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## BEAUFORT BEHIND FIGURES SHOW IN SCHOOL BUILDING

### Investment Per Child Much Less Than In Several Other Communities

#### WOMEN FAVOR PROPOSITION

Interest in the proposed school bond election has not reached the acute stage as yet but considerable discussion is going on about the matter and the public will soon be considerably stirred up so some of the leaders think. Those who oppose the plan of building a high school on the Live Oak street lot say they are not against the school but are against the location and the amount of money involved. They say they are willing to build an addition to the old school building but are opposed to an entirely new building.

The women of the Community Club have gone on record in favor of the proposed high school building. At a meeting held a few days ago they passed a motion expressing their approval and pledging their support to the plan. They are expecting to take an active part in the campaign. The registration books will be opened Saturday at the city hall. Mr. Thos. S. Martin is the registrar. Letters bearing on the school question from Chairman U. E. Swann and Superintendent Pittman are printed below:

To The Citizens of Beaufort:

Comparisons are not always odious: they are sometimes illuminating. Below is a comparison of the investment various communities in the county have made in school buildings:

Morehead City, Buildings, \$150,000, Number of children 1,000, Per child \$150.

Newport, Buildings \$80,000, Number of children, 412, Per child \$194.

Camp Glenn Buildings, \$35,000, Number of children 130, Per child \$269.

Atlantic Buildings \$22,000, Number of children 250, Per child \$88.

Smyrna Buildings 20,000, Number of children 7, Per child?

Harkers Island, Buildings 11,000, Number of children 251, Per child \$43.

BEAUFORT, Buildings, 25,000, Number of children 1,000, Per child \$25.

From the above figures it is seen that Newport has approximately eight times as much per child invested as has Beaufort while Morehead City has exactly six times as much. The Harkers Island child has nearly two dollars behind him to provide him an adequate place to work where the Beaufort child has one. In investment per child, Beaufort stands at the foot of the list of important communities of the county.

If the amount a community is willing to invest in education is, in any sense, a measure of the seriousness of its purpose to see an opportunity to live fuller and more worthy lives than their parents, then our community ranks lowest of all communities in the county in this worthy ambition.

The opportunity is at hand for you as voters of this community, to determine whether or not Beaufort children are as valuable in the sight of Beaufort parents as Harkers Island children are in the sight of Harkers Island parents.

March 17th is the date. Very truly yours, C. W. E. PITTMAN.

#### A Call To The Forward Looking Citizens of Beaufort

Do you love your children? Do they have a right to an equal chance in life with other young people of our State? Do you believe, for a moment, that your child will ever regret that you voted bonds that he or she might have an education?

This is an important hour in the history of Beaufort.

We have spent much money for improvements. Some people think some of it has been spent unwisely. This may be true, but we must not let this stand in the way of educating our children. What have you accomplished in the world as a human

## COUNTY BOARD SELLS ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS

All outstanding indebtedness of Carteret county in the way of short time notes is to be taken up as a result of action of the board of Commissioners yesterday. At a special meeting of the board 1-2 percent bonds to the value of \$150,000 were sold and this will be used for funding the county's debts. Several buyers were present yesterday and the bonds were distributed among several firms. The sale of the bonds was not advertised and in order to avoid this requirement a bill will be put through the legislature validating them. The bonds brought a premium of \$3315.

The bonds sold by the commissioners are known as road and bridge but they are to pay for roads and bridges built by other boards for the most part. The proceeds are not to be used in any new work. The News learns that it is the purpose of the board after paying off the county's debts, to hold expenditures strictly to the amount of receipts. They do not propose to spend any more during the year than the county receives and therefore will not increase the total indebtedness.

## EARLY CRABS GET CAUGHT.

The warm weather that has prevailed for a week or so has evidently convinced the crabs that Spring is at hand. Several lots have been brought in by fishermen this week. While fishing in North River yesterday Captain Vernon Styron caught five or six dozen crabs which he brought back to town. It is too early for soft crabs yet but in a few weeks from now they will begin to come on the market.

