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Economy The Slogan Of General Assembly

Taxes Were Raised To Take Care Of The Ten Million Deficit.
Governor McLean Succeeded In Having Twenty Three
Measures Enacted Into Law

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(By R. E. POWELL)

Raleigh, Mar. 11th—A legislature that in many respects has been epoch making has gone home where the members expect to be applauded for their conduct during the past sixty days. Undoubtedly they will be. Every reflex of public sentiment, which has come to Raleigh from the precincts far and near, indicates that the State at large liberally approves what this general assembly has done. The body adjourned Tuesday night at 11:30 o'clock.

It has been an unusual body in that it has added little to the burdens of the tax payers and yet, anomalous as the thing seems, taxes in the revenue bill which it passed have been raised fifty per cent. But then there's a \$10,000,000 deficit which the McLean administration inherited when it came into power.

Most every move that it has made has been in the direction of economy. Not all of them may pan out exactly as the governor and the legislature hope for but many of them will show a reduction in the operating cost of the State government.

It will take some weeks yet to appraise the work of the law makers and it may be months before the State knows whether, in a zealous effort to inaugurate economies of administration, it has not brought on conflicts. Safeguards, however, against such mishaps have been attempted and when the fiscal year begins on July 1 next a real, honest-to-goodness business administration will get under way.

Every Measure Adopted

Every single one of the twenty three major measures proposed by Governor McLean to the General Assembly were enacted into law and practically every one of the number without opposition in either branch of the General Assembly. The one piece of legislation which His Excellency mentioned in his inaugural, a bill to provide for the creation of a board of pardons, was withdrawn on the governor's own motion and against the advice of its champions in the House. There was a flaw in the bill which the governor did not feel he had time to cure before adjournment and he insisted on withdrawing it.

In the meantime, however, he expects much of the burden of pardon cases to be taken off his shoulders by a pardon attorney, the appointment of which was authorized by the legislature. He declared yesterday that he had not been able to give sufficient consideration to this matter to say who would be appointed.

In place of Judge J. Lloyd Horton, of Farmville, who resigned while holding court in Wilmington this week, Governor McLean promptly named Albion Dunn, well known Greenville lawyer.

Makes Other Appointments

The appointment was made almost instantaneously and was followed by the sending to the Senate of the names of the members of the enlarged prison board. Chairman Jas. A. Leake, of Wadesboro, and Richard M. Chatam, of Elkin, were re-appointed on the prison board and the new members are Henry K. Burgwyn, of Jackson; A. E. White, of Lumberton; John M. Brewer, of Wake Forest; Preston Wilson, of Warsaw, and Ben E. Everett, of Palmyra.

Governor McLean said this afternoon that the increased activity of the prison made a larger board necessary to the more business like functioning. It is his purpose to ask the chairman to divide the board into committees of two members so that supervision of the Central prison, of the two prison farms and of the new program for adding industry at the prison.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

W. L. Willis and wife to County Board of Education, tract in Smyrna Township, consideration \$1466.66.
C. C. Piner and wife to Jessie Piner, tract in Smyrna Township, consideration \$75.
C. C. Piner and wife to Jesse Piner, tract in Smyrna Township, consideration \$75.
Chas. Hancock and wife to F. E. Willson lot 65 in Beaufort Heights, consideration \$125.
Geo. C. Womans and wife to F. E. Willson lot 23 in Beaufort Heights, consideration \$425.
W. L. Stancil to Willis Sea food Co., tract in town of Beaufort, consideration \$25.
Jno. G. Cox and wife to R. T. Allen et al 1-24 tract in White Oak Township, consideration \$10.
E. J. Becton and wife to D. W. Winbourne 1-24 tract in White Oak Township, consideration \$250.
W. B. Gains and wife to Clem L. Garner, tract in Newport Township, consideration \$10.
Clem L. Garner and wife to W. B. Garner tract in Newport Township, consideration \$10.
Cape Lookout Development Co., to Geo. R. Fuller lot 12 in Harkers Island Township, consideration \$25.
Jno. W. Gillikin and wife to R. H. Styron tract in Hunting Quarter Township, consideration \$5.
S. W. Robinson and wife to R. H. Styron tract in Hunting Quarter Township, consideration \$25.
Caroline Willis to J. F. Hamilton tract in Hunting Quarter Township, consideration \$1.
F. L. Mazingo and wife to J. C. Pratt and wife tract in Morehead City Township, consideration not shown. E. A. Council to R. H. Dowdy lot 16 in block 78 part of lots 9 and 10 in block 6, in Morehead City, consideration \$3790.
E. H. Eaton and wife to Richard R. Allen Land Co., tract in Morehead Township, consideration \$1.
Jas. S. Whitehurst to D. H. Lewis part lot 29 Beaufort consideration \$1500.

