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NIGHT SCHOOLS HAVE STARTED IN CARTERET COUNTY

Miss Richardson Director of
Adult Illiteracy Campaign
Makes Report

AIM TO ABOLISH ILLITERACY

At the request of the News Miss Richardson offers in this issue a report which is intended to inform the public of the nature of her work. The report follows:

Statistics, Bureau of census, Washington, D. C. for 1910 showed 291,497 illiterates over ten years of age in North Carolina. 107,563 of this number were men of voting age. In 1919 and 1920 there were 8,342 enrolled in schools for adults throughout the State. Of the 8,342, 4,280 were white and 4,062 were colored. Sixty-two counties offered school work to these adults. The reported population of Carteret County in 1920 was 15,384. Of this number 1,121 were reported illiterate. The State Department upon request issued the following statistics for Carteret County on June 24, 1922:

Percentage of illiterates over 21 years old 10.2 per cent.

Percentage of (white) illiterates 10 years old and over 7.8 per cent.

Percentage of (col) illiterates from 10 years to 20 years, inclusive 2.1 per cent.

Total number of white illiterates of voting age 102.

Illiterates according to the Federal Bureau of census means "unable to write."

The three underlying purposes of Schools for adults are:

1. To help adult beginners to master the simple tools learning and to inspire them with the will to do so that the tasks of life may not be impossible for them, and finally that no problems in their daily lives may be too difficult for them to solve intelligently.

2. To improve the home environment of the children and to secure for them direction and cooperation in worth-while things.

The average age of the pupils being twenty-eight years, most of them have young children. We believe that these parents exert a stronger influence over them than all the other influences combined. If we can make the worth-while thing the familiar thing to the parent, a better environment and a more normal growth will be assured the child. The thing that we are ignorant of, we instinctively distrust.

3. To secure better food-preparation, health conditions and habits of thrift, through cooperation with city, county, state, and federal agencies. In connection with specially prepared text-books, which are themselves simplified civics, bulletins with receipts for preparing health conditions, and thrift bulletins are used for reading material. With the strong support of the postoffice officials, clerks, and carriers, a Postal Contest was held in which one hundred and twenty-five pupils did efficient work in preparing a package, a letter and an envelope for mailing. One contest is planned for each quarter on health, with the county and state agencies; on food, with various Home Economics agencies; and thrift, with the cooperation of the banks. One of the readers is based entirely on the Bible.

Reasons of Schools for Adults

The answers to the question, "How did you happen to miss your chance?" are almost without exception the same, "I had to pull fodder, or pick cotton, or work in the tobacco fields. They did not have school but three months and the school was so far away and there was not any law to make us go. So we worked. The least ones, who couldn't do anything else, toiled water to the men in the field."

A typical letter; "When I was growing up they had just first months school. I went the first month and then had to stop to pull fodder and couldn't go back till the crop was all in. So I got just about a month and a half in all every year for three years that I went."

A speech made by a pupil at a contest:

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COMMISSIONERS ORDER NEW TOWNSHIP MADE

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

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners reconvened this the 13day of November, 1922, at their regular meeting place in the town of Beaufort, N. C., with the following members present, to-wit: C. R. Wheatly, Chairman; Geo. G. Taylor; Henry O. Piner; J. L. Edwards and B. F. Small.

Petitions presented to the Board during their regular meeting in August, 1922; for and against the re-establishing of old Straits township lines, were brought forward and duly considered. Petition for reestablishing old Straits township lines was signed by nine (9) free holders of Beaufort, Smyrna and the proposed Straits townships. Petition against reestablishing old Straits lines was signed by one hundred and fifty (150) citizens of Otway and Bettie. Upon motion duly made and carried, it was ordered by the Board that the township lines remain as they are.

Mr. John Gillikin came before the Board and asked that \$600.00 be paid to him for damage if the road was built across his farm.

Dr. Outland, County Health Officer came before the Board and asked for an annex at the County Home in which to take care of the inmates while sick. The matter was deferred to a later date.

The following report was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes, (Settlement with the Sheriff)

The following report of the Grand Jury was ordered spread upon the minutes.

Mrs B. S. Gillikin, Otway, N. C. by letter asked that she be relieved of her taxes for 1921. Upon investigation the Board found that her condition justified her request; therefore the Board ordered that she be relieved.