## CHARLES VERON SMITH PASSES AWAY

A crowd that practically filled Ann street Methodist church was present Monday afternoon for the funeral services over the remains of the late Charles V. Smith. Mr. Smith died Sunday at about midday. He had been in bad health for a year or more suffering from kidney trouble, but pneumonia was the immediate cause of death. He was 58 years of age and had lived in Beaufort all of his life and had many friends here. The funeral services which were very impressive were conducted by Reverend E. Frank Lee and a special choir sang several appropriate selections. The interment was in Ocean View cemetery. Surviving the deceased are his widow Mrs. Clyde Smith, two sons, Charles P. and Lance Maxwell and a daughter Mrs. Merrill.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

R. B. King, Smithfield, Va., and Bessie Ricks of Beaufort. Donald Mason and Hazel Harrell of Morehead City. Thos. Gilgo of Portsmouth and Lucy May Beacham of Beaufort. Robert C. Garner and Lora W. Garner of Newport R. F. D. 1. Willie Respass Morehead City, and Lillie M. Monroe, Mansfield.

## MANY OFFENDERS TRIED IN MAYOR'S COURT

An unusually large number of transgressors of the law faced Mayor Thomas in his court Monday afternoon and sentences of more than usual severity were imposed upon some of them. As a result of the trial the city treasury will be considerably replenished or there will be several additions to the street cleaning force. The following named were tried: Aleck Smith (colored) of North River driving car without lights, \$25 and costs.

Jesse Wilson (colored) fighting, \$50 fine or 30 days on the streets.

George Bailey (colored) stealing chickens, \$50 fine or 30 days on streets.

Will Mason, drunkenness, \$50 fine or 30 days on these streets.

Brady Gillikin, drunk and disorderly, \$50 or 30 days on streets.

Varnie Dixon, drunk and disorderly, \$50 or 30 days.

James Harris, fighting, \$50 or 30 days, appealed.

Frank Ross, failing to stop car at corner, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

## MAY START WORK AT CAPE AGAIN

### Letter From District Engineer Indicates Million Dollars May Be Spent

As readers of the News are aware the Federal government has spent a large sum of money at Cape Lookout in building a breakwater there. The object of this expenditure was to create a harbor of refuge for ships in time of storm. Although the work was stopped during the war and is not much more than half finished considerable benefit was done to the harbor and many ships have used it in bad weather.

There seems to be a possibility that work on the breakwater at the cape may be renewed. This is indicated by a letter recently received by the local Chamber of Commerce from Major O. O. Kuentz. The letter reads:

"Gentlemen:

This office has under consideration the completion of the harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout, N. C., by means of the construction of a considerable extension to the present breakwater. It is desired to know whether the expenditure of perhaps \$1,000,000. would be warranted at this time. It is known, of course, that the harbor is being extensively used for all types, throughout the year. In order to permit this office to obtain a definite idea as to the value to shipping of the new construction under contemplation, it is requested that you state your position in the matter, mentioning any advantages accruing to you: shipping, or to shipping in general, and giving possible estimated increased tonnage, if any. Any other pertinent facts of figures will be appreciated.

Yours very truly, OSCAR O. KUENTZ, Major, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DRIVE

The Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Mr. D. M. Jones, head of the Membership Committee will make a drive next Tuesday February 17th for new members. Different committees will be formed in order that the town may be thoroughly covered, each committee will be given a certain section to work. The Chamber has been recently reorganized and expects to get down to business at once. They hope to line up every business man in town besides individuals. They want the support of the entire community. There is considerable work for the Chamber of Commerce, states Mr. Jones, and of course it takes money to accomplish anything.

## NEWS BUTCHER ANDERSON IS OUT OF JAIL

J. R. Anderson the news butcher convicted at the last term of Superior Court of selling whiskey and sentenced to the roads for twelve months will not have to serve his sentence. Craven county refused to take him on their roads and as it would cost the county considerable to keep him in jail the commissioners decided to ask Judge Barnhill to let him go. Anderson paid the costs in the case and left these parts one day last week.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

S. W. Carville to N. R. Webb lots 1 to 16 included in Morehead City, consideration \$10.

Guy Tripp and wife to N. R. Webb lots 14 and 15 in Morehead City Block 19, consideration \$200.

Beaufort Cemetery Association to David Godwin, lot No. 103 Block 1, Ocean View Cemetery, Beaufort.

W. H. Guthrie and wife to James C. Lewis 3 acres in Smyrna Township, consideration \$75.

Van B. Willis and wife to James C. Lewis 3 acres in Smyrna Township, consideration \$100.

