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Complaint to be Lodged Against Commissione's

Bushall Huntley Controversy Finally End Up In Court.. Plain tiff Brooks Claims That Bushall and Duncan Cannot Law fully Hold Two Offices in Town Government

I. E. W. Brooks on behalf of himself and other citizens of Beaufort is instituting suit against the board of Commissioners of Beaufort to restrain them from permitting Mayor C. H. Bushall to serve as Inspector of Public Construction and Graham Duncan to serve as city attorney. The complaint will be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court probably some time this week.

The basis of the contention is that Mr. Bushall cannot hold another office in the town government and at the same time be mayor and that Mr. Duncan cannot serve both as town commissioner and city attorney at the same time. The action is an injunction proceeding and is to be heard by some judge.

The action is the outgrowth of a long controversy between Mayor C. H. Bushall and commissioner G. W. Huntley which has been fought out for the past several weeks in the columns of the Beaufort News in town meeting and in words and deeds.

The beginning of the trouble was born on the ninth of May when C. S. Maxwell, G. W. Duncan, S. D. Ford, and R. M. Lewis signed a paper directing Chas. H. Bushall, mayor, to assume the general inspection of certain work under construction by the town. These men forming four or five members of the commission of five members of the board of commissioners of Beaufort were notified but the signatures were procured from the signers personally by the mayor. So claims the plaintiff.

At the regular meeting of the board of town commissioners the four signers of the paper further commissioned the office to Mr. Bushall by Motion made and passed in regular order.

A copy of the writing is given below:

Mr. Charles H. Bushall Mayor, City.

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Commissioners do hereby authorize and request that you assume the general inspection of the town and give your time to this work. We expect you to work in conjunction with the city engineer and contractor. We expect you to carefully look after the pay rolls and all other details relative to the work.

This appointment is made until the board can meet in regular session and take up the matter and fully rectify the same.

Respectfully,
C. S. Maxwell
G. W. Duncan
S. D. Ford
R. M. Lewis

On the motion of Commissioner Duncan, seconded by Commissioner Ford, Mr. Bushall's salary was made \$100 per month to be paid out of the Bond fund from May 9th 1922.

Mr. Huntley was not present at the meeting and claims that Mr. Bushall spoke to him saying that nothing of importance would be carried on and that there would be no need of his being present. The other members of the board claim that Mr. Huntley did know that the chief of the town fire department Mr. D. M. Jones was to be present and also a representative of the fire alarm company.

At the meeting it was decided that the town should put in a fire alarm system costing in all with installation included about six thousand dollars. In his article printed in the Beaufort News Mr. Huntley claimed that a town that had no fire fighting department to speak of had no right to put in a costly fire alarm system. The other commissioners claimed that if it was installed that the fire insurance rates in the town would be very much reduced making up for the added taxes necessary to pay for the sys-

tem. On the third of July a meeting of citizens was held in the town hall about seventy five being present.

The men at the meeting were anxious to cut down the existing and proposed taxes and attacked with vigor the budget which had been prepared by the commissioners. The police system, the light and water department, the coal buying, were discussed heatedly. The fire alarm system it was decided should be dispensed with and a number of other parts of the budget were ordered cut down.

The amended budget was passed by the board of commissioners in the afternoon session of the same day. The fire alarm part of the controversy was disposed of but the discussion on the salary of Mr. Bushall seems to have just begun and the coal question was not buried either.

Mr. Huntley claims that Mayor Bushall has been paying exorbitant prices for coal for the town of Beaufort's use. Mr. Bushall came back to say that the mayor had no part in the town government except when a tie exists among the commissioners. He further says that Mr. Huntley who is in charge of the Light and Water Department of Beaufort refused to buy coal at \$1.65 a ton and that at the time his article was printed it could not be bought for less than \$3.65 if it could be bought at all.

Mr. Huntley charges that the contract for the coal made with the Eastern Coal and Export Corporation was made without a provision to protect the town in case the price of coal fell below the market price at that time. The clause specifically stating that the town would be protected was put in by he commissioner but was stricken out by the corporation when it signed the agreement. An agent of the coal company informed the mayor that the town was protected under another clause and the mayor according to Mr. Huntley signed the contract. The Eastern Coal and Export Corporation replying in letters written from here said that it was their understanding of the matter that the town was not protected. Mayor Bushall said that the coal which was bought after the decline in price had never been paid for in full. According to him Mr. Huntley was in complete charge of buying all supplies for the Light and Water departments.

