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## COMMITTEE ASKS PRISON REFORMS

### Citizens' Committee Thinks Many Changes in The Control of Prisoners Necessary

At a recent Greensboro meeting of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred on Prison Legislation recommendations were made by fifteen sub-committees which had been studying various phases of the prison problem in this State. On the basis of these recommendations a committee composed of Mr. A. M. Scales, Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Dr. J. F. Steiner, Mrs. T. W. Bickett and Dr. Joseph Pratt will work out a program of penal legislation to be proposed to the next General Assembly.

Among the recommendations of the sub-committee (which have not yet, however, been boiled down into a concrete prison program) are the following:

1. Reorganization of the State Prison to provide for a central clearing house equipped with a Bureau of Medicine and Psychiatry and for the supervision of the whole system by a penologist.
2. Abolition of the ward for the criminal insane at the State prison and provision for the care of all insane and feeble-minded inmates at the several State hospitals for the insane and at Caswell Training School. An examination of all inmates would be made by a commission of mental experts and any sane would be transferred to the proper department of the regular prison.
3. Establishment of a farm colony for women offenders.
4. Establishment of a system of prison industries for the State Prison under the direction of the Board of Directors.
5. Establishment of a Training School for negro boys similar to the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School.
6. Establishment of a colony for tubercular prisoners on the State Prison Farm.
7. Establishment of a State Reformatory for youthful offenders between the ages of 17 and 21.
8. Increase in the number of terms of the Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, so arranged that no person in North Carolina accused of crime would have to wait for trial longer than twelve weeks.
9. A matron in exclusive charge of the women's wards of all county and city jails; in the larger jails for full time; in the smaller jails for part time.
10. Prohibition of flogging and the use of dark cells as punishment for both State and county prisoners.
11. Examination by the Bureau of Medicine and Psychiatry at the State Prison at all court cases thought to be mental cases.
12. Better administration of parole.
13. Abolition of the convict lease system.
14. A scientific survey and study of the negro criminal by a commission selected by the direction of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.
15. Preparation by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare of plans and specifications for county jails and city prisons of varying types to suit the needs of the different counties and towns in the State.
16. That the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the State Board of Health be empowered to enact rules for carrying into effect the legal regulations as to sanitation, health and segregation of prisoners.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harry M. Shepherd Morehead City, N. C. and Roseta Bell Morehead City, N. C. (col)

James Murphy Morehead City and Evelyn Russell, Beaufort R. F. D. Chester M. Mears, Newport and Laura E. Mann Newport.

Thos T. Potter Beaufort and Allie Guy, Smyrna.

Joseph Fulcher Morehead and Carrie Guthrie Morehead City.

Mrs. Maude Lathin of Washington spent several days here last week visiting relatives.

## TO OUR READERS.

May old Santa Claus be very good to each and every one of you in our fervent wish today. We doubt not that the wise and kindly old fellow will try to visit the homes of all of his many nieces, and nephews and we trust that not one will be overlooked. The happy dreams of childhood are among the most glorious experiences of life and sad indeed it would be if even one should be shattered. To you older folks who no longer cherish the illusions of youth we trust will be restored your faith in old Santa's goodness and power. He will not waste his drums and dolls and the like upon you but he can bring you, if you will let him, happiness of another sort. It matters not what may be one's time of life there is in the Christmas season "a healing sympathy and eloquence of joy" that no other season approaches. May this radiance of spirit, this good cheer and wholesome happiness be the portion of one and all in the wish of THE BEAUFORT NEWS.

## YACHT THELMA HERE.

The yacht Thelma with her owner Mr. Richard Howe of New York arrived in the Harbor Saturday morning on her annual trip to Florida. Mr. Howe spent several days in Pamlico Sound shooting ducks before coming here. The Thelma is one of the finest yachts that come South. She is a fast boat as well as a beautiful one, having a speed of 18 knots an hour. The yacht left Monday for Florida.

## FARMER GORED BY BULL.

Mr. J. T. Norris a well known farmer who lives on the New Bern road about ten miles from Beaufort was gored by a bull Saturday and came near losing his life. He was brought to town and taken to the residence of Mr. Jinett where he has had necessary medical attention and is now getting along very well. The bull struck Mr. Norris in the back and after getting him down butted and horned him several times. Probably thinking the man was dead the bull walked off some distance when Mr. Norris after being unconscious for sometime came to himself and managed to get to his home. He has a bad wound in his back and was bruised considerably about the body.

