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## SCHOOL BONDS

### ISSUE DEFEATED BY BIG MAJORITY

Prospects For New High School Have Gone Glimmering. Got Only 195 Votes

### MAY CALL NEW ELECTION

The proposed bond issue for \$100,000 to be used for school buildings was decisively defeated in the election Tuesday. The registration was not large only 685 and of this number only 195 votes were for the bonds. All of the other registered voters, 490 in all, were counted against the bonds whether they were actually cast or not and so this gave a majority of 295 against the proposition. Some of the opponents of the bond issue were so determined to express their disapproval that they worked hard to get their side to vote, although it was entirely unnecessary in so far as defeating the bonds was concerned. They succeeded in bringing out 227 votes which in itself was a majority against the bonds and thus gave them a double defeat.

Members of the board of trustees have expressed themselves as feeling relieved that the school bond question has been settled for a time at least. They say they have done what they conceived to be their duty, that the people had an opportunity to express themselves and have done so and that the board cannot be held responsible for the crowded condition of the school buildings. Two years ago the board announced that an election would be held on a bond issue but the opposition to it was so violent that the plan was dropped. Since then \$375,000 has been spent for other purposes. The board members say they have no idea when another election will be called although if conditions arise that demand it an election would probably be called.

### Superintendent Pittman Resigns

Another development in the school situation of Beaufort is the announcement that Superintendent C. W. E. Pittman will not be with the school another year. He has accepted an offer from the town of Marion and wishes to be relieved here on June 15th. His contract runs to August 15th but he asks to be allowed to leave earlier so that he can prepare for his new work. The school bond election had nothing to do with Mr. Pittman's resignation as he had closed his contract before the election occurred and would have left no matter what the result of the voting might be. His new position pays a considerably better salary than he received here and the school facilities in Marion are better than in Beaufort. They have a new building there which cost \$143,000 and has all the equipment necessary for doing the best sort of work.

Since Mr. Pittman came to Beaufort four years ago the public school here has made very considerable progress. The attendance has increased, two teachers have been added to the faculty and the high school is now on the State accredited list. When Mr. Pittman became principal there was nothing in the way of athletics at the school. Now the larger boys and girls have good basketball teams and a baseball team. The little children are taught also to play various kinds of outdoor games. The introduction of athletics has done a great deal in the way of developing a spirit of pride and loyalty for the school. It is of course has been good for the health of the students.

Perhaps one of the most important features of Mr. Pittman's work in Beaufort has been the classification of children by means of standardized tests. The object of these tests is to ascertain the mental capacity and industry of pupils and to grade them accordingly. Some of the tests have shown that in the same grade there would often be found children of widely different grades of scholarship. Some would be in the right grades, some would be a year or so behind and others a year or so ahead. Similar tests have been made in many schools throughout the country and the results have been very surprising. Educators now are generally

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last Thursday: A. G. Willis to Chas. S. Willis, tract in Smyrna Township, consideration \$500.

Meekins Willis and wife to S. A. Chalk, lots 6 and 7 Block 133 in Morehead City, consideration \$150.

S. H. Duplanty and wife to Z. W. Willis, lot 6 in block 113 Morehead City, consideration \$140.53.

John C. Banks and wife to C. G. Ferebee tract in Morehead Township consideration \$125.

J. F. Duncan et al to W. L. Brogden lots 1, 2, 14, 15, 16 in block 13, Morehead City, consideration \$8250.

S. H. Duplanty and wife to E. A. Stuples et al lot 7 in block 105 Morehead City consideration \$139.37.

Rufus Lewis and wife to S. B. West lot 2 in block 107 in Morehead City, consideration \$250.

W. T. Cannon and wife to R. Lewis lot 2 in block 107 Morehead City, consideration \$300.

James R. Bell and wife to S. B. West lot 1 in block 107 Morehead City, consideration \$300.

J. A. Huffman and wife to C. H. Smith 1 1-10 acres in Morehead Township, consideration \$125.

Carrie Bedsworth and Husband to Sudie Fener lots 1 and 2 in block 27 Morehead City, consideration \$300.

Bank of Beaufort Mortgage to James Rumley six lots in Beaufort Heights with consideration of \$1500.

James Rumley and wife to F. E. Willson lots 5, 6, 22, 27, and 43 in Beaufort Heights consideration \$3,000.

