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Beaufort May Erect New School Building

Present Building Totally Inadequate And School Board Deems
It Wise To Erect New Structure—A Bond Election Will Be Held in January—School Enrollment Shows Big Increase.

For some months past the conviction has been growing upon many people in Beaufort and particularly upon the board of trustees of the public school that larger facilities were needed for the white children of the town. The board has deliberated over the matter carefully and come to the conclusion that the only thing to do is to submit the question to the public in the form of an election on a bond issue. In response to a request in legal form the Board of County Commissioners has issued a call for the election which will be held on Tuesday, December 19th, and will be on the question of issuing \$80,000 worth of bonds.

If the people vote in favor of the bond issue it is the purpose of the Board of Trustees to erect a modern High School building on some suitable lot and thus provide for the ever increasing demands upon the public school facilities of Beaufort. The purpose of the board, as the News understands, is to have an auditorium in the new building much larger and better than the one now in use. It is proposed to erect a building that will be substantial and serviceable rather than ornate and that will be a credit to the town.

The total enrollment of white children in the public school at present is 455 and it is estimated that it will be 500 before the year is out. When the building now in use was first opened in 1915 there was an enrollment of over thirty pupils for each of the nine rooms. The increased attendance that has taken place now makes it impossible to teach all the pupils in this building and rooms at the City Hall are used and 80 children have to be out of school altogether half of the time.

A letter which has been mailed to voters in the city which explains the school matter somewhat in detail is reproduced below:

Beaufort, N. C.
Nov. 13, 1922.

To the Patrons and friends of the Beaufort Graded School:

I enclose herewith a copy of a report made by a sub-committee from our Board to investigate thoroughly conditions in our school and recommend remedies where possible. In view of the facts brought out in this report, our Board feels that it cannot longer shoulder the responsibility. For two years we have labored under very great handicaps and difficulties, but have done our best to overcome them as much as possible. The enrollment of the school has increased so that much that we find ourselves now at the extremity of our resources. We know nothing further that we can do except to request the County Commissioners for an election to determine the will of the people in this most important matter. We confidently believe a large majority of our people will say by their votes that our children must have an equal chance with children of other towns and communities.

The members of the School Board feel that it is unfair to the children of the town to continue present conditions unless the people, by their ballots, say that it is good enough for their children.

If we are to have any better facilities next fall, it is imperative that we begin now and rush with all possible speed.

Respectfully submitted,
U. E. SWANN,
Chairman Board of Trustees,
Report of Committee on School Buildings and Equipment.
To the Board of Trustees,
Beaufort Graded School.

We, having made at your request, an examination of conditions existing in our public school, submit the following report:

(1) The buildings and equipment are sadly inadequate to meet the ordinary requirements for the teaching and training of our children.

(2) When the present building was first opened for service, all rooms were occupied. Since that time there has been such a large increase in attendance that last year rooms in the Town Hall were prepared for temporary use and occupied. This year already 6 more pupils have been enrolled than last year and there are no less than 35 or 40 more who will, no doubt, apply for admission before the end of the school year, making the task of housing them an almost impossible problem to say nothing of the crowding. In order that all children may get even a part of the teaching due them now, it is necessary for 80 children to be out of school half of the time. More than 150 children have to be denied half their school day or attend classes in the Town Hall.

(3) If we had the room and equipment that we should have, we could secure from the State from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 additional help for better teaching and training work.

(4) Under the State classification system, because of the lack of room to provide certain prescribed work and study, our High School ranks next to lowest class while our enrollment entitles us to first rank. This condition will seriously handicap our graduates by making it hard for them to enter standard colleges.

(5) We believe it is the manifest and imperative duty of our Board of Trustees to bring these facts to the attention of the patrons of the school and public spirited men and women of our school district, giving them an opportunity to correct these deplorable conditions by providing another building equipped for service.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. V. B. Potter,
Mrs. W. V. B. Potter,
W. A. Mace,
Sam Yoffie.

"EYE SPECIALIST" IS JUST A SWINDLER

Raleigh, Nov. 11—For the past several weeks a man claiming to be an eye specialist sent out by the State Board of Health has been operating in and around Wilson. He has given the name of Martin in some places, is about thirty years of age, and is travelling in a Chevrolet coupe.