The Mayor further charges that Mr. Huntley who is a member of the wholesale firm of Hancock and Huntley in Beaufort has been supplying the town with supplies while he remained a commissioner. This according to the statutes of North Carolina is a violation of the law.

This is the Mayor's chief charge against the commissioner while the commissioner's chief charge is that Mr. Bushall is violating the law when he assumes another position in town government while mayor.

A volcano has been seething under the city government of Beaufort and it remains to be seen if the war is yet to come or has already been passed.

HERE AFTER LONG ABSENCE.

Captain J. D. Norcum of Ocean City, N. J. after an absence of 38 years is here on a visit to his brother Mr. H. D. Norcum. He is accompanied by his son Captain Geo. D. Norcum of Wilmington who was with the army in France. The senior Captain Norcum is much impressed with the changes he notes in Beaufort, particularly in the fact that but few people are here now whom he used to know.

Miss Mattie King Hancock spent Tuesday in New Bern.

FIREMEN MAKE WORLD RECORDS

Morehead City Scene of 35th Tournament of N. C. Firemen

Two world's records were broken last Thursday when the North Carolina State Association of Firemen held their annual tournament.

High Point fire company established the record for attaching fire hose to a hydrant and getting water through when she lowered the previous record time by one second.

The record for getting chemical fire fighting under way was lowered one fifth of a second by three teams. When the tie was fought off it was found that Statesville had sliced another second from the time that Sanford had held the same time as before and that Fayetteville had dropped behind three fifths of a second. In the afternoon contests Winston-Salem proved to have the fastest team in both events.

The prizes for the whole day amounted to nine hundred dollars not including the eighteen offered in the foot race. Each of the four contests received a fourth of this which amount was divided into a first prize of one hundred dollars, a second prize of seventy-five dollars, and a third of fifty.

Winston-Salem carrying off the two first places proved to be the highest winner. Statesville's number one team came next with one first place and one second, and was followed by High Point with one first and third place.

The nine prizes were awarded as follows:

Water Contest: High Point, first place, time 9 2.5 seconds.

Statesville, second prize, time 9 4-5 seconds Fayetteville, third prize, time 10 1-5 seconds.

Chemical contest: Statesville, first prize, time 8 14-5 seconds, Sanford, second prize, time 9 seconds, Fayetteville, third prize, time 9 seconds.

Reel Race: Winston-Salem first prize, time 21 seconds, Burlington, second prize, time 22 seconds, High Point, third prize, time 23 seconds.

Grab Reel Contest: Winston-Salem first prize, time 20 1-5 seconds, Concord second prize, time 21 seconds, Burlington third prize time 21 4-5 seconds.

The contests started about ten in the morning with the sun shining enough to suit anyone, though during the afternoon showers interfered with the races and for a while stopped them.

Everything went off in good order not an accident occurring. The big grandstand which had keeping watch near the rail road tracks for some time past was filled and both sides of the race way lined with fifteen hundred or two thousand spectators. The northern side of the street was used as the track and this was roped off and patrolled by the Morehead City police and officiating firemen was cleared whenever the Morehead City fire truck started toward the hydrant at a speed of thirty five miles an hour.

At the end of the morning fire fighting contests a hundred yard foot race was held. Goins of Burlington came out first making the distance in 10 1-5 seconds. The second man in was Beeman of Statesville and the third Hault of High Point.

In the morning contest each team went to the far end of the race way, mounted the town fire truck and drove forward to the scene of action where the spectators watched. The hydrant was passed at top speed while the firemen sprang from the truck and pulling out the hose attached it and in a few seconds had water pouring from the nozzle. The firemen who had gone on with the truck stopped a few moments later and springing to the ground set up a ladder to a form that had been erected there. One of the men then mounted this and touching the end of the chemical hose to a bell. The time was taken from the time when the truck broke a string which had been stretched across the street a hundred feet from the hydrant un-

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WOMEN PROTECTED BY SOME STATES

Legislation Affecting Working Women has Originated with Republicans in State and Nation

WASHINGTON—The record of the Republican party in enacting legislation to protect women workers in industry has been one of the bright spots in recent political history. Few voters realize how much has been accomplished along such lines in the Republican states of the north as well as how completely protective legislation for women has been in the states of the Democratic solid South. A summary reveals the contrast.

