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## SCHOOL QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO PEOPLE'S VOTE

### Bond Issue of \$100,000 To Be Voted On Next Month

#### NEGOTIATIONS FOR SITE MADE

The question of whether or not better school facilities shall be provided for the children of Beaufort and vicinity is shortly going to be submitted to the people. The board of trustees of the schools on Monday requested the board of county commissioners to call an election for the purpose of letting the voters pass upon a bond issue for a lot and new school building. The amount asked is \$100,000 and the election is to be held March 17th. The call for the election will appear in the next issue of the News.

Two communications in regard to the proposed election, from Superintendent Pittman and Chairman Swann are printed below:

To The Patrons of the Beaufort Public Schools:

An election has been called to determine whether or not it is the desire of the public that the school facilities of the community be increased.

The Board of Trustees desire the public to have reliable, definite and complete information concerning what is proposed. This letter is to present only the main features of the plan. Other letters to follow will give more detailed information.

Amount—The public is asked to authorize the sale of bonds to the extent of \$100,000. This amount has not been arbitrarily set by the board but has been arrived at after careful consideration of needs and of information as to costs given by the State Director of Schoolhouse Planning and by competent architects.

Site—Negotiations are practically closed for the securing of the block lying between Broad and Cedar, Live Oak and Marsh Streets. This is block 38 on the town map and is known as the Jones property. The homestead of Mrs. Jones is excepted. This block lies approximately three blocks nearer the center of school population than the site of the present building. The center of school population has been carefully determined by placing on the town map a tack to represent the home of each white child. The map hangs in the office of the superintendent where the public is cordially invited to inspect it. The actual center of school population is slightly east of the Norfolk and Southern Passenger Depot.

Architects have informed the board that there would be no financial gain in building to the present building, since it is always more expensive to provide a given amount of space by adding to an old building than to provide the same given amount in a new building on a new site. This results from the necessity of changing the old building in addition to building the new space.

Type of Building—The building erected is to be used as a high school and will also accommodate the highest elementary grades. It will be specially equipped for this work.

Very truly yours,  
C. W. E. PITTMAN,  
Superintendent.

Feb. 3, 1925.

#### A Few Reasons for a New School Building on a New Site

1. The present building is totally inadequate for present needs.
2. Using out buildings, poorly equipped, will surely tell on the mental development of the children.
3. The location of the present building is not suitable for a large school.
4. The basement of the present building is poorly constructed and may become useless at any time on account of the constant inflow of water.
5. Competent architects say that the cost of building sufficient additions to the old building will cost as much as a new building and cannot be made as efficient as a new building.
6. A new building on a commodious site will create a new educational center.

## BOARD DEFERS ACTION ON FERRY

### New Commissioner Sworn In. Three Road Districts Created, Supervisors Appointed

County Commissioner G. H. Whitehurst who was appointed to succeed the late J. Wesley Smith, was on hand Monday at the regular meeting of the board and was duly inducted into office. Chairman Woodland extended a welcome to him.

On request of Captain J. A. Nelson, State Fish Commissioner, Captain James Salter was appointed to investigate certain oyster beds near Davis.

The matter of granting a franchise to operate a ferry to Mr. W. R. Everett of Edenton which was postponed from the last meeting of the board was again deferred. Mr. Everett and his attorney Mr. C. R. Wheatly appeared before the board and renewed the application. Commissioner Huntley said that he understood Ball brothers of Harlowe were thinking about starting a ferry and he favored giving county men the first chance. On his motion the matter went over to the next regular meeting.

The road supervisor question was taken up by the board and settled by making three districts and three supervisors and assistants. M. A. Norris was appointed supervisor for the central district and Hamlin Davis for the eastern. The supervisors are to get \$90 a month and the helpers \$60 a month. Upon motion by Commissioner Huntley which was passed by the board, it was decided to appoint a committee of three to procure the services of a consulting engineer. The committee is composed of Commissioners Woodland, Taylor and Hall. Mr. Charles Davis of Harkers Island was appointed road overseer for the island.

Mr. B. A. Felton came before the board and filed a claim for damages on account of overflow of water on his lands. A committee to look into the matter was appointed, composed of Messrs. Huntley, Taylor and Whitehurst. Mr. D. W. Sabiston wanted to know what arrangements if any would be made as to keeping up the New Bern road. He was informed that it was the duty of the Highway Commission to look after road.

