rd at which time any one who desires to say anything about the budget will be permitted to do so. In the meantime any persons interested in the matter can see the budget by calling on City Clerk Hill.

## MAY ORGANIZE ARMY UNITS.

Major John H. Birdsall of Atlanta was here last Friday in the interest of a plan to organize two reserve units for the army. The units are to be the Headquarters and Service platoon of the 759th Engineers' Battalion and Ambulance Company no. 316 of the 306th Medical regiment 81st division. These reserve units are purely war organizations and are to be called into active service only in case of war and after Congress has called them out. Reserve officers in this vicinity are to be assigned to those units during peace times and also a certain number of non-commissioned officers and privates who are specialists. It is not contemplated to have drills, parades or other actual training in peace time but every year enlisted men will be given an opportunity to attend a training camp for fifteen days.

## GETTING READY FOR PRIMARY.

Chairman D. E. Langdale was engaged Tuesday in sending out notices for the next primary to registrars and pollholders. The primary will take place on Saturday, the first day of July. The object of it is to decide whether Chas. L. Abernethy or Matt H. Allen will be the Democratic nominee for Congress. The friends of both men as well as the candidates themselves are active in their efforts to get out their full strength and it is expected that a large vote will be polled. Both sides are claiming that they will win but the general impression around here seems to be that the election will be close.

## BEAUFORT TEAM WINNING.

The Beaufort baseball club wins games whenever it gets a chance to play but rain has interfered considerably with playing. A game was played last Saturday with Burgaw which the local outfit won by a score of 9 to 5. Monday they cleaned up the Maysville club with a score of 10 to 0. Yesterday a game was scheduled with Morehead City but on account of rain it was cancelled. Other games are being arranged and if the weather permits will be played.

Prof. C. W. E. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wright and Mrs. M. F. Eure were at Bedworth Beach for a ten day camping trip.

## BAPTIST CHURCH POSITION SHOWN

U. E. Swann Explains How Resolution was Adopted by Church and What its Purpose Was.

Mr. Editor: There has been much misunderstanding concerning a resolution or memorial submitted to and passed, without a dissenting vote, by the Baptist Church, June 11th, 1922, in conference, that I wish to submit herewith an exact copy of the paper. Several men and women have made their business, either ignorantly or maliciously, to go about town quoting the paper and making it say many things that were not contained in it and many things which were never thought of by those who drew the paper. A large number of people owe to Rev. Harry A. Day an humble apology for the vicious and venomous epithets and slanders they have heaped upon him in connection with this matter.

The facts are as follows: Prompted only by our love for the boys and girls of our town and the welfare of all law abiding citizens, and our earnest desire that we might have law and order restored in our community, Mr. Day and myself prepared this paper. Mr. Day did not present it to the church, but he called in conference to consider it as well as to transact some other business. The writer read the paper slowly and carefully that all might hear and understand and then offered a motion that it be adopted and a copy sent to the Judge, a copy to the Solicitor and a copy to the Jurors. The motion was promptly seconded by some one in the congregation and Mr. Day, acting as moderator of the conference, asked for discussion, waiting longer than is customary for any one to say anything they wished before the vote was taken. No one offered a single objection and when the vote was taken, it was practically unanimous, not a single vote being recorded against it.

When this paper was prepared and passed, no one knew who would be found guilty of selling whiskey. There is absolutely nothing in the paper that can be considered as personal in the least. The only purpose and the whole purpose of the paper was to give the Christian people an opportunity to take an open stand against vice and wickedness in the community. If the time has come when church people cannot openly express themselves against such things when their immediate surrounding community is vitally affected, then the churches should close their doors in shame and disgrace and meekly admit that they cannot cope with the forces of the Devil.

For those who are found guilty and who were later sentenced by the judge, we all have the deepest sympathy and we believe that every law abiding citizen of the town would go out of their way, if necessary, to do them a favor, if by favoring them, the peace and safety of our town might not be threatened. If there were any other way than punishment of the guilty, whereby the homes of our beloved town might be protected, then all law abiding and Christian people would say give us the substitute.

The deepest sympathy goes out to the loved ones who are innocent but we must not, in our sympathy, forget the hundreds of homes of our town where trouble, misery and even death itself has been the result of the terrible liquor curse. The sympathizer with lawlessness says it is nobody's business what the other fellow does. When the "blind tiger" whiskey runner, under the cover of night, stealthily and unobtrusively tempts your boy and niece to the extent where he partakes and is brought home at a late hour of the night "dead" drunk, then is it not the business of some one else?

The law abiding citizens of the town are now passing through the fire of criticism, but in the months to come, if our officers will be true, the community will arise as a whole and rail them down.

U. E. Swann.  
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