The activities of this man have just been reported to the State Board of Health, and Dr. W. S. Rankin today declared him an imposter and fraud in that the State Board of Health does not now have, and has had, no such field worker.

Apparently this man is working the same sort of fraud that has been practiced before in this state, particularly last year in some of the western counties. The more illiterate people are usually chosen as victims, and confidence is gained by claim of being a representative of the State Board of Health, sent out to make free examinations. Then usually some medicine for the eyes and cheap glasses are prescribed, and as much charged, as can be obtained. In one case reported this was \$25.

"In nearly every town and city of the state," said Dr. Rankin in discussing this fraud, "there are competent and reputable specialists who will give adequate service to those needing it and at reasonable fees. The public should beware of traveling eye specialists who are nearly always imposters and quacks and should be sedulously avoided. Sales of glasses or alleged treatment made on the basis of claims to be a representative of the State Board of Health will prosecute such frauds whenever sufficient evidence is furnished."

PIG AND POULTRY CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK

A pig and poultry club campaign will be launched in this county next week. Due to other engagements, I haven't been able to secure the aid of any of the officials from the State Department of Agriculture but with the assistance of some local citizens who realize the benefits of this club work we will begin the drive ourselves. Several visits will be made to the respective schools in the county and I am hoping that we may secure at least one hundred and fifty club members by the time the campaign is ended. It is my intention to visit practically every school in the eastern part of the county next Tuesday, present my proposition and receive members in case any one wishes to join. At a later date, after the individual has had time to discuss the matter with their parents, I will call at these schools and make a final sign up drive.

For the information of those who are not acquainted with club work I will enumerate some of the advantages of the club work and some of the requirements to be a club member.

Objects of the work:

1—To improve farm practices by instructing boys in correct agricultural methods.

2—To furnish an extensively organized means of effecting permanent improvement in agriculture and rural life.

3—To put into practice the facts of scientific agriculture obtained from books, bulletins, etc.

4—To assist in the development of spirit of cooperation in the community and in the family.

5—To dignify and magnify the vocation of the farmer by demonstrating labor intelligently applied to farming brings satisfactory returns.

6—To enlarge the vision of the boy and to give him definite purpose at an important period in his life.

7—To furnish to the rural schools object lessons which may be used to help in the teaching of agriculture.

8—To make rural life more attractive by providing organization, which tends to diminish isolation and develop leadership.

Requirements for club membership:
1—Children joining clubs and entering contests must be between 10 and 18 years of age on January 1st of any given year.

2—No boy should be allowed to contest for a prize unless he becomes a member of the club and agrees to submit his reports.

3—Members of the clubs must agree to study the instructions sent out by the Office of Extension Work in the South and the extension division of the State Agricultural College.

In conclusion I want to make an appeal to the mothers and fathers in Carteret County. You have already noticed the requirements for club membership and if you have a boy or girl that is within the age limit and is inclined to be interested in the field of agriculture, encourage him or her to join this club. In case the individual hasn't got the money to buy the stock I will be glad to buy the stock that will be required. I will arrange some way to finance the proposition.

A. H. Harris,
County agent

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

A recessed meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held at the court-house Monday. Probably the matter of most general interest transacted by them was the letting of three road contracts. These contracts were let to W. J. B. Shull of New port at \$3.34 per yard and were for a road to Sea Level, the turnpike road to Merrimon and the Millis road in the western part of the county. The official minutes of the meeting will be published in next week's issue of the News.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

On last Saturday the 11th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Russell of this city. The infant has been named Susan Elizabeth.

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PRESIDENT ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Nation Has Much For Which to Give Thanks, Says Harding

Washington, Nov. 3—Declaring that the state of the nation "presents a most sincere testimony of gratitude for the bounty which has been very much to justify a nation-wide bestowal upon us," President Harding in the annual Thanksgiving proclamation issued today, calls upon the American people to observe Thursday, November 30, "as a day of thanksgiving, supplication and devotion."