By request of Mr. K. R. Hardesty the Board ordered that Mr. D. G. Bell be relieved of his taxes for 1921.

The report of the Welfare Officer and the Health Officer of Carteret county was presented and read to the Board referring to the condition and conduct of Thurman Smith. Upon motion duly made and carried the Board ordered a copy sent to Thurman Smith and also ordered that Thurman Smith appear before the Board at the next meeting.

Ordered by the Board that Commissioner Edwards and Piner be appointed a committee to go with Engineer Brooks to inspect the remainder of the road from Stacy to Gilbert Hamilton's landing.

No other business appearing the Board took recess to meet again at 1:30 P. M.

The Board of Commissioners reconvened at 1:30 P. M., with all members present.

Dr. R. S. Primrose appeared before the Board and asked that his bill in the case of State vs Sharp be paid. The matter was referred to the County Attorney.

A petition properly signed was presented to the Board requesting that a new township be established to be known and designated as Marshallberg Township. Said township to have the following metes and courses and bounds, viz: Beginning at Great Marsh Point, running thence a Westwardly course to the angle of the Marshallberg Road; thence with the angle of said road a Westwardly course to the Straits Road; thence with the Straits Road to the Old Straits township line; thence with said line to the waters of the Straits; thence eastwardly with the various courses of the shore to the beginning.

Upon motion duly made and carried Marshallberg township was established. Petition was ordered filed.

Moved, seconded and carried that all bids for building roads filed since last Monday be rejected.

The following bids were opened and read to the Board.

Hancock & Davis (Bid)
Road from Gilbert Hamilton's landing to the shell road leading from Atlantic—per lineal yard—\$3.20.
Road from Lynch's Bridge to Back Creek—per lineal yard—\$3.90.
Millis Road—per lineal yard—\$3.65
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W. J. B. Small (Bid)
Road from Gilbert Hamilton land-

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OIL AND SCRAP FACTORY BURNED

In Th Midst of The Busy Season
Fire Destroys Valuable Plant of C. P. Dey

Fire which is thought was due to spontaneous combustion Sunday morning destroyed the fish scrap and oil factory owned by C. P. Dey of Beaufort and located some two miles east of town. The fire was first discovered at about two o'clock in the morning. The factory had been in operation all the week and a good many fish having come in Saturday the men were busy until 11 o'clock Saturday night when they shut down and left the plant.

The fire started in the scrap house and by the time it was discovered had spread so that it was impossible to stop it with the limited means at hand for fighting a fire. The building that housed the machinery and most of the machinery was destroyed. The oil was not injured and a good part of the scrap on hand is unhurt. No particular damage was done to the boilers and if the plant is rebuilt they can be used. Several of Mr. Dey's boats were not at the factory and those that were there were saved from the flames. The loss on the plant is estimated at about \$25,000 and there was no insurance on it. Owing to the high rate of insurance on the plant Mr. Dey did carry any policy on it at all.

Mr. Dey has not fully determined what he will do but thinks he will rebuild the plant in time for next season's work. In the meantime his boats will continue fishing and will sell their catches to the other manufacturers, several of them having volunteered to take whatever fish may be caught.

MOONSHINE STILL DESTROYED.

A booze making outfit was put out of business last Friday when sheriff Thomas raided and destroyed a 60 gallon still and about 600 gallons of beer. The owner or owners of the whiskey making plant were absent at the time of the sheriff's visit. The outfit was located about eight miles from Beaufort in a piece of woods near the Edward Chadwick home place.

AFTER SHOOTING TWO MAN MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Charlie Ferguson a negro who lives about eight miles from Beaufort in the colored settlement on the North River road, got on a rampage last Friday and shot two people before he quit. His first victim was Nancy Nelson a colored woman and the next was Isaac Felton an old and well known colored citizen of that community. The woman was shot in the left shoulder and the man in the left hip. Neither was dangerously injured.

FISHING GOOD NOW.

The menhaden run is still on and the fishermen hope it will last for several weeks yet. The Beaufort Fish Scrap and Oil Company's boats, five in number brought in 1,600,000 yesterday. The largest catch of the day was made by Captain Harry Parkins of the Blades. This vessel's catch was 490,000. The Wallace Fisheries' boat W. M. Webb, Capt. Bonner Willis got 410,000 which is about the full capacity of the vessel. The fishermen went around Cape Lookout yesterday after the fish and found enormous schools of them there. A good many sharks were also on hand and did considerable damage to the seins.