R. E. Garner and wife to Wm. H. Bell town lot No. 1, Newport, N. C., consideration \$150.

## SCHOOL BUILDING NOW TOO SMALL

### Increased Population Makes New Building Necessary

#### High School Pupil Declares To The Citizens of Our Town:

In the course of all human events it sooner or later becomes necessary to expand. Why? On account of growth and the increase of population. For this same reason and because of no forethought on the part of the people who planned our present building, it now becomes necessary to do one of two things:

1. Build a new building.
2. Add to the old one, or
3. Push half of the children out of school or into old wornout places far enough away from the present building to almost knock it out of what few conveniences we have.

Taking the problem or adding to the old building: The auditorium is entirely too small. If we add to the building will it enlarge the auditorium? No. Architects and contractors have been consulted and they say that it is not advisable to add to the building. No definite benefit can be gotten from it and it would hardly be less expensive than a new building in the long run.

Citizens, we, the pupils of the B. H. S., the future citizens of Beaufort, put up this plea. You cannot possibly see as we do how it would help. We know. We have to spend the larger part of our time in the school. It is our home the largest part of the day.

Some people may say that the High School is better off than the Grammar Grades. That we have not been put into old buildings like the Masonic Hall. People, do you remember how the eighth grade, present Freshmen of B. H. S. spent three years of the schooling in Town Hall? How the Sophomores spent two years there? Then can you say that the High School has not been pushed out of its place?

Some people in town and country do not know why we need a new building because they do not know what a Modern High School needs. They think that the present High School has all of the courses and class rooms it needs. But do they know? We have four High School class rooms. In those four rooms every class that we have must be given. We need a laboratory to complete our Science course. A room large enough to call a laboratory could not be found. A quarter of the auditorium had to be curtained off and the remainder we still call the "Auditorium" but is a pitiful specimen of such when you see the whole school trying to get in at one time.

Citizens, come forward! Boost the movement that is coming March 17th. Vote for the bonds. Give your boys and girls a High School to be proud of and one worthy of them. COME AND VOTE FOR US.

Respectfully yours, VIRGINIA HOWE.

## STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS BRING GOOD PREMIUM

The credit of the town of Beaufort appears to still be in very good shape, at any rate there is good demand for the town's bonds. Last Saturday at noon when bids were opened for the \$75,000 streets improvement bonds there were seventeen bids for them. It was decided by the board to put the bonds up at auction and sell to the highest bidder. This resulted in the sale of the bonds for \$77,085.00. C. W. McNear and Company of Toledo, Ohio were the successful bidders. Other high bids were as follows:

Breed, Elliott & Harrison \$76,950.00.

Caldwell & Company—\$77,075.00.

Beaufort Banking & Trust Co.—\$77,072.50.

Drake Jones—\$77,080.00.

The bonds are six percent serial bonds and are to be retired in full by 1945.

Miss Alethia Felton of the Newport public school faculty is here spending a few days.

## ELECTRIC POWER GROWS RAPIDLY

### Provision Has Been Made For Ten Million Dollars In New Investments

#### Raleigh, N. C. Feb 9th (Special).

The electrical power industry of North Carolina in 1924 made provision for more than \$10,000,000.00 new investments, according to the report of the Corporation Commission just off the press. Still further and greater expansions now in process of development also are noted. "This continues to be one of the State's greatest developments," says the letter of transmittal accompanying the report, which adds that there are now in excess of 2,000 miles of high power transmission lines within the borders of the State. With all the expansion during the year the Commission reports that they "are very little more than able to keep pace with the demand."

The significance of the more than \$10,000,000.00 increase in electric power investments was the subject of comment at the offices of the Commission today.

"At present, while we are more or less depressed at disclosures of the State's financial affairs," it was said, "it is well to note the growth of this valuable industry. Electric power is not only an industry in itself but an agency producing other industries. It is both a product of the manufacture and a wealth-producing product. The greater the electric power output, the greater the output of other manufactured products."

"It will be recalled that in our report last year the Commission said, regarding the growth of the electric power industry: 'This has made possible the location in North Carolina a total of 6,264 manufacturing plants within an invested capital of \$916,039,159, with an annual output of manufacturing products valued at \$758,732,141, with 185,295 employees.'