## S. J. SCOTT APPOINTED ROAD SUPERVISOR

A meeting of the board of county commissioners was held last Friday at the court house. All of the members to wit, C. T. Chadwick, J. M. Carraway, H. H. Davis, W. F. Taylor and W. M. Webb were present. The matter of most interest perhaps was the appointment of county road supervisor. M. A. Norris, J. E. Neal, Sr., S. J. Scott and Sol Willis were applicants for the place. Mr. Scott received the appointment at a salary of \$100 per month. The commissioners passed a resolution to employ an engineer to inspect projects 1 and 2 of the Shul contacts. A motion was passed authorizing Chairman Chadwick to employ such truck drivers as he deemed necessary. L. H. Forlaw was appointed salt fish commissioner for Beaufort and county standard keeper of weights and measures. Miss Nan Wade was appointed janitress for the court-house. Several applicants for aid from the County Poor Fund were received and acted upon and a number of bills were audited and ordered paid. The commissioners made a trip to Atlantic for the purpose of inspecting the roads in the eastern part of the county.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mainly Springle to S. P. Hancock seven acres, Beaufort township, consideration \$400.

L. S. Belther and others to Woodland and Company 2 tracts timber land Newport township, consideration \$10.

## ARCHITECT PLANS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

### Says New Building Will Cost Around \$60,000 and Should be on New Location

One of the chief objections offered by the opponents of the school bond issue was that the public did not know where the building would be located or what it would cost. The Board of Trustees had stated that the building would be erected as cheaply as possible but this did not satisfy the opposition. Chairman Swann wrote to Raleigh for estimates and plans but did not get them in time to use during the campaign. However as the public may still feel an interest in the school question a letter from architect Kennedy in reference to the matter is given below. The letter reads:

Raleigh, N. C.  
December 7th, 1922.  
Mr. U. E. Swann, Chairman,  
Beaufort, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Swann:

I am forwarding to you under separate cover, three preliminary plans for the proposed Beaufort School.

I am making proposed plans for addition to the School Building and also preliminary plans for an independent building which is to be erected between the present School Building and the street in the rear. These plans with the estimate costs, I hope to have in your hands by Thursday and not later than Friday, of this week. However, if I can get same to you earlier than this date, I will do so.

I think it is very unwise to add to the present building or to build an independent building in the rear of the present building. The School Board should, in my opinion, secure a school site with a sufficient area to erect an independent School building, that will permit from time to time, for the enlargement of the building, or the erection of new buildings, with sufficient space for athletics.

Mr. Swann I hope that you and the Board will take this last suggestion in a spirit in which it is intended, that is for the good of your community, and not that I am trying to tell your School Board what they should do.

Plan marked Proposal No. 1 shows arrangement to add to the present building. This arrangement shows four rooms added to each end of present building, with the stair towers as required by the State Insurance Department, and the present auditorium to be arranged into class rooms. Two or four rooms as may be desired. The Committee will see that it is necessary to take out stair ways in present building, take out stage, cut windows in brick wall in rear of present stage, and put up partitions, black boards and wardrobes. Boiler enlarged, ends of roof on present building cut into as the new addition will show on plans.

If the building is added to as shown, then the auditorium will be built out away from School Building as suggested on plan. I think the addition will come within thirty feet of the Court House, but you can measure this.

The approximate cost of the addition to present building is \$32,750.00 and the auditorium will cost \$16,790.00 making a total of about \$49,540.00. This estimate includes electric wiring and heating building complete, but does not include desk or seats for the auditorium.

Plans marked proposal 2, for new building to be erected in rear of present building. The approximate cost of this building including changing of present auditorium into class rooms and wiring, heating and plumbing, building complete, except desk and auditorium seats is \$55,000.00.

Plans marked Proposal 3 is for a present School site. However, this last could be placed on present site, by facing building on side street.

Mr. Swann, The Committee will see from the proposed plans and estimates that the cost in each proposition will run about \$55,000.00 of as high as \$60,000.00.