NEW RESIDENT ARRIVES.

Mr. Warren S. Higgins recently of Clarksville, Tennessee but a native of New York, has bought the Ewell place on Front street and is now a resident of Beaufort. Mr. Higgins is having considerable improvements made to the residence.

BOARD IS WORKING TO GET ASSEMBLY

Chamber Of Commerce Directors
Appoint Committee to
Get Options on Sites

At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce held Monday evening the matter most discussed was that of the Baptist Seaside Assembly. The committee that went to Goldsboro some days ago for the purpose of making a bid for the Assembly made its report and seemed to think that Beaufort has a good chance to secure the new enterprise. It will not be possible for the Baptists to erect their building in time for next Summer and they will make temporary arrangements here or at Morehead City for their next meeting. The following named were appointed on a committee at the meeting Monday night to secure options on sites: U. E. Swann, F. R. Seely, C. S. Maxwell, J. A. Hornaday Jr., W. H. Taylor. A committee to draft suitable resolutions in regard to locating the Assembly in Beaufort was appointed as follows: W. L. Stancil, M. L. Wright, W. G. Mehane.

A matter that was discussed considerably was that of the proposed State highway. The phase discussed was the suggestion made recently that a bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City be built instead of the road to the Craven county line. The opinion of the board was unanimously in favor of the road and a committee composed of C. S. Maxwell, W. P. Smith and U. E. Swann was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions setting forth the board's position as regards the matter.

Secretary Stancil reported that it was very difficult to collect dues from many of the members and that expenses of Naval Day and other incidents had about cleaned up the treasury. An effort will be made to collect dues on the first of the month. The board took under consideration banquet at the annual meeting in the matter of having a big dinner on January.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

I. E. Ramsey Assignee to D. W. Morton Part of lot 34 in new town of Beaufort, Beaufort township consideration, \$3,610.00.

D. W. Morton and wife to W. S. Higgins part of lot 34 in New town of Beaufort, Beaufort township, consideration \$3,900.00.

Fannie Leeper Smith et al to Jno. I. Glover et al, in town of Morehead, Morehead township, consideration, \$300.

Geo. T. Duffy and wife to Dock Simpson, Morehead township, near Mansfield between N. S. RR. and public road, consideration \$175.

Dock and Lillie Swinson to Anna between N. S. R. R and public road, consideration \$175.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Register of Deeds Troy Morris has issued the following permits to wed: Nov. 18, David Lewis and Georgia Hamilton, Harkers Island, N. C.
Nov. 18, John Lewis and Helen Hancock, Harkers Island.
Nov. 20, Herbert W. Thornton and Elizabeth Webb, Morehead City.
Nov. 22, Kirby Salter Davis, and Flora Gillikin, Atlantic.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

On Tuesday evening of the past week, at her attractive home on Marsh street, Mrs. C. S. Maxwell delightfully entertained her Club and other invited guests. As they entered the beautifully decorated home, there was the guests; and not until each guest received her place card did the truth become known. Upon learning that it was the twentieth anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell, each one present offered congratulations and good wishes and then found her appointed place at the tables set for rook.

After a delicious salad course was served, during which the wireless telephone furnished music, the guests extended the charming hostess' many happy returns of the day and departed.

MAKE MONEY BY SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES

In the forests and swamps of Carteret County there are hundreds of car loads of the finest holly and mistletoe that I have ever seen, but very little is being shipped out. There is a great demand at this time for these two decorations and I am anxious to cooperate with the farmers in this county and secure markets where they can sell all they can harvest and ship. As soon as I learn anything in regard to the prices paid for the commodity, I will have it published in the county papers. Here is a chance for someone to make some easy money and if there is anyone interested in this understanding, get in touch with me and I will give you the full particulars.

I visited a large portion of the schools in the county last week and explained to the children the club project which has already been launched. There was quite a bit of interest shown and I believe that a within the age limit, will take an active part in the work and strive to put the project across. Mr. S. J. Kirby, Assistant State Demonstration Agent, will be with me two days next week and assist me to make the final drive over one end of the county. We held our first meeting at Newport school and then work from there to the Eastern end of the county. The other end of the county will be worked sometime this month.

Dr. C. C. Hunt, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, was in the county last week, observing the hog cholera situation. One outbreak was found on Mr. Joel S. Smith's farm. We immediately inoculated the herd against the disease and urged that all Mr. Smith's neighbors take the same precautions.