DEMOLISHING OLD BUILDINGS AND PREPARING FOR NEW

In a very short time now work will start on the fine filling station which the Standard Oil Company is to erect at the foot of Turner street and Front. Good progress is being made in tearing down the old structures that have stood there for many years. These three buildings were bought by Mr. I. E. Ramsey who is moving the lumber to vacant lots that he owns where he will make some use of them. Mr. B. A. Bell will move his jewelry store to the building at the corner of Front and Craven streets formerly occupied as offices by Dr. C. L. Swindell. He will stay in this place until the Bank of Beaufort is ready to turn over to him the building it now occupies.

Mr. H. V. Daniels of Norfolk branch manager of the Standard Oil Company was in town Tuesday looking over the ground and arranging to start construction. He says that in respect to convenience and beauty the building which his company will erect will compare favorably with the best in the State.

FIRE IN RESTAURANT

An alarm of fire Sunday night at about eight o'clock brought a large crowd to the Arlington cafe on Turner street. There was a tremendous amount of smoke but very little fire. An oil cooking stove had gotten flooded and the vapor caught fire. Some one turned in an alarm and the fire truck responded in a few minutes but found little to do. The principal damage done perhaps consisted in the fact that about half of the congregations left the churches when they heard the alarm.

ANGRY HUSBAND BEATS MILK MAN

Norcom-Springle Case Attracted
Eig Crowd To Mayor's
Court Monday

A somewhat sensational case in Mayor's court Monday afternoon drew a large crowd of interested spectators. In the absence of Mayor Thomas L. J. Noe Mayor pro temp. presided. The trial of George Norcom for an assault upon Leslie Springle was the main feature of the court.

It appeared from the evidence that on Saturday morning at about 7 o'clock Mr. Norcom, who runs a butcher's shop on Broad street opposite the court house square, called Mr. Springle into his place. After getting Springle into the store Norcom accused him of having insulted his wife and proceeded to attack him with his fists, beating him up considerably. Springle offered practically no resistance. After he had beaten Springle Norcom unlocked the door and let him out giving him a parting kick as he left.

Mr. Norcom stated that the reason he attacked Mr. Springle was that his wife told him on Sunday night Springle had asked her to go to ride with him. Mrs. Norcom went on the stand and asserted that she knew Springle well and that he did ask her to go to ride. Mr. Springle denied that he had asked Mrs. Norcom to go to ride with him Sunday night or any other time. He was in town Sunday night and went back at an early date to the Hancock-Huntley dairy which he runs. Two colored men, John and Lem Harper who were with him and who worked at the dairy swore that he did not speak to any woman while in town. Mayor Noe decided that as no deadly weapons were used in the assault a fine of \$10 and costs would be sufficient which was the sentence rendered.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

G. W. Fulford, drunk, two cases, \$3.90 and costs in each case.
Stephen Dudley, Floyd Robinson, Will Mason, Charles Smith, drunk, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Brady Gillikin, Barney Dixon and Price Johnson fighting, judgment suspended on payment of costs as to Dixon and Johnson, and Gillikin went free.

Pete Davis, profanity, judgment suspended on payment of costs. All convicted will have to work 5 days on the street if costs are not paid.

ICE PLANT STOPS PRODUCTION TEMPORARILY

An explosion of a steam evaporator at the plant of the Beaufort Ice Company last Saturday morning caused some excitement but fortunately no great damage was done. Elijah Hardesty a colored employe was burned about the face to some extent but not dangerously so. The explosion wrecked some ammonia pipes and a good deal of ammonia was lost. The plant is now being remodelled and these pipes would have been taken out any way in a few days. New equipment which will double the capacity of the plant is now on the way. In the meantime no ice is being manufactured or will be until the new machinery has been installed.

SWEET POTATOES BRING \$2.50 PER BUSHEL

Southport, March 10—The success of the Brunswick county cured sweet potato continues to be assured. In- light, but no request was made for such an appropriation in the rivers and harbors bill, it is stated.