Taylor's Creek Fish Scrap and Oil Co. to Berton H. Daniels, tract in Beauoft Township, consideration, \$375.

Martha Ruffin to John S. Winley and Wife part of lot 179 Old Town Beaufort, consideration \$275.

A. H. Chadwick and wife to Laura Y. Fulford 10 acres in Smyrna Township, consideration \$300.

Clara Peletier to Randolph Peletier tract in White Oak Township, consideration \$1563.30.

Randolph Peletier and wife to Clara J. Peletier, tract in White Oak Township, consideration \$1563.30.

No marriage licenses have been issued during the past week.

## WHISKEY NOT FOUND IN FODRIE'S BARN

In last week's issue of the News in reporting the breaking up of a still and the arrest of Ike Frazier, the statement was made that some whiskey was found in the barn of Mr. C. W. Fodrie. The News has learned that his statement was not correct. The News man misunderstood sheriff Wade who gave him the information. The liquor was found at the still and not at Mr. Fodrie's. The still was not on Fodrie's land. The officers found in the barn several empty kegs, one of which the sheriff said smelled strongly of liquor, 120 pounds of sugar and some middlings or bran which Mr. Fodrie said he bought to feed his hogs on. Ike Frazier who was shot in the leg by one of the officers is still in jail. His wound is healing up all right and it is expected that he will soon be entirely well.

## CITY CHARTER AMENDED.

By reason of a bill introduced by Representative Hamilton, and passed by the General Assembly a few changes were made in the charter of Beaufort. In the first place city elections will be held every two years instead of annually. The next administration therefore will last two years from next June. Another change is that of electing the chief of police by popular vote instead of by vote of the board of commissioners. One or two other changes were asked for by some of Beaufort's citizens but Representative Hamilton turned them down.

Miss Prudy Mason a member of the School Faculty at Smyrna was in Beaufort last Saturday shopping.

agreed that it is very necessary that these classification tests shall be made in order that children may get the most possible benefit from the schools.

## FARMERS TO HAVE FINANCIAL AID

Credit Union May Act As Agent For Intermediate Credit Loans

Raleigh, March—There has recently been passed by the Legislature an act amending the present credit union law, which makes the following changes:

1. Changes the name of "Credit Union" organizations to "SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS."

2. Increases the power of these local organizations to borrow.

3. Reduces reserve to be kept on deposit in banks.

4. Provides for guaranty of contract.

5. Provision for organizing a central association.

The primary object of the savings and loan association is to encourage neighborhood thrift to be used as a basis for establishing neighborhood production credit. It is an institution organized under state control and supervision by which a group of farmers may solve, through cooperative effort, their financing production problems.

The Federal Government has established the Intermediate Credits System for aiding farmers with their producing financing. The North Carolina Credits Corporation has been organized as a state agency for the distribution of this credit. It is not possible, however, for this agency located in Raleigh, to establish the credit of individuals farmers throughout the State. The suggestion has been made, therefore, that the Saving and Loan Association organized in the individual farm neighborhoods might well be the proper agency through which to establish this individual farm credit. It is felt that the savings and loan association offers the best source of origin for applications for loans to the agricultural credit corporation in that you have a supervised, permanently incorporated institution, with regularly elected or appointed officers who have specific and definite duties relative to applications for loans and the handling of all such loans. The local saving and loan association can enter into a contract with the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation whereby they agree to act as agent and submit with their (savings and loan association) approval and endorsement of any and all applications for loans to the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation which their loan committee may deem wise and proper.

It will be necessary for the savings and loan association to require each applicant for a loan to purchase ten per cent of the amount of his application in the stock of the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation and deposit this stock with the local savings and loan association as collateral to and guarantee of the endorsement of the local savings and loan association to the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation.

This is a comparatively simple process for the following reasons:

1. In each community there is a local savings and loan association.

2. This local savings and loan association is a thrift society.

3. This association contracts with the North Carolina Agricultural Association to act as its agent in each Community.

4. The savings and loan association, being a corporate body, has corporate duties, corporate limitations of responsibility and is a permanent organization as representative of the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation.

5. Each borrower becomes a stockholder in the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation.

6. Each borrower from the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation who has his loans approved by the credit union, is a guarantor of his own particular loan.

7. The stock is owned by the people whom the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation serves.

8. Both the Credit Corporation and the Savings and Loan Association help to solve the production credits and financial problems of each community.