A. H. HARRIS
County Agent.

DISTRICT FOREST WARDEN FOR EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Chapel Hill, Nov 20—Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Director of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey announces the addition to the force of the Forestry Division of the Survey of Mr. Fred B. Merrill, who will at once assume the duties of District Forest Warden. His employment is made possible through cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service under the Weeks Law. Mr. Merrill is a former resident of New York State and a graduate of Cornell University; his graduate work was in Silviculture and Mensuration. He made an excellent record in the war, serving overseas. He has had a number of years experience with the U. S. Forest Service (District 7) along practical lines of forest management and other field work. During the past two or three years the Director of the Survey has been pushing vigorously the development of a State wide forest fire wardens organization as a means of quickly reducing throughout North Carolina the great destruction of forest growth by fire. It is hoped that with the growing of this organization much damage will be prevented and that the people of North Carolina will more fully realize the damage to our forests and District Warden will be to work up cooperation with counties, inspect and supervise the work of the wardens, etc., in Eastern North Carolina.

ROLAND BELL HERE ON VISIT.

Mr. F. R. Bell a former citizen of Beaufort but who has been an inmate of the Government hospital for World War veterans at Oteen for nearly two years arrived here Monday on a short visit. Mr. Bell is now the picture of health and his recovery has been very gratifying to his many friends in Beaufort and vicinity. He expects to go back to the mountains for a while but has not decided yet where he will make his home in the future. Mr. Bell states that the Oteen hospital is a great institution and that the patients there have the very best of attention and service.

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PARENTS URGED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO BOND ISSUE

Chairman of Board of School
Trustees Put the Matter
To The Public

BETTER FACILITIES ABSOLUTELY NEEDED

The News publishes herewith a letter regarding the school situation in Beaufort written by Chairman of the Board of Trustees U. E. Swann:

To the Patrons and Friends of Beaufort Graded School: Several weeks ago the Board of Trustees invited Mr. J. J. Blair, official school architect for North Carolina, to come to Beaufort and advise with us in regard to our needs in the way of building and equipment. On October 28th Mr. Blair spent the day here studying our situation. At a meeting of the trustees in the afternoon of this date, he outlined, as he saw it, the most sensible proposition for our school district to consider. He recommends a ten room school building with a large auditorium. He stated that he thought a site could be obtained and the building built and equipped for less than \$80,000.00, but to be on the safe side this amount should be made available.

It is the purpose of the trustees, if the election is favorable, to have a ten room building with auditorium erected and equipped as cheaply as good material and workmanship as can be bought. If it can be done for \$40,000.00, not one cent more will be spent.

The only purpose the trustees had in asking for an election was to give the people an opportunity to provide adequate school facilities for their children. If the parents do not want their children educated so they can compete with children of other towns and actions and so express themselves by voting against additional facilities, the responsibility must then rest on the parents and not on the Board of Trustees.

There is no doubt in my mind that the building can be built and equipped for much less than the amount mentioned, but even if the entire amount should be necessary, the bonds will be issued maturing serially and on the present property valuation a tax rate of not more than 20 to 22 cents will be necessary and even if the valuation should be cut down next year as low as \$2,000,000.00 for the district, the rate of tax will not have to be more than from 25 to 28 cents. Can our people afford, for this small additional cost, to let their children grow up with an unbalanced education to go out into the world to compete with children who have been educated in more progressive communities?

Some of those who are opposing this measure are making rash statements as to the cost of making additions to the present building. At the present time the school needs not less than seven additional room and an adequate auditorium is also badly needed. We do not believe there is a man or woman in the town who now believes that the present building should have been located where it is. Is it economy or good business sense to add to a building so situated even though the necessary number of rooms for present needs could be erected there? The cost of adding the necessary number of rooms to the present building will cost very little less (if any) than a suitable separate building and when the rooms are added we would not have a satisfactory school plant. If a commodious and suitable building had been built at the time the present building was erected, we would not now be up against such a difficult proposition. Is it economy or good business sense to simply do what was done before, i. e. provide for our present needs? In another year or two we would be in the same trouble and another temporary provision would have to be made. We believe when we lay aside our prejudices and our politics and really consider the needs and the welfare of our children, Beaufort people will arise in their pride and do what we really know we should do.

It is usually the case in elections
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