RURAL SCHOOLS SOON TO HAVE NEW EXECUTIVE

Superintendent Wright Will
Leave July The First For
A New Field

SCHOOLS HAVE PROGRESSED

The important duty of selecting a superintendent for the rural schools of Carteret county will soon rest upon the new board of education. County Superintendent M. L. Wright has been offered and has accepted a position in the faculty of the N. C. Training College at Greenville. Mr. Wright's term in Carteret county will expire July the first. The new board of education is composed of W. H. Taylor of Beaufort, J. R. Morris of Atlantic and Charles Webb of Morehead City. It is rumored that there will be several applications for the position of county superintendent. Mr. Wright's new position carries with it an increase of salary of \$1000 more than he is now receiving.

It may be of some interest to readers of the News to know what progress has been made in the rural schools in the past four years which is the period Mr. Wright has had charge of the rural schools. In 1920-21 the value of all rural school property was \$36,500; now it is estimated at \$238,000. There were no brick school buildings in the rural sections then, now eleven new buildings have been erected and several of them are of brick construction. In 1920-21 there were 69 teachers now there are 80 teachers. Four years ago there were enrolled 1861 white children and 222 colored pupils. Now there are on the rolls 2518 white and 242 colored pupils. There were no standard high schools in the rural section then now there are three such high schools. In 1920 very little aid was gotten from the State's equalizing fund. This year the county draws \$29,800 from the State for maintenance of rural schools. The salaries of teachers have been advanced—all over the State—and this has resulted in considerable improvement in the quality of the teaching force in this county as well as elsewhere. Athletic associations and other organizations have been effected in many of the rural schools and greater interest in the schools on the part of both pupils and parents has been aroused.

LOWER CAPE FEAR WILL GET \$338,000

Wilmington, March 5—Cape Fear river below Wilmington will receive \$338,000 and other streams in North Carolina \$87,000 according to the recommendations of the chief of engineers and of the United States district engineer here, as embodied in the rivers and harbors bill which has been passed and yesterday received the signature of President Coolidge. Recommendations for the 30 foot Cape Fear river bar channel and other improvements called for an appropriation of \$220,000 while \$118,900 would be expended for maintaining Cape Fear river below Wilmington would be allotted \$9,500, Northeast branch of Cape Fear \$4,000.

Other appropriations recommended by the engineers include: Beaufort to Jacksonville, \$23,150; Beaufort harbor, \$16,250; Core Sound, \$7,100; Morehead City, \$5,600; Trent river, \$2,500; Contentnea creek, \$1,500; Pamlico and Tar rivers \$18,250.

The engineers estimated that it would cost \$2,162,000 for completion of the harbor of refuge at Lookout Light, but no request was made for such an appropriation in the rivers and harbors bill, it is stated.

POSTAL RATES CHANGED

In order to meet the demand for increased pay for postal employes postal rates have been advanced. The rate on post cards will be two cents each and there have been changes in money orders, registry fees and parcels post. The new rates go into effect April 15th. Full information can be obtained by any one who is interested at the local postoffice.

SUPERIOR COURT ENDS SUDDENLY

Few Cases Tried. Others Con-
tinued. Judge Barnhill's
Wife Is Sick

One of the shortest terms of Superior Court ever held in Carteret county took place this week. Court opened at 11:30 Monday morning, organized and then recessed for an hour and adjourned at a quarter to four. It was in session less than three hours. The adjournment was due mainly to the fact that Judge Barnhill's wife is sick and he said that under the circumstances he did not feel that he could hold court with any satisfaction to himself or anybody else. Then too owing to the absence of attorneys E. H. Gorham and Alvah Hamilton it was necessary to continue several cases to the June term.

Court convened at 11:30 and the Judge delivered a short charge to the grand jury, calling attention to the importance of the office of grand juror and explaining the duties thereof. Mr. Gus Felton was chosen foreman and Mr. Herbert Forlaw was sworn in as special deputy. Some criminal cases were continued but others were disposed of by submission or otherwise as follows:

John Murray having whiskey in his possession, plead guilty. He was sentenced to three months in jail and the sheriff was instructed to work him on the roads of Carteret county if arrangements to do so could be made, otherwise he is to go to Lenoir county.

James Harris, assault, true bill and continued.