Dr. Bonner of Morehead City and Dr. Rawlinson of Raleigh representing the State Board of Health appeared before the board and discussed the matter of a whole time county health officer. The matter was deferred until the time for making up the next annual budget. A few routine matters were disposed of and the jurors for the March term were drawn. The following is a list of the jurors:

Luther L. Guthrie, Harkers Island; Fred D. Davis, Morehead City; Brady Mason, Stacy; W. E. Week, Ocean; Damon Fulcher, Stacy; Berkley Willis, Davis; Martin W. Harris, Marshallberg; C. T. Eubanks, Beaufort; RFD; W. S. Webb, Morehead City; N. P. Davis, Morehead City; C. L. McCabe, Wildwood; J. C. Yates, Newport; H. G. Williams, Newport; Chas. L. Taylor, Sea Level; A. W. Foreman, Beaufort, RFD; Allen C. Willis, Davis; Sheldon Bell, Jr., Morehead City; S. C. Davis, Gloucester; P. E. Snooks, Morehead City; Manly Murphy, Davis; John A. Lewis, Harkers Island; F. T. Garner, Newport; Walter Smith Atlantic; Ambrose Golden, Sea Level; J. A. Small, Newport; Lenister D. Lewis, Stacy; Walter M. Willis, Marshallberg; W. J. B. Skull, Newport; H. D. Chadwick, Straits; Chas. E. Owens, Beaufort; Charles Tolson, Morehead City; H. C. Jones, Beaufort; B. A. Felton, Beaufort; W. M. King, Beaufort.

#### IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCH

Arrangements for installing a heating system in Ann street Methodist church were made a few days ago. The contract for the work has been let to W. E. Skarfen and Company of Beaufort. Besides the heating plant other work on the Sundry School annex is now going forward.

## PROMINENT BEAUFORT MAN PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

A highly respected and popular citizen of Beaufort passed away last Sunday morning at 2 o'clock when death came to Mr. John Benders Jones. Mr. Jones had been in failing health for a year or more and his death was not unexpected but is generally regretted. He was a man of friendly disposition and honorable in his dealings with the people. He had been in the mercantile business here for many years and had a large acquaintanceship and many friends. Mr. Jones was 76 years old last September. He was married twice, the first time to Miss Hannah Delamar. Of this union there were several children. His last marriage was to Mrs. Elizabeth Chapin who survives him. The nearest surviving relatives are Mrs. C. R. Johnson and Miss Lillian Jones dau. and Messrs. J. B. Jones, Jr., and D. M. Jones sons of the deceased. Grandchildren are Thomas Jones, Mrs. Z. T. Chapell, Mrs. James Moon, Paul, Christopher, Eleanor, Calvin and David Jones and Charles and Frances Mansson.

The funeral services, which were attended by a large crowd took place at the residence of Miss Lillian Jones and her brother B. Jones Jr. The exercises were conducted by Reverend E. F. ... of Ann Street Methodist church. The interment was in ... cemetery. Out of town people for the funeral included Mr. Thomas Jones, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kafer and Miss Zadie Martin of New Bern. Mr. Ansel Chapin of Norfolk and Mr. William Jacobson of Washington.

## TRAWL FISHING MAY BE INTRODUCED HERE

A new departure in fishing that may revolutionize that industry was started in this vicinity on Monday. Trawl fishing such as is done on the New England coast, in the North sea and in various other parts of the earth will have a trial here. In fact it has already started.

State Fish Commissioner J. A. Nelson cooperating with Mr. Elmer Higgins and others of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries is superintending the experiment. The menhaden boat McIntosh has been secured and fitted out with the necessary gear. It is the intention of those in charge to cover all the fishing grounds between Beaufort inlet and the Gulf stream. The idea is to locate schools of fish if possible to demonstrate that trawl fishing can be done profitably in this country. A 90 foot otter trawl was secured from Boston and this has been used in the attempts. Some fish have been caught in the experiments but unfortunately yesterday the trawl appeared to be heavily loaded and it tore away and was lost. As soon as another net can be secured the experimental work will go ahead.

## MARRIAGE AT COURT-HOUSE

A surprise wedding took place in the office of the Superior clerk Tuesday when Miss Ruth Gillikin and Mr. Roosevelt Gillikin of Otway were joined in wedlock. Squire H. D. Norcom tied the knot. There was some disagreement about the wedding and when it was over the couple separated and went their respective ways.

## HOLD COUNTY COMMENCEMENT AT MOREHEAD CITY IN APRIL

The regular meeting of the county Board of Education was held at the courthouse Monday, all members being present. A motion was passed to hold the county commencement at Morehead City on April the 3rd. Messrs. Wade and Willis voted for Morehead City and Mr. Taylor voted against.

Messrs Borden Adams and Will Smith were appointed committeemen for the Broad Street school. Mr. Adams takes the place of the late J. Wesley Smith and Mr. Will Smith fills a vacancy that has existed for some time. The salary budget for county teachers as recommended by the County Superintendent was approved by the board. The Superintendent was authorized to buy a safe for the protection of records in the office.