Legislation limiting the working hours of women in industry has headed the program. A survey of the states which have passed laws establishing the 54 hour week or less, for women, shows 24 states having such legislation. Of these, 20 are Republican states, four are Democratic.

Fifteen states have passed laws prohibiting night work for women in specified occupations, of these 14 are Republican states, one Democratic.

Twelve states have enacted minimum wage laws for women workers. These laws are administered generally by state industrial welfare commissions, and the wage is set by economic investigation of living costs. Of the states which have adopted this forward step eleven are Republican, one Democratic.

Mothers Pensions are provided in all but eight states, of which seven are in Democratic "Solid South."

Laws prohibiting home work for women in the "sweated" industries, are on the statute books of ten states. Of these nine are Republican only one Democratic.

States with laws regulating home work for women number 12. Of these 11 are Republican states, one Democratic.

An intrinsic part of the women legislation program has been the effort to secure the appointment of women to administer these state laws. In 17 states this object has been accomplished, and women hold executive positions in the welfare administration. Fifteen of these states are Republican, two Democratic.

To give federal support to the welfare of working women the "Women's Bureau" was created in the Department of Labor. Here again the records show that the Republican party took the initiative. The law establishing the Women's Bureau was enacted June 5, 1920. It was introduced in the House by Representative Campbell, of Kansas Republican. It was passed by a Congress, Republican in the branches.

The original appropriation for the Women's bureau provided by the 66 Congress was \$75,000. This year, the 67th Congress, again Republican has increased the appropriation to \$100,000, thus enabling the Bureau to expand its service. It also increased the appropriations for the Children's bureau by \$40,000. The Federal Women's bureau gives inspiration and support to all the movements in the various states which are working for the woman protection program through the legislatures.

Another service of tremendous benefit to women workers in industry was performed by the present Republican Congress. This was the enactment of the Maternity law. Under the provisions of the act, \$1,480,000 has been made available for distribution among the states for the current year, and \$1,240,000 for each of the five years thereafter. Thirteen national women's organizations united to urge the passage of such a law by Congress. The direct beneficiaries of the act will be working women and the wives of workmen. The administration of the act is an charge of the United States Children's bureau.

It is significant that in this whole list of protective legislation, the Republican party appears as the sponsor. The truth is that the

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NEWSPAPER FOLKS HAVE A FINE MEETING

Perhaps never in the fifty years of the N. C. Press Association's history has it experienced a more enjoyable meeting than that which took place last week at Cleveland Springs. This very delightful place is situated just two miles from Shelby on a hard surface road and is practically a suburb of the town. Shelby is a thriving little city of some 5000 inhabitants situated in one of the best counties in the State.

The newspaper folks spent two days at the Springs, Wednesday and Thursday and then on Friday through the courtesy of the Kiwanis club of Shelby were taken to Chimney Rock which is one of the most interesting places in the mountains of North Carolina. From the time that the editors arrived at King's Mountain until they took their departure on Friday afternoon they were made to feel that they were indeed welcome guests and the glad hand of fellowship was extended to them from every side.

The meeting of the Press association was its fifth anniversary and every effort was made by President Herrill and the secretary Miss Beatrice Cobb to make it a success. Besides the routine work there were many special features that made the meeting attractive. An exhibit of modern machinery was on hand, a daily paper was published, interesting reminiscences by former presidents and discourses by various speakers were on the program. The annual oration was delivered by editor Joseph Daniels of the Raleigh News and Observer. Thursday afternoon afternoon Governor Morrison delivered an address on industrial conditions. He made special reference to the railroad and coal strikes and stated his position on these questions.

The trip through middle and western North Carolina revealed the fact that the crops up there are much better than in the coastal section. There has not been too much rain there and the cotton, corn and other crops are looking fine. The numerous factories up the State seem to be all running on full time and they add greatly to the general prosperity. One of the most impressive things seen on the trip, to this writer at least, was the fine system of good roads that seem to be everywhere. All of the principal towns are connected by sand clay or hard surface roads and a constant procession of automobiles seem to be using them all hours of the day and night.

The impression that North Carolina will soon have a wonderful system of roads was made upon every one of the editors and perhaps no class has had more to do with getting the roads than they have had.