The text of the proclamation follows:

"By the President of the United States of America:

"A Proclamation:

"In the beginning of our country the custom was established by the devout fathers of observing annually a day of thanksgiving for the bounties and protection which Divine Providence had extended throughout the year. It has come to be perhaps the most characteristic of our national observances, and as the season approaches for its annual recurrence, it is fitting formally to direct attention to this ancient institution of our people and to call upon them again to unite in its appropriate celebration.

"The year which now approaches its end has been marked, in the experience of our nation, by a complexity of trials and triumphs, of difficulties and of achievements which we must regard as our inevitable portion in such an epoch as that through which all mankind is moving. As we survey the experience of the passing 12 months we shall find that our estate presents very much to justify a nation-wide and most sincere testimony of gratitude for the bounty which has been bestowed upon us. Though we have lived in the shadow of the hard consequences of great conflicts our country has been at peace and has been able to contribute toward the maintenance and perpetuation of peace in the world. We have seen the race of mankind make gratifying progress on the way to permanent peace, toward order and restored confidence in its high destiny.

"For the Divine Guidance which has enabled us, in growing fraternity with other peoples, to attain so much of progress; for the bounteous yield which has come to us from the resources of our soil and our industry we owe our tribute of gratitude, and with it our acknowledgement of the duty and obligation to our people and to the unfortunate, the suffering, the distracted of other lands. Let us in all humility acknowledge how great is our debt to the Providence which has generously dealt with us, and give devout assurance of unselfish purpose to play a helpful and ennobling part in human advancement. It is much to be desired that in rendering homage for the blessings which have come to us, we should earnestly testify our continual increasing aim to make our own great fortunes a means of helping and serving, as best we can, the cause of all humanity.

"Now, therefore, I, Warren G. States of America, do designate Thursday, the thirtieth day of November, as a day of thanksgiving, supplication and devotion. I recommend that the people gather at their family altars and in their houses of worship to render thanks to God for the bounties they have enjoyed and to petition that these may be continued in the year before us.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington this second day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty two, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty seventh.

"WARREN G. HARDING"

Everybody at all interested in politics should save and file this edition of the Beaufort News. It carries the complete tabulated vote for county officials and will come in handy some time in the future.

FISHING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING

The annual migration of the menhaden is now in full swing and the boats are making some fine catches of them. For several weeks they have been catching some fish but only in the past week or ten days has the fishing been really good. Large schools of menhaden, or fat backs, that have been making their way southward for several weeks came around Cape Lookout Monday and the fishermen have been gathering their harvest since then. All of the oil and scrap factories are working night and day and business in this section is decidedly on the mend.

Yesterday the schools of fish were estimated to be five miles or more in length and a mile or so broad. Millions of them were out there in the ocean and the boats from Beaufort and Morehead City caught not less than two millions of them. Captain Bonner Willis of the W. M. Webb put all aboard his boat that she would carry, probably about four hundred thousand. Captain Harry Parkin brought in 335,000 in the Blades and all of the others made good catches. The biggest catch last week was made by Captain Bob Lewis in the Marks who brought in 360,000 Friday. Many sharks are following the fish and they give the fishermen a lot of trouble, sometimes tearing holes in their nets and allowing the fish to escape. An enormous shark, in fact about 20 feet in length and as big around as a good sized barrel, was caught in their nets by the crew of the Blades, carried aboard the vessel and killed. When cut open the monster was found to contain about a barrel of fat backs, a small shark, a sting ray and a good sized tin can. He evidently had a good appetite.

Last night the wind shifted to the northwest which is favorable for fishing and the indications now are that some fine catches will be made today. Other fishermen besides the fat backers are doing very well now also. The deep sea men who go after sea bass are bringing in some nice catches and for several weeks the shrimp trawlers have been bringing to market some fine ocean shrimp and incidentally getting a good many flounders as the latter are usually found where the shrimp are abundant. A good many blue fish, trout, pigfish and other sorts are being brought to market now. Clams and oysters are also plentiful on the local market and in a few weeks the scallop season will open.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Valentine Taylor to Board of Education 5 acres in Hunting Quarter consideration \$500.

A. T. Willis and wife and Eliza Webb to Charles G. Willis 75 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$5.

Mrs. Sallie Shelton to J. E. Killingsworth part lot No. 124, Beaufort township, consideration \$1000.