## TOBACCO CO-OPS PAY FOR 2 CROPS

### Final Settlements Start Feb. 7 In East Belt—Will Close 2 More Pools Soon

(By S. D. Frissell)

Raleigh, Feb. 2nd—Complete settlement on two crops of tobacco will be made with members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in Eastern North Carolina next Saturday, February 7. The checks which will be issued to association members from the cooperative warehouses of the Eastern Belt will cover the last indebtedness of the association to its members there, on deliveries both of 1922 and of 1923 tobacco. The tobacco co-ops of South Carolina and the North Carolina border counties will be the next in line to receive their final payment on the crop of 1923 after next Saturday's settlement, having already received full payment on their 1922 deliveries some months ago. The final settlement by the association with its members in the South Carolina Belt is scheduled to take place on or before March 16, according to the announcement of the tobacco association's board of directors.

The tobacco farmers of the Old Bright Belt of Virginia and North Carolina who are members of the association will receive their final settlement on deliveries of the 1922 crop on or before March 16, and according to their directors, this settlement will be followed within forty days by payments on all grades of their 1923 tobacco which have been sold and paid for.

The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will be the first of the big American cooperative to make full settlement with its members on the 1923 crop of tobacco, as in the case of its members in Eastern Carolina this week and in South Carolina next month. The tri-state organization of tobacco farmers also shows the most successful sales record among the large tobacco marketing associations, having now sold all but 14,000,000 pounds of the 343,000,000 pounds of tobacco received during its first two seasons of operation. The largest deliveries of the entire season reached the cooperative warehouses during the week ending January 24, when the associated farmers delivered seven and a half million pounds of the weed in Virginia and North Carolina.

## PLANS NOW UNDER WAY FOR FINANCING ST. PAUL'S

The matter of the final disposition of St. Paul's School has been a subject of discussion and interest among Beaufort people for several months. As throwing some light on the subject the following from a recent issue of the Southern Churchman is quoted:

"A committee of clergy, laymen and lay women met in Goldsboro on Tuesday January 13th, at the call of Bishop Darst, to consider plans for financing St. Paul's School, Beaufort with a view to taking over the school as a diocesan institution. The committee decided to wage a campaign for pledges towards the maintenance of the school and agreed to present the matter to the diocesan convention for official action and sanction. The school is now conducted by Churchmen, but the Diocese has not yet seen its way clear to assume the financial responsibility for its operation. It had done and is doing a splendid work in educating young people who are underprivileged and who haven't the means to go to more expensive institutions. The above plan was cordially approved by the convention of the Diocese of East Carolina held in Kinston last week. It was decided to refer the matter of electing directors to the Executive Council. This body will take the matter up at its meeting which will probably be held some time in April.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Roosevelt Gillikin and Ruth Gillikin, of Otway.  
Claude V. Henderson and Helen May Garner of Newport.

## SUPERIOR COURT ENDED ON FRIDAY

### Considerable Number of Civil Actions Disposed Of. Judge Reduces Sentences of Two

Last week's term of Superior Court came to an end on Friday afternoon. Most of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were occupied with hearing civil matters. Several cases were tried and some were dismissed. The case wherein the will of Mrs. Florence Guthrie was contested occupied considerable of the court's time. It resulted in allowing the will to stand as it was written, that is most of Mrs. Guthrie's property went to the Methodist church and Methodist orphanage. Mr. A. D. Ward represented the husband before the court and contended the will was not valid. The case wherein the will of Mrs. Florence Guthrie was contested occupied considerable of the court's time. It resulted in allowing the will to stand as it was written, that is most of Mrs. Guthrie's property went to the Methodist church and Methodist orphanage. Mr. A. D. Ward represented the husband before the court and contended the will was not valid. The case wherein the will of Mrs. Florence Guthrie was contested occupied considerable of the court's time. It resulted in allowing the will to stand as it was written, that is most of Mrs. Guthrie's property went to the Methodist church and Methodist orphanage. Mr. A. D. Ward represented the husband before the court and contended the will was not valid.

The case of the Eastern Coal and Export Corporation against the town of Beaufort was taken up. In order to have the pleadings amended a mistrial was ordered. This was the case where the coal company is claiming that the town owes it a balance of \$801.93 on a coal contract made on the 16th of May 1921. Other cases disposed of were as follows: Charles E. Harrington versus J. Van B. Metts and F. B. Sellers, action dismissed and ordered that defendant pay into the court any amount due by State of N. C. to Sellers for work done at camp Glenn. Mannie Willis as next friend of Wilbur Willis versus Home Tel. and Tel. Company. Matter compromised by defendant paying Wilbur Willis \$500 for injuries sustained by Wilbur Willis.