## SECOND OIL WELL BEING FINANCED

Wade Authorizes Sale In "Units" of a Trust Company Up to \$50,000

New Bern, March 18—Sale of units in a trust company to the amount of \$50,000 has been authorized by Stacy Wade, state insurance commissioner, proceeds from which will be used in the drilling an oil well by A. Orr, contractor in charge of sinking a well at the Camp Bryan for the Great Lakes Drilling Company, on a site to be designated by Mr. Orr who says he will be influenced by the outcome of the Havelock project.

The project will be carried on through a trustee on plans approved by the state insurance commissioner. W. J. Caroon has accepted the trusteeship of the fund, which, in addition to including custody of the money, makes him executive head of the organization until such time as a corporation is formed and the affairs officially turned over to it. This will be done only in case a producing well is brought in.

Mr. Orr, an experienced oil driller, has leases on about 5,000 acres of land between Jasper and Fort Barnwell and in the vicinity of the well being drilled at Camp Bryan. These leases are included in the trust plan and one or more wells will be sunk on the property.

In speaking of the matter today Mr. Orr said that he would be governed in the selection of a site for the well by outcome of operations of the found in the present well, then the new well will be drilled in that vicinity. If no oil is found and the indications are such as to convince him that the Camp Bryan vicinity is not the proper place, then the well will be drilled in the upper part of the county.

BEAUFORT PUPILS VOTE FOR SCHOOL BONDS

The pupils of the High School held an election for the School Bond issue last Thursday and Friday. They registered Thursday and voted Friday. There was a majority of about 200 for the issue.

## GAME LAWS CHANGED.

Representative Alvah Hamilton had some slight changes made in the game laws of Carteret county at the recent session of the General Assembly. The open season for juvenile deer which used to run from September to February, is now for the months of November, December and January. The killing of more than ten squirrels a day by one hunter is forbidden also.

## BEAUFORT FIRM GETS CONTRACT.

The contract for installing heating and plumbing in one of the new rural schools of Johnston county has been awarded to E. L. Davis and Company of Beaufort. The school building is to cost \$7300 and is to be modern in every particular.

## THE CITY OF FLOWERS.

Beaufort seems destined to get up a reputation as a great flower town. Visitors frequently comment on the pretty flowers to be seen here. Yesterday two prominent men, J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia, president of the National Waterways Association and Honorable John H. Small of Washington, D. C., were in town and expressed their admiration of the flowers here and particularly of the court house square flowers and shrubbery. They were also impressed with the fact that in the offices in the court house beautiful flowers were plentiful as well as out of doors. The court house officials all seem to take an interest in the grounds and the building but it is likely that Miss Nan Wade is entitled to much credit for the flowers on the inside which she so faithfully waters and tends.

## BIRTH OF SON.

On last Monday morning a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mason of Beaufort. The child has been named James Douglas.

## BIG THINGS PLANNED FOR WESTERN CARTERET

Mr. Henry K. Fort of Philadelphia, owner of a large tract of land in the western part of the county on Bogue island, spent a few days recently in the county. He was accompanied by Mr. H. K. Johnson who is the engineer in charge of the development. Mr. Fort came South for the purpose of looking after several matters of business one of which was the acquiring of a tract on the main land opposite his property. He proposes to build a bridge across Bogue Sound and expects to start work as soon as the county commissioners decide to build a hard surface road to the western part of the county.

As stated in the News in a recent issue, the board of commissioners have under consideration the plan of building several hard surface roads in the county. They were given authority by the General Assembly to issue \$700,000 worth of bonds for this purpose. Next Tuesday the State Highway Commission will hold a meeting and it may be that something will be decided as to what is to be done in Carteret county in the matter of roads and bridges. The News has been informed that the future action of the county commissioners will depend very largely on what the State Highway Commission may do or not do. So it appears that some very important developments affecting Carteret county may occur next week.

## PEOPLE WANT BRIDGE ACROSS WHITE OAK RIVER

The News understands that there is some agitation in the western part of Carteret and in Onslow for a bridge and causeway connecting Cedar Point with Swansboro. It is argued that this will connect the two counties and open up a large territory and aid greatly in its development. Also by connecting with the Carteret county road system it will bring the eastern and western parts of the county into closer contact. What steps will be taken the News has not learned but the report is that an effort will be made to get the boards of the two counties to take the matter under consideration.