"So, keeping in mind this more than ten million increase in a wealth-producing industry all within a year, there is reason to cheer up."

In submitting its report the Commission makes this comment: "The cities and towns of the State have found that with available power for industrial purposes, it is possible for them to invite industrial enterprises within their limits that would otherwise be impossible."

"This fact makes additional investment in these utilities attractive and there are several propositions now under consideration for extensive additional development. Because of the State's general industrial development being so dependent upon the adequate development of this industry, we have striven to make it as easy for our utilities to obtain money for investment in additional facilities and extensions as utilities in other jurisdictions."

"There are more than 250 cities, towns and villages with electric light service and a census of 120 of these shows 101,303 customers, of which approximately one-fifth are industrial and four-fifths residential customers. Therefore, basing the using population upon the U. S. census average family of five, the number is 400,000, and it probably exceeds this amount sufficiently to equal one-sixth of the State's population."

## OPENING UP GORDON STREET.

At an adjourned meeting of the board of city commissioners held Monday night a week ago a decision was reached to open up Gordon street between Cedar and Live Oak, a distance of one block. The street cuts off a part of the lots of J. D. Guthrie and W. T. Lewis. A sidewalk was ordered to be put on the east side of the block. Commissioners Noe and Smith voted against the proposition and Commissioners Parkin, Wheatly and Whitehurst voted for it.

## BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Truitt last Sunday evening. The infant has been named Carol Neal.

## SALES TAX MAY BE ENACTED TO PROVIDE REVENUE

### Governor Opposed To Ad Valorem Tax. Josiah Bailey Has Stirred Up Some Trouble

#### INVESTIGATE DEPARTMENTS

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(By R. E. POWELL)

Raleigh, Feb 11—Just as we start to press with this letter, the news comes that the Finance committee, or its sub-committee rather, has definitely decided as a last resort to recommend to the legislature the adoption of the sales-luxury-nuisance tax and, in the language of the editor of the Rhamkate Roaster, the committee has opened a veritable Pandora's box of taxation troubles.

The situation, as members of the committee explain it, is this: In order to provide fourteen millions in revenue for the next fiscal year, the legislature must either put on a sales tax, cut sharply the appropriations which have been recommended by the budget commission for the institutions and departments or, finally, return to the ad valorem tax.

Although there is a vigorous opposition against it, it is more likely the sales tax will be adopted than it is that the legislature will return to the ad valorem tax. Governor McLean is understood to be both against returning to an ad valorem tax and also the imposition of a sales tax but he regards the return to an ad valorem tax a violation of the party's pledge and he said in his inaugural that the State must not resort to it.

#### Four Cents on Cigarettes

The tentative agreement is for a tax of four cents on each package of twenty cigarettes and two cents on each package of ten. When this proposal comes to the committee on the whole, which is the entire House membership resolved into a committee to consider the revenue bill, there will be additional proposals, including one to make the tax one and two cents on cigarettes. Other items suggested include:

A sales luxury tax on soft drinks, bottled and at the fountain;

A sales tax on cigars, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco and snuff.

The cigarette tax is regarded by many members as a piece of rank discrimination against some men smokers and not a few women smokers.

A tax of \$1.00 per bale on all cotton ginned in the State. This tax, it is estimated, will yield approximately \$1,000,000 per year. There is some disposition to seriously press it.

In view of the administration note of economy, there will be a powerful effort made to avoid levying either of these taxes and this school of thought, well represented in the House and Senate, will make a stab at further cutting the appropriations for the schools, universities and State departments. Events of this week have stimulated the purpose of some members to make a vigorous fight for cutting the appropriations to the University of North Carolina, to State College and the North Carolina College for Women.

#### Darwinism is in Bad

Until the hearing on Mr. Pool's bill to prevent the teaching of "Darwinism," or any hypotheses linking man to the lower animals, in schools or universities which receive State funds there was no direct fight on the University. But when the bill was up for a hearing Dr. Chase, president of the University, in the name of "human liberty" opposed it. So did members of the faculty of State College.

The stand of these gentlemen will be heartily approved by those who do not think it is necessary to re-enforce the Bible. But they played a bad game of politics. There are many members of the legislature who think the late Mr. Darwin and the other scientists were either proficients or imps of His Satanic Majesty. It is impossible to classify what many of them pretend to think. They

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