Baltimore and Ohio R. R. versus Way Bros. Jury decided that defendant owed plaintiff \$68.97 and that plaintiff owed defendant \$144. Ordered that defendant recover the difference of \$75.03.

D. W. Morton Ad. versus Willie Turner and others. Ordered and adjudged that plaintiff is entitled to recovery of defendant damages with costs, such damages to be determined at subsequent term by jury.

Thomas and others versus Carteret county and others. It was ordered that trustees and commissioners, A. D. Ward and M. Leslie Davis, advertise and sell property. Consolidated Investment Company versus Levi T. Noe and Son; action dismissed and plaintiff to pay costs. Before leaving Judge Barnhill reduced the sentence of Joe Willis from 60 days in jail to 30 days and that of G. R. Anderson from twelve months on the roads to six months. Arthur Mason the negro boy convicted of second degree murder last week was taken to Raleigh Tuesday by Sheriff Wade.

## PEACH ORCHARDS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SPRAYED

All of the peach orchards in Carteret County should be given the combined treatment for brown rot, scab and curculio. This, of course, is to be given after the dormant and spraying, which should be given now if it hasn't been given already. Peaches should be sprayed at least three times and four times a year. The dormant spray is made up as follows; one gallon lime sulphur solution to seven gallons of water, applied before the buds begin to swell. The second spray should be given about one week after the petals have fallen. This spray is made up of self-boiled lime and arsenate of lead. The third spraying with self-boiled lime sulphur and arsenate of lead two weeks later or four to five weeks after the petals have been shed. The fourth spraying is made of self-boiled lime sulphur alone and is applied four to five weeks before the fruit ripens. Any one desiring information on the mixing and application of these sprays, may see or write the county agent.

HUGH OVERSTREET,  
County Agent.

Seventeen states are represented among the 53 members of the football squad of the University of Pennsylvania.

## DIVORCE BILL EASILY DEFEATED BY OPPOSITION

### Only Sixteen Voted For Mathews Bill. Mrs. Carrie Catt Speaks For Peace

MORRISON GETS WARMED UP

Beaufort News Bureau  
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(By R. E. POWELL)

Raleigh, Feb 4—Although it has been practically leaderless for the first thirty days of the session, the General Assembly, about to wind up its fifth week, is showing signs of being able to get out of the trenches before the winter is over. Governor McLean's mastery of the situation, obtained decisively in the \$20,000,000 road bill, will considerably help to make the sailing smooth from now on.

The fifth week has been a hectic one. Governor Morrison has been here and before the Finance committee to get it to reverse its finding—or the Budget Commission finding—of a \$9,500,000 deficit. The former executive is obsessed with the idea that there is a conspiracy going on "to exalt McLean and damn me." There is nothing of the kind: Raleigh and those folks here in attendance upon the legislature have been happy in the thought that a great governor could not retire quietly to private life.

And, too, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, foremost spokeswoman for the feminists, has been here. Mrs. Catt delivered a strikingly attractive address to the legislature, the burden of which was a plea for aroused public opinion to demand the world court which in her judgment, is a step toward the Wilson league of Nations. She is not partisan but in this orthodox country she delivered an orthodox Democratic speech.

## Slaughter Divorce Bill

The House got rid of one piece of proposed legislation almost without a struggle. The Mathews divorce bill, which was drawn to make two years separation ground for divorce, instead of five, had only sixteen champions when it came to a vote. It only got before the House on a minority report and it required but a little time to finish it. The Broughton bill, which would create a new cause for divorce—the lack of issue after two years marriage—of issue after two years marriage—has been consigned to the late Col. Swift Galloway's innocuous desuetude. The bill for increasing judicial districts to twenty seven is in the hands of a sub committee and general legislative opinion is that a compromise measure, to come from the committee, will provide for four circuit judges and no new solicitors. There is a determined effort on the part of the minority to cut the salary of the solicitors and some of the prosecutors are divided as to the proposal to pay them \$100 per week for working at special terms in districts other than their own.

Bus line regulation seems assured and it will be largely on the lines recommended by Chairman Frank Page of the State Highway Commission, who drew the bill which the owners and operators of several of the lines are trying to amend. Mr. Page and Revenue Commissioner Doughton both favor soaking the bus lines for six per cent of their earnings. This, and the bond the regulating powers will require, will put some of the small operators out of business.

## Propose Banking Commissioner

Representative Wade, from Wilmington, is the author of a bill to create the office of banking commissioner. This proposal, first recommended by Governor Morrison, is not backed by Governor McLean or any administration leaders in either the Senate or House. In fact, there is a positive tendency not to create any new offices now. Furthermore, there is a strong determination to provide for the lopping off of a number of State employees.

Senator Humphrey, of Wayne, is leading this battle. He has learned that there are many employees who have plenty of time to work cross-sylvania.