Ira Hamilton injury to personal property, continued.

Dave Smith, abandonment, capias and continued.

W. F. Bell, violating prohibition law, plead guilty, prayer for judgment continued to June term, must give \$400 bond.

Hanse Wiggins, violating prohibition law, called and failed.

Tom Noe, larceny, continued to June term under his own recognizance.

Richard Willis, violating fisheries regulations, plead guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

E. Dorsey Willis, same as above.

Isaac Frazier, violating prohibition law, continued to June term.

William Bell, violating prohibition law, called and failed.

MAY SHIP EGGS IN CAR LOAD LOTS

County Farm Agents from five counties held an egg and poultry conference in New Bern Wednesday the 4th. The object of this meeting was to consider plans for getting eggs from this section shipped to the big markets in car load lots. Representatives from Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico counties were present. T. W. Heitz of the U. S. Bureau of Markets was present and offered cooperation with the county agents in the undertaking.

On account of its central location New Bern is the proper place for collecting the eggs, so Mr. Heitz stated. The plan is to collect eggs from the surrounding territory and keep them in cold storage until a car load—400 cases—has been secured when they will be shipped to some big city. Farmers and others are asked to gather their eggs while they are fresh and clean and turn them over to retail merchants who will send them to New Bern for storage. No eggs have ever been shipped from this section in car lots, although some poultry has been shipped. In the Middle West and Far West eggs and poultry are handled in this way and it is claimed that results have been very satisfactory. County Agent Hugh Overstreet will be glad to furnish information about the egg shipping plan to any one who is interested in the matter.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mathew T. Owens on Tuesday morning a daughter Virginia Dare Owens.

SCHOOL CAMPAIGN DRAWS TO CLOSE INTEREST GAINS

Registration Books Closed Sat-
urday Only About Three
Fourths Voters Registered

ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY

Interest in the school election which is to take place next Tuesday has increased considerably in the past ten days. At first opponents of the new building said the bond issue would be beaten by a tremendous majority and did not take the election very seriously. However it has developed that only about three fourths of the voters have registered and so the majority cannot be large either for or against the proposition. Indications are that the contest is going to be a close one.

When the registration books closed Saturday afternoon 685 persons had been recorded on the books by registrar Thos. S. Martin. Of these there were approximately 310 women and 375 men. As to how they will vote no one knows, but those who are working for the school say that they expect to get a good majority of the women and hope to at least break even with the men. Opponents of the school have one advantage in that they do not have to vote at all. If a registered voter stays away from the polls that is the same thing exactly as voting against the bond issue. Those who favor the proposition have to put their votes in the ballot box if they want them to count.

A mass meeting to consider the school question was held in the school auditorium last Friday night. The attendance was rather small but practically all who were present seemed to be enthusiastic for the new high school. Chairman of the board of trustees U. E. Swann presided over the meeting and explained the plan for the new building which he said would cost complete about \$70,000. Superintendent Pittman gave interesting facts as to the school and its needs. Dr. G. W. Lay heartily endorsed the plan of building the new school and said the eastern part of the town was the place to build because that was the only way the town can grow. He said that if St. Paul's School should stop that the town would have to provide school facilities for more than 100 additional children. Others who spoke in favor of the plan were Reverend L. E. Foney, J. A. Hornaday Jr., F. R. Seeley and W. G. Mebane. Before the campaign closes it is planned to have some speakings at several street corners.

Must Have Laboratory and Library

A letter that has an important bearing on the school question has recently been written by J. Henry Highsmith, Supervisor of High Schools to Superintendent Pittman. The letter reads as follows:

Department of Public Instruction
State of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.
March 8, 1925.

Superintendent C. W. E. Pittman,
Beaufort, N. C.
My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant, with reference to the rating of your school. The Beaufort High School can not be retained on the accredited list unless satisfactory arrangement is made for library and laboratory. There must be a separate room for laboratory and also a separate room for library. The laboratory must, of course, be properly equipped so that satisfactory work can be done. The library room must be suitable for library purposes. It should not only be large enough to house the books properly, but it should serve also as a reading room for high school students. I hope such steps will be taken as will make it unnecessary to remove the Beaufort High School from the accredited list.

Let me know if I can be of any assistance.

With all good wishes, I am,
Cordially yours,
J. Henry Highsmith,
Supervisor of High Schools.
To the Citizens of Beaufort:
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