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## MOVEMENT STARTS FOR ORGANIZING TRUCK GROWERS

### Preliminary Meeting At Morehead City. All of Southeast Section to be Included

A meeting is to be held in Morehead City tonight, Thursday, which is one of the first steps in a movement that looks to the organization of the truck growers of Carteret county. In fact this is part of a general scheme to organize the truck growing business in all of southeastern North Carolina. There will be a county association with as many locals as are needed. The meeting tonight is to discuss and formulate plans for organization. Representatives of the State Department of Agriculture will be present. County Agent Overstreet and several others from Beaufort expect to attend the meeting.

The movement now underway is to organize the truck products of eastern Carolina by districts so that the sale of these products from these districts will be facilitated and put on an economical basis by providing steady business in paying volume for national distribution throughout the entire year and, at the same time, to eliminate uneconomical seasonal competition between the production from different districts within the same territory.

The territory included in this scheme is bounded by a line commencing on the coast at Beaufort, and running thence to Bayboro, to New Bern, to Kinston, to Goldsboro, to Smithfield, to Fayetteville, to Laurinburg, to the South Carolina line and thence down the coast and northward along the coast to Beaufort.

There will most likely be formed eight local cooperative associations, following the method of organization of the Wilmington Truck Growers Cooperative Association, with one central organization made up of locals. Each organization will operate under a charter and by-laws. They will sell their produce the first year through the same distributor and will enroll their members under the same form of contract. The various contracts between the proposed associations and the distributors will be the same employed by the Wilmington Association.

The organized territory will be divided into districts. Any fruit or vegetable which is produced in sufficient volume in any area to be profitably handled under contract, either by itself or together with other products marketed at the same time, will be included in the contract. Crops produced in the district in insufficient volume to be handled profitably under contract will be handled as far as possible along with the contract crops in the same manner as is now being employed by the Wilmington Association. The service charge made by the distributor for selling non-contract crops from any district will be the same charge as is made for handling the same crop in districts where the crop is on a contract basis, wherever possible.

Ultimately all organization should be formed into a Federation with a view to organized buying and selling for the entire group from one central headquarters. For the present, however, each association is to be a strictly independent unit, identified with the others only in the employment of a common distributor.

It is expected that such associations will be formed at Chadbourn, Clarkton, Wilmington, Wallace, Warsaw, New Bern, Mt. Olive, Beaufort and Kinston.

### Marketing Association

#### Formed at New Bern

Following the plan mapped out at the general meeting for organizing the trucking industries of the east along marketing lines a group of farmers from Craven and nearby counties met at New Bern Wednesday, February 4th, to discuss cooperative marketing and the idea of Mr. G. R. Foulke, representing the North Carolina Division of Markets, discussed the principles of cooperative marketing and its application to the development of the trucking industry. (Continued on page four)

## DR. DAVIS DISCUSSES MATTERS OF INTEREST

Editor of the News:

In your last week's issue giving an account of a special meeting of the county commissioners you state they sold \$150,000 of bonds at private sale to pay only the deficit in the county expenses—no new work to be done out of this money. Also, you stated they were going to keep the county expense within its income from now on.

If I get the figures near correct this county now owes \$1,000,000 and the interest on that at 5 percent is \$50,000. The taxes as assessed by the last board was about \$227,000. Of this \$127,000 goes to the schools, leaving \$100,000 to pay all other county expenses. Take from this \$50,000 for interest on the bonded debt and we have about \$50,000 left to pay for roads, bridges, county home, dipping vats, etc. Does any man that has been in the county 6 months believe the county can be run within its income without doubling the taxes.

No one believes, or intimates, that the previous board misapplied any funds but the record shows that it took about \$200,000 per year to run the county and they collected less than one half of that amount. Is there any evidence that the present board is reducing any expense? Certainly in road and bridge work there is no evidence of it and we hear of no ones salary being reduced.

In the face of these facts in your same issue is several appeals for another \$100,000 bond issue for Beaufort graded school. About 4 years ago this county employed a high priced superintendent of schools and launched a campaign for consolidation by issuing special school bonds. In many of the districts there were several so called brick school buildings put up in the eastern end of the county. These buildings were one layer of brick on the outside of sap framing. This brick veneer weets through in every hard driving rain so that the plastering is all discolored and falling off in places. Most of the roofs leak and some have already had to be repaired. One of these buildings (Atlantic) was wired for electricity and the state inspector condemned it and it is now being re-wired. Long before the bonds are paid the repairs to these buildings will cost more than the original cost or they will be unfit for use. The people of this eastern section of the county live in neighborhoods so located that there is enough children in each neighborhood to constitute a high school and all with walking distance of school but under this plan of consolidation all pupils above sixth grade are to be hauled to some high school and only the lower grades taught in the local schools. In locating these high schools some strange influence seemed to control as the same rule did not apply to all alike. The cost of trucks and upkeep would pay a high school teacher in each neighborhood and certainly the children would get fully as good advantages as they now do.