BEAUFORT TO HAVE FREE DELIVERY SOON

From some correspondence which has passed recently between Republican State Chairman W. G. Bramham and First Assistant Postmaster General Bartlett it appears that Beaufort will have free delivery on and after November the first. Mr. A. T. Gardner of Beaufort took the matter up with Mr. Bramham some weeks ago and has received the letter printed below which explains the matter. The letter reads:

Hon. William G. Bramham, Chairman Republican State Executive Committee Durham, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Bramham: Your letter of the 18th instant addressed to the Postmaster General, respecting the establishment of village delivery service at Beaufort, North Carolina has been referred to me for attention.

I am very pleased to advise you that an order will be issued establishing village delivery service in Beaufort, effective November 1, 1922.

Sincerely yours,
Signed, John H. Bartlett,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

THREE OF THEM.

The Beaufort crew was shut out Thursday by the Moreheaders a 4 to 0 game. But accidents will happen. The Beaufort nine was defeated by the Morehead-City team Saturday in a ten inning game by a score of 4 to 1. More hard luck. The home team was defeated Wednesday by the Morehead City team 3 to 1. Gosh!

BANKERS MEET TO BE HELD HERE

75 to 100 Representatives Of The 48 Banks Expected Here on Ninth

The Bankers Convention which is to be held in Beaufort on the ninth of this month is being planned for and arrangements being made to take care of the seventy five or a hundred visitors expected. Mr. U. E. Swann of th Beaufort Banking and Trust Company who is chairman of the Group 3 N. C. Bankers Association is sending out letters urging as many as can to be present.

The program will be as follows:
2:30 P. M. Registration.
3:00 P. M. Call to order by Chairman U. E. Swann.

Address of welcome—J. A. Hornaday Jr., Cashier of the Bank of Beaufort.

Response to address of welcome.

Ten Minute Addresses.
"Better Farming" W. W. Griffin, Cashier of the National Bank of New Bern.

"Speed Limits" L. A. Bethune, President of the Bank of Clinton.
How to Keep North Carolina Money at Home." O. W. Lane President of the New Bern Banking and Trust Company.

"Some Problems of the Country Banker." John S. Weakett, Cashier Bank of Pamlico, Payboro N. C.
"Relations That Should Exist Between Banker and Farmer." Vive, President of the First National Bank Torboro, N. C.

5:30 leave for Ocean Beach Hotel.
8:30 Dinner, compliments of Town of Beaufort and local banks.

Address by Alan T. Bowler, Secretary N. C. Bankers Association Business Session.
Menu for Bankers Dinner Ocean Beach Hotel.

Shrimp Cocktail, Crackers and pickles, stewed oysters, celery and olives, Boiled Spanish mackerel, soft crabs, tartar with sauce, Fried Cape scallops, hot Johnny cake, oyster fritters, boiled Virginia ham, Fruit salad, hot tea biscuits, wheat muffins, fruited gelatine, coffee—Ice Tea—Mints, Cigars—Cigarettes.

FARM EXPERTS PAY VISIT TO CARTERET COUNTY

E. C. Blair of the State Extension Service at Raleigh was in town last week for three days and went around with county demonstration agent Harris to advise the farmers on permanent pastures, fall cover crops and legume crops. He paid visits to about fifteen different farms and had thirty or forty interviews with farmers. He also held two meetings in the county.

This week Dr. C. C. Hunt hog cholera specialist from Washington N. C. and connected with the United States Department of Agriculture for control of cholera is here.

He has been in town since yesterday and will not leave until tomorrow. He will give a life time preventative treatment against cholera to any hogs that farmers will bring to him or get him to. The only cost to the hog owners will be the price of the serum the services of the Doctor being entirely free.

There have been five other men besides these in the county as county agent writes to these men and secures their services for a few days. If the farmers wish any special demonstration they may come to Mr. Harris and through him obtain what they want. He is intending to get a good number of other men and the farmers will do well to keep in touch with what is going on.

Last week there were four men in Beaufort who graded wool brought here and obtained the sale of it at double the price that hucksters have been offering the sheep raisers.

Any farmer who wishes feed experiments carried out on his hogs can get this service by seeing the demonstration agent.

Mr. Harris is busy in the work he is in and doing a great deal of service for the county.

Dr. Hunt has found a number of cases of cholera in the county and advises that the farmers inoculate at once. He leaves tomorrow so see him as soon as possible.