These estimates are based on cost of recent work and are conservative. (Continued on page eleven)

## RANSELL FAVORS AID FOR SHIPS

### Louisiana Senator Strongly In Favor of Building up American Merchant Marine

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 18.—How Government operation of shipping had strikingly failed, was the main theme of a comprehensive address in favor of the Ship Subsidy Bill, made by Joseph E. Ransdell, Democrat, (Louisiana) in the Senate today. He told how experiment had worked in Canada and Australia, as well as in the United States and called attention of the Senate to figures from the last annual report of the Panama Railroad Steamship Company, a Government owned line, which shows deficits for the last two years.

Senator Ransdell, who is also President of the National Merchant Marine Association, discussed many important sections of the Shipping Bill which had been ignored heretofore in the Senate debate. He laid especial stress on the value of the \$125,000,000 Corporation Loan Fund the carrying of half of the immigration in American ships, the carriage of Government stores in private vessels and the interrelations of rail and water traffic.

"The creation and maintenance of American merchant marine is a business question," said Senator Ransdell. "Politics should not enter into its consideration. As law makers and genuine Americans of the 100 per cent variety, our duty is to place behind us every consideration except what is best for our country. We should look only to the interest of American first and last. We should not scan the political horizon to ascertain what may be the effect of this measure on the next political campaign or the next President and Congress. Patriotism alone should dictate our policy, and when tried by that acid test, the Shipping Bill is not found wanting."

Senator Ransdell said that he did not claim perfection for the measure, but that as it stood today, it had outstanding features that were the result of months and years of study and deliberation. In discussion the question of higher operating costs of American vessels, the Senator read into The Record some recent dividends of leading English shipping companies, which show that they paid from ten to fifteen per cent, tax free, in the last year to their shareholders, while American shipping companies had paid no dividends. He said that American operating costs at sea would continue as long as the American standard of living and wages prevailed at sea. He added that no one wished to reduce that standard and said that it was imperative for the Government to offset this differential against American ship owners.

The importance of maintaining trade routes established by the Shipping Board from the Gulf and South Atlantic was another feature of the Bill stressed by Senator Ransdell. This part of his speech roused special interest among his Democratic colleagues. Another feature of Senator Ransdell's speech was his brief analysis of the membership of the Shipping Board, since its organization in 1917 to date. He gave high praise to the present Commissioners individually.

Te foreign opposition to the Shipping Bill also discussed at length by Senator Ransdell. He asked:

"Are foreign-born Samuel Gompers and Andrew Furuseth qualified to speak as the real representatives of American labor? Shall we regard international unions as the true spokesmen? The real Americans work on American ships favor this Bill and they have gone on record by the thousands to that effect.

"It is interesting to note that all the international money, which is in control of Wall Street, opposes anything that will affect the prosperity of the European interests with which it is connected and from which it draws its benefits. The benefits of an American merchant marine will come to America and stay in America and stay in America—those profits should approximate \$50,000,000 every year."

## MUCH BUILDING WILL BE DONE NEXT YEAR

The News understands that there are good prospects for considerable building operations in Beaufort during the coming year. The principal undertaking perhaps will be that of Mr. W. S. Chadwick who expects to build on his property at the corner of Front and Turner streets. Mr. Chadwick recently acquired the lot on Turner street formerly owned by Mrs. Isabella Midyette and this gives him several of the finest building sites for business purposes in Beaufort. He has good lots fronting on both Turner and Front streets and the corner lot is regarded as particularly desirable for almost any sort of business house. Mr. Chadwick is thinking of erecting a hotel building on his property but should he decide not to do this will build a block of handsome stores instead. He expects to begin operations in the early Spring.

The chance for Beaufort getting a new hotel in the year 1923 seems brighter at this time than they have ever been. Mr. A. J. Cooke, proprietor of the Davis House expects to do extensive operations on his property this year. He will either build a new hotel or so remodel the present building that it will be the same as a new one. He intends to build a much larger house than the old Davis House and it will be constructed and equipped on modern lines.

Besides the building referred to above the News understands of some others that are in prospect but cannot be made public at this time. It is likely that several new residences will be constructed during the year and there is a possibility that something will be done about a new school building.