For 30 years I have tried to keep fairly well posted and have watched political and social changes in the eastern part of this state pretty closely and I have to say that the consolidated school system as managed in Carteret county in the past four years, has savored more of political extravagance, incompetency, inefficiency and graft than anything that has ever come under my observation.

Now, with the county in the financial condition it is; with the same officials to handle the next bond issues; with the county more heavily bonded per capita than any other county in the state; with our public school system dependent on the charity fund of the state, would it not be wise to call a halt and have an accounting before adding on more bonds.

We may be able to pay for fanciful articles in the papers showing imaginary wealth but these do not satisfy the tax collector. In my 15 years residence in the county her greatest increase has been in bonded debts and tax and mortgage sales. If these make a prosperous and progressive county then we certainly have it.

Yours truly,  
J. J. DAVIS.

## FLOYD COLLINS LEFT IN CAVE

### Body Left Where It Was Found Sixty Feet Underground. Services Held

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 17—On the hill above Sand cave this afternoon his family and friends held a funeral service for Floyd Collins. There was no casket; no corpse; no grave, and no marker.

Sixty feet underground in the Sand cave trap which closed upon him 18 days ago, lay the body of Collins, discovered a few days too late by the rescuers. Rather than risk the lives of any of the tireless volunteers, his family chose to leave him in the cave for his last sleep.

Physicians, his friends and officials of the rescue party crept down into his narrow tomb today to gather the legal evidence that Floyd was buried there and that he was dead. None of his family could take a last look, but the thought that Collins would have chosen such a spot, among his beloved caves, comforted them.

**Aged Parents Side by Side**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collins were there, silent in the last earthly rites for their son. The aged couple sat side by side in small chairs near the edge of the same limestone ledge under which Sand cave disappears.

Behind them, grouped on large boulders overlooking the valley below, were a dozen members of a choir gathered from among residents of Cave City. Mr. and Mrs. Collins listened with bowed heads while strains of "Nearer My God to Thee" drifted over the hill as the service opened.

The aged father looked often toward the mouth of Sand cave 125 feet away as the words, "Like the Wanderer, the Sun gone Down," floated away in the distance. Sand cave, naked in the absence of its sheltering canopy, yawned silently.

Rev. Roy Biser, of Glasgow, a neighboring community, climbed to a stump to open a scriptural service and a motion picture camera started to whirl. At the outer fringe of the group stood a sentinel with his rifle. Huge rocks were the benches of the outdoor chapel.

Men who had spent days in the struggle, unshaved and muddy in appearance, bared their heads in the chilling air. The prayer was offered. The little gathering of 150 men and women heard the Rev. Mr. Biser tell them they were "standing on this precipice in the midst of death" and listened to him give thanks "for the brotherhood of man as manifested by those who have risked their lives on this site."

### BEGGAR COMES TO TOWN.

Beaufort very seldom sees tramps or professional beggars. It is too far away from the main avenues of travel for these gentry. Occasionally one comes in and as a rule has very good pickings. A young man who looked as if he could make a living if he tried and who was well dressed was in town today and seemed to be having pretty good luck with his collections. He probably picked up \$15 or \$20 in between trains which is more than a good many people in Beaufort have made today.

### BOGUS MONEY.

Mr. W. Lewis, who runs a store on Broad street near the corner of Queen, was victimized Saturday night by some one to the extent of a dollar. A piece of paper that looked somewhat like a dollar bill was taken in for some merchandise. The paper was a coupon issued by the Brunswick and Albany railroad on March 4th, 1871 and was good for one dollar then but probably is not worth much now except as a curiosity.

### DR. DUNCAN IMPROVES.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Duncan left for Washington, D. C. this afternoon to visit their daughter Mrs. Bryant C. Brown. The trip is necessitated by the recent illness of Dr. Duncan who regrets to be away from his practice but who will return in a few weeks.