## SMALL BOYS CHARGED WITH ENTERING STORE

For breaking into the store of L. T. Noe and Son two small white boys T. Taylor Hill and Shelton Lupton were tried yesterday by Judge L. W. Hassell. County Warden Officer Alvah Hamilton was present and assisted with the investigation. The boys acknowledge their guilt. They admitted they went in the store through a window Monday night and took out various articles including a flash light, some cartridges and several dollars in small change. Some of the money was returned but not all of it. Mrs. Hill, mother of one of the defendants and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lupton grandfathers of the other boy were present and begged the court not to send the boys to the Jackson Training School. The children promised to behave themselves if they were allowed to stay at home and their grandparents and parents promised to make every effort to see that they behave in the future. Judge Hassell put them under a sort of suspended sentence saying that if they get into trouble again or if they leave home after dark that the police should at once take them in custody and carry them to the training school. With this understanding the boys were permitted to go to their homes.

## INVESTIGATING RECORDS.

Mrs. Milnor Ljungstedt of Washington, D. C., Editor of the County Court Note Book, a little historical and genealogical paper, is at the Inlet Inn.

Mrs. Ljungstedt, in co-operation with Mrs. Crosley (Pauline Stewart Crosley) a Georgian, author of Intimate Letters from Petrograd is compiling all available colonial data as to the Floyds, Stewarts, Davis's and Daniels, and in their work are visiting the older North Carolina counties.

## MANY LIVES LOST IN GREAT STORM IN MIDDLE WEST

Southern Parts of Illinois and Indiana Suffer Most Severely

### 957 REPORTED KILLED

Chicago, March 18—More than 1,500 persons are reported killed or injured by a tornado which swept through Southern Illinois and Indiana late today, causing great property damage and virtually wiping out two or three towns in its path, from Missouri to the northeast. Wires were down in every direction under the fury of the wind and it was impossible to check the reported casualties tonight.

West Frankfort, Ills., a mining town, on the face of tonight's reports suffered the greater loss of life estimates of the dead running as high as 1,000.

### Towns Destroyed

Murphysboro, 30 miles southwest of West Frankfort, with a population of 11,000, suffered severely with a casualty list reported as high as 250. Great havoc was wrought to buildings in this city and fire broke out in the debris. On report of this situation an effort was made by Governor Len Small to send troops to Murphysboro when relief trains and Red Cross workers prepared to depart from Chicago and St. Louis for the storm area.

While railroad dispatchers from previous experiences thought that first estimates of the casualties might prove excessive it seemed certain from reports originating in many places on the edge of the storm's path that the dead might number in the hundreds. No reports had been received at a late hour of damage in the rural regions.

### First Reports

Among the other towns and cities to report damage and loss of life were De Soto, Ills., with 150 casualties reported; Parrish, Ills., with all but three of a population of 500, reported either killed or injured; Princeton, Ind., with an estimate of 100 casualties; Griffin, Ind., with 20; Gorham, Ills., with 87; Carmi, Ills., with 150, and Crossville, Bush and Hurst Ills., reporting serious damage and numerous casualties.

## FORT MACON NOW IS STATE PROPERTY

Old Fort Macon and a considerable tract of land is now the property of the State of North Carolina. A resolution introduced by Representative William F. Ward of Craven and Alvah Hamilton of Carteret was passed which accepted the property from the United States government. No appropriation for improving the property or maintaining it was passed. The State Geological Survey will have charge of Fort Macon now and the News is informed that some money may be available to do something in the way of cleaning up the place. A legislative committee, composed of Representative Ward of Craven, Graham of Orange and Senator Hargett of Jones, was appointed to inspect the fort property and make a report as to probable cost of necessary repairs. It may be that if the next session of the General Assembly is not so economical as the last, that a considerable sum may be appropriated to put the fort in condition for use as a park.

## MANLESS WEDDING TONIGHT.

Not to be outdone by the men who recently produced the burlesque called "A Womanless Wedding" the women folks are going to try their hands at taking off the men. All of the parts will be taken by females and it is reported that some great costumes have been gotten up for the occasion. The first wedding drew a big crowd and it is expected that the one tonight will be equally as popular.

The Lapps train their dogs to act as living hot water bottles, always sleeping the tent wall and the human being, to protect him from draft.