## NEW BERN CITIZENS

### GRATEFUL FOR HELP

According to reports, the relief measures adopted all over the State and to some extent elsewhere have reached the point where sufficient to take care of the New Bern fire sufferers has been furnished and no further contributions need be made. Secretary Stencil of the Chamber of Commerce here has received a letter from Chairman Jacobs expressing appreciation for relief work done in Beaufort. The letter reads as follows:

New Bern, N. C.  
December 13, 1922

The Citizens of Beaufort,  
Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Friends:  
The Citizens of New Bern ask me to express to you their most heartfelt thanks for your prompt and liberal contribution to us in our time of need.

The American Red Cross has kindly consented to take charge of the distribution of funds and supplies. All relief work here is under their direction, so you may be assured that these supplies will be used to the best advantage.

Our city received a terrible shock and crippling blow in the loss of one thousand and four hundred homes of our citizens—all within a few hours time. The sympathy and prompt help of our neighbors and friends greatly lessened the burden. We most heartily thank you for your part in giving us cheer and relieving our suffering.

Sincerely yours,  
H. M. JACOBS,  
Chairman Relief Committee.

## FROST HELD FOR ASSAULT.

John W. Frost a citizen of Salter Path was tried in the court of Justice of the Peace Thos. S. Martin last Friday and bound over to Superior court under a bond of \$200. The charge against Frost was disorderly conduct and assaulting his mother-in-law and father-in-law. Attorney Luther Hamilton represented the defendant and Attorney E. Walker Hill appeared for the prosecution.

## BIRTH OF INFANT

The friends of Mr and Mrs Bayard Taylor are congratulating them on the arrival of a son in their home which occurred last Sunday morning.

## FARMERS AIDED BY DEPARTMENT

### Agricultural Department Practices Economy but Reaches Millions of Farmers

Washington—Notwithstanding the Department of Agriculture saved and turned back into the Treasury more than \$2,000,000 out of the money allotted it last year, Secretary Wallace is looking for additional ways to economize in his department without affecting the quality of the service. In his budget requests for this year he has indicated a desire to coordinate all of the extension work done by the Department of Agriculture into one bureau. This would result in the elimination of three bureaus now in existence, the elimination of a number of employes and increased efficiency in the work.

In discussing the various forms of extension work in which the department cooperates with the numerous states, Secretary Wallace points out that about 4,000 persons are now employed. Agricultural agents and home demonstration agents in 800 counties and club agents in 200 counties. In addition, there are 750 district agents and specialists in the preparation of subject matter who cooperate with the extension workers.

It is estimated that through the extension personnel the department comes in contact with about 2,500,000 farm homes. The 491,000 boys and girls enrolled in club work report products valued at more than \$7,000,000. Of the field agents, 272 are colored and work to aid negro farmers. About \$7,000,000 of federal money was spent for extension work during the past year, to which was added about \$9,700,000 of state money.

Other agencies used in diffusing information, according to the Secretary's report, are bulletins, pamphlets and periodicals, pictures, exhibits at state and district fairs, and mimeographed material distributed to the press. According to Secretary Wallace's annual report, the Department distributed in the last year nearly 34,000,000 copies of various bulletins, pamphlets, etc.

In addition to the publicity matter sent to the newspapers and handled in the form of bulletins and circulars the department has a division which handles moving pictures. The department now has a total of 547 reels for distribution; 21 old films have been revised and brought up to date, and 33 new films have been completed. Work is now progressing on 28 films on new subjects. These pictures are circulated by county agents, extension workers and through the public schools. It is estimated these films were seen last year by four to five million people.

The department also has a series of exhibits which are displayed at fairs. Last year these exhibits were at 60 fairs, at which the total attendance was more than 4,000,000. These figures give some idea of the tremendous number of people that are reached every year by the activity of the department.

## MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

A regular meeting of the Carteret County Medical Society was called to order on Tuesday afternoon, December 19th by the President, Dr. C. S. Maxwell. The first order of business was the election of new members. Dr. C. L. Outland, presented his credentials which were accepted, and he was elected a member of the society. Dr. D. W. Wynkoop was also elected a member pending upon the issuance of license by the State Medical Examining Board. The next order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. For President Dr. C. L. Swindell, Secretary and Treasurer Dr. C. L. Outland. Other matters of business were taken up and discussed. Some were referred until our next regular meeting which should come in January.

Dr. C. L. Swindell, Pres.  
Dr. C. L. Outland, Sec-Treas.

Miss Sallie Hammie of Oxford spent the week end at the Inlet Hotel the guest of friends.