## VESSELS WILL LEAVE SOON FOR CUBA.

The Sea Scamp and the Pilgrim, two vessels that were first built for yachting purposes, will soon be taken from this harbor to Florida ports where they will be offered for sale. The Pilgrim was originally built as a contender in the famous Shamrock races but did not make the grade and was sold. For several years past she has been owned by the Beaufort Fish Scrap and Oil Company and used for fishing. The Sea Scamp is a very pretty two masted yacht with auxiliary engine. She went ashore at Cape Lookout two years ago and was salvaged by the crews of the George D. Balster and the W. B. Blades. In the settlement with the insurance company the vessel was acquired by Mr. W. B. Blades. While away the vessels, or one of them at any rate, will probably go to Cuba and possibly to the Bahama Islands. Those who expect to go from Beaufort are Messrs. Harry M. Parkin, Buck Parkin, Jack Parkin, R. M. Lewis, Jack Sewell, H. C. Jones. Mr. Blades will go by rail and meet the boats at Miami.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week.

T. D. Dixon et al to David T. Dixon tract in Morehead Township, consideration \$50.

J. F. Duncan to C. R. Wheatly tract in Beaufort township, consideration \$10.

T. M. Thomas Trustee to Defiance Box Company, tract in Beaufort Township, consideration \$456.

Pamlico Land and Development Co., to C. N. Newlin, 3515 acres in Newport Township, consideration \$1.

J. L. Garner and wife to R. E. Garner and wife a tract in Newport Township, consideration \$100.

Oscar Salter and wife to Hugh Pake and wife 22 acres in Smyrna Township, consideration \$500.

Chas. S. Davis and wife to C. K. Howe, tract in Smyrna Township, consideration \$250.

D. J. Lawrence to W. L. Gillikin tract in Straits Township, consideration \$700.

Cape Lookout Development Co., to R. L. Hooper lot 6 in block 41 Harkers Island Township, consideration \$100.

## CATTLE DIPPING WILL START SOON

Eradication of cattle ticks in Carteret county will begin in earnest now very shortly. The work of building the dipping vats which has been in progress now for several weeks is about finished and dipping will start about the 10th of March according to Mr. S. H. Still of the U. S. Department of Agriculture who is looking after the work. Notices will be sent to owners of cattle as to the time dipping about the first of the month. Building the vats has been a considerable expense to the county but the authorities say that in the long run it will prove a good investment.

## SUBJECTS OF SERMONS.

The pastor, Reverend E. Frank Lee, announces as his subjects for next Sunday at the Ann St. Methodist church the following: At 11 A. M. "Going The Second Mile." At 7 P. M. "If Every Member of the Church Were a Member Just Like Me What Sort of Church Would My Church Be?"

The public is cordially invited to these services.

## AFTER GAME LAW BREAKERS

William L. Birsch of Norfolk, Va., was in the county last week looking out for violations of the Federal game laws. He is a Federal game warden. Albert Murphy of Davis was brought to Beaufort Friday by Warden Birsch and tried by U. S. Commissioner C. H. Bushall on the charge of shooting ducks out of season. He submitted to the charge and was bound over to Federal court under a bond of \$100. Mr. Birsch went to the eastern part of the county again on Saturday hunting up more evidence of game law violations.

## STATE NEWS

Former Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper and his brother Thos. E. Cooper were convicted last Saturday of bank frauds in the Federal court. Thos. Cooper was sentenced by Judge Rose to the penitentiary for three years and W. B. Cooper got 18 months. Both men have appealed. Thos. Cooper could not give bond and is in confinement.

A tragic affair occurred in Wilkes county Sunday afternoon when Irvin Shepherd aged 20 shot and killed Chester Wyatt thirteen years old. Both boys had been drinking and after a short quarrel the Shepherd youth drew a pistol from his pocket and fired.

Announcement has been made that a new textile plant is to be built at Shelby. The new enterprise is capitalized for half a million dollars. Work is also being pushed on another new cotton mill which was started some time ago.

Gurley Bundy is in the sanatorium at Lumberton where he was taken when he was cut by his wife. Mrs. Bundy shot at her husband five times but failing to hit the mark she took a knife and cut him seriously. Jealousy was the cause of the trouble.

For failure to pay his wife alimony John Mitchell, a Greek of Winston-Salem, was arrested recently and will have to serve a sentence of two years on the roads.

The Grey Hosiery Mills at Hendersonville have ordered equipment and building material and will double the capacity of the mill as soon as possible. The output of the plant will be increased 1500 dozen hose a day.

Two shooting affrays occurred in Alleghany county last Tuesday in which one man was killed and Mr. Andy Brooks and his wife were mortally wounded. Ben Caudle the man killed was shot by a cousin of his named Caudle. It is thought that Brooks shot his wife and then killed himself.

Joel Spencer a young white man from Southport was arrested in Charlotte Sunday on the charge of assaulting and robbing Charles E. Whisnant. Spencer and another man who escaped attacked Whisnant and took \$800 which he was going to use to pay off some employees of the Ather-ton Mills.