E. G. Cooper and wife to Clarence Wilson, 10 acres Beaufort township, consideration \$300.

D. B. Duncan and wife to W. E. Currier and wife 215 acres Newport township, consideration \$2500.

Allie Swan to E. H. and J. A. Meadows and Co., 60 X 142 feet, Beaufort Township, consideration \$125.09.

S. F. Piner and wife to Mrs. Neal Davis, block No. 166 Beaufort Township, consideration \$225.

Ella White and husband to Wm. M. Forbes Block No. 166, Beaufort Township, consideration \$100.

Mary W. Duffy to Geo T. Duffy, Wolfender land on Eogue Sound, Morehead City Township, consideration \$10.

W. P. Norris and wife to Interstate Cooperation Co., a right of way of 20 feet width, Whiteoak Township, consideration \$125.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage permits have been issued by Register of Deeds Troy Morris:

Leonard Styron and Nellie Springle Beaufort R. F. D.

Ashley N. Fodrie and Vivian Dickinson, Beaufort R. F. D.

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NORTH CAROLINA FARM CONDITIONS

Weather Favorable Recently
Corn Yield Less Than
Year—Prices Higher
RALEIGH, Nov. 9.—The weather

has been generally fair for the past two weeks, with occasional showers in some sections which had little or no effect on crops in general. The first half of last week was a little unsettled, accompanied by considerable cloudiness and occasional showers. Fog was reported as detrimental to the drying of peanuts in Chowan county, and a report from Lee county stated that the ground was too wet for plowing, but this condition was local, the showers, as a rule, being very beneficial for fall plowing and seeding of grains.

Corn at a yield per acre of 19.2 bus. is a little below that of 1921, and so is the production of 48,254,000 bus., but the unit value at \$.96 is much higher than that of last year being only \$.78. The value per acre of \$18.43 is also better than the \$15.05 value last year. The last 2 weeks have shown some change in the condition of corn, much of the late corn being of poor quality and immature. Poor corn crops were reported from Pitt and Lenoir counties. There has been considerable damage from the corn weevil in some sections. The harvest is well advanced.

Wheat being of poor quality and yield this year, is decidedly shrunken and light in weight.

Oats are much better but not of standard weight.

Recent weather conditions have favored development of late cotton in most sections of the state, especially in the clay soil areas. Picking and ginning are well advanced in most of the state and about completed in the southern part. The total number of bales ginned Oct. 25 for the state was 444,312 which is an increase over that of the same date last year. Cleveland, Johnson and Robeson counties show the largest number of bales ginned with 22,020, 33,437, and 33,525 bales respectively.

Tobacco is being marketed rapidly as favorable prices continue. The prospective production of 308,610,000 lbs. is higher than that of last year. The yield per acre of 607.5 lbs. is 4.5 lbs. better than last year. The average yield of white potatoes in the western part of the state is better than usual, but the excessive wet weather in the east held it back somewhat. The quality is a little below the average.

There is a large acreage of sweet potatoes, and the yield is unusually good, especially in the Piedmont and western counties. The market is flooded and many potatoes are being stored waiting for better prices.

The yield of 1110 pounds of peanuts per acre, includes all varieties, but the fact that the third district produces 95 per cent of the nuts, indicated that the majority are of the Virginia type, netting yields of over 40 bushels per acre. There is a decided decrease in the acreage this year.

Poultry clubs are being advocated in Carteret county. Certain farmers of Montgomery county are contemplating the raising of tobacco as a primary crop. Farmers are interested in good stock in New Hanover and elsewhere. Interests in Gaston county are strong for a large county organized with the purpose of studying in some localities for the husking of the corn crop.

Frank Parker—Agricultural Statistician.
Assembled by: M. H. Mc Ferran—Clerk.

NEW MAN ON THE NEWS.

The News has an addition to its staff in the person of Mr. J. P. Betts who arrived Monday. Mr. Betts is a native of Raleigh but has lived in Mount Gilead for a number of years. He will give particular attention to the business department of the News, especially advertising and job printing departments. Mr. Betts comes to the News highly recommended as a business man and also as a citizen of the community where he has lived.