Thomas I. Watson of Greensboro shot and instantly killed Joseph E. McDonald of the same city in a hotel in Charlotte Sunday night. Detectives had trailed McDonald and Mrs. Watson to a hotel and they were found occupying a room together. Mrs. Watson and her husband are now both in jail in Charlotte awaiting trial.

Last Saturday night a band of masked men and women in Wilkes county took a woman named Maggie Adams and beat her severely. The woman is the mother of two illegitimate children and had charged a man named Greely Parsons with being the father of them. Parsons was present when the whipping took place.

Plans are being prepared to build a twelve story hotel building in Greensboro. The Greensboro Banking and Trust Company is to erect the building and will use part of it for banking quarters. It will cost approximately three quarters of a million.

Murphy is assured of a canning factory according to an announcement from there. Arrangements have been made with the farmers around there to supply sufficient tomatoes to make the enterprise profitable.

## MRS. DAVIS IS IMPROVING.

Mrs. Roland Davis who has been in the hospital in Morehead City for several days and has been quite sick is making progress towards recovery. An infant child born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis died at birth.

## DRIVE SECURES NEW MEMBERSHIPS

### Chamber of Commerce Gets Good Start. Cape Lookout Project Endorsed

If joining the organization is an indication of interest the Chamber of Commerce is now starting upon one of its most successful years. Probably never before in its history have so many memberships been taken on short notice. With a few hours work yesterday and Tuesday Messrs. D. M. Jones and J. P. Betts secured with no great difficulty sixty or more memberships; very few who were approached having refused to join. Other memberships will be secured very soon.

It is the purpose of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce to put forth every effort this year to accomplish something worth while for Beaufort and Carteret county. Information concerning Cape Lookout harbor has been prepared for the War Department and the proposition to spend a million dollars for the purpose of finishing the breakwater has been endorsed. Due largely to the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce last year an appropriation of \$9500 for a breakwater in Beaufort harbor has been added to the rivers and harbors bill. Deepening of channels and other improvements will be sought by the organization this year. The Chamber of Commerce will try to help in the organization of a cooperative marketing association for the truck growers of the county and will work in every way to advance the agricultural interest of this section.

The list of members obtained this week is as follows:

W. E. Skarren & Co., Inlet Inn, Seabreeze Theater, North State Covering Co., C. S. Maxwell, Hancock-Huntley Co., Carteret Broadcast Co., Hugh Overstreet, Julian Hamilton, C. W. E. Pittman, I. E. Ramsey, C. C. Guthrie, R. W. Jernigan, Beaufort Drug Co., W. G. Mebane, F. R. Seeley, Carteret Lumber Co., J. P. Betts, C. K. Howe, Cape Lookout Development Co., D. M. Jones Co., Bank of Beaufort, L. T. Noe & Son, R. B. Wheatly, E. B. Whitehurst, Paul's Garage, Hancock & Davis, C. H. Bushall, Davis House, J. T. Beveridge, J. O. Barbour, E. F. Barbour, Beaufort Machine Shop, S. W. Davis & Bros., B. A. Bell, C. D. Jones Est., Joseph House, Gaskill-Mace Co., Bayard Taylor, Beaufort Grocery Co., Davis Bros., Guthrie-Bell Co., I. N. Moore, R. Felton & Son, C. P. Tyler, W. P. Smith, H. M. Hendrix, C. A. Clawson, F. L. King, Beaufort Motor Co., G. W. Duncan, J. W. Hamilton, D. W. Morton, M. L. Wright, W. L. Stancil, Willis Seafood Co., W. O. Williams, S. D. Ford.

## Senator Simmons Secures Appropriation For Breakwater

On last Friday the Chamber of Commerce received a telegram from Senator Simmons' secretary, Frank A. Hampton, to the effect that the appropriation for the Beaufort breakwater has been secured. It seems that Mr. Simmons was able to get the Senate Committee on Commerce to accept an amendment to the Rivers and Harbors bill adding \$950,000 for the breakwater.

The object of the proposed breakwater which extends from Bird shoal to the eastern end of Town Marsh is to keep the harbor channels open for navigation. Sand brought in by the tidal currents fills up the channels and makes dredging necessary at frequent intervals. Engineers think that the breakwater will remedy this condition to a very great extent and have recommended that the breakwater be built. The local Chamber of Commerce has been at work on this matter for a year or so and has had the assistance of Representative Abnerethy and Senator Simmons in getting the appropriation.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Only one license to wed was issued by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton during the past week. It was to Blakeley S. Pond and Effie Davis of Davis.