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State Will Practice Economy In Salaries

Salary And Wage Commission Will Investigate The Matter of Wages of State Employees. Some Already Reduced. Governor Makes Appointments. Federal Tax Receipts Larger Than Last Year

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Raleigh, N. C. April 6.—The "Old Ship of State" is still rocking, with the billows no less threatening than they were a week ago, in so far as salaries and "perquisites" are concerned. The salary and wage commission has been named, accepted service, and will soon be prying into the affairs of State departments and institutions with the view to using the pruning knife in situations which seem to warrant that course. If the Commission spends any great length of time in Raleigh and undertakes to delve to the bottom of living conditions it may learn that no appreciable number of State employees are receiving more than necessity requires. There are probably inequalities which should be adjusted, but indiscriminate slashing in the salaries of departmental helpers is not anticipated on an extensive scale.

The Salary and Wage Commission, composed of Julian Price, of Greensboro chairman; George A. Holderness, Tarboro; S. L. Rogers, Franklin; Robert N. Page, Bisco and Aberdeen, and P. H. Hanse Jr., Winston-Salem, is due to start on the task assigned to it on call of the Governor. The Commission is representative of the business interests of the State and the members thereof are said to have had experience in employing and handling labor. Anyway the "destiny" of workers in and around the capitol is in the keeping of the five men picked by the Governor to decide whether the State is paying too much for "services rendered."

Commissioner Doughton, of the Department of Revenue, did not await the arrival of the Salary and Wage Commission to inaugurate a wage reform in that branch of the State Government. His first official act after taking over the automobile license bureau of the State Department results in a 20 percent reduction in the salaries of employees inherited from the transfer and a corresponding reduction in the personnel. A saving around \$45,000 annually in overhead expenses is announced already and the Salary Commission may "go one better" before it gets through. The places of J. E. Sawyer, former supervisor of the bureau, and A. L. Fleming, chief clerk, who voluntarily retired when the bill passed authorizing the transfer to the Department of Revenue have not been filled by Commissioner Doughton. The two were receiving \$9,600 a year. The services of an even dozen have been dispensed with and the 117 employees remaining have submitted to reductions in compensation aggregating in amount to \$18,000.

Commissioner Doughton also announced that he has effected a saving of \$21,000 in securing a new contract for the distribution through branch offices of the 1925 license plates. Branch offices operated in cooperation with the Carolina Motor Club and the Winston-Salem Automobile Association will enable the Department to dispose of license plates at a cost to the State of \$1.18 each, all told, or an actual saving on the basis of last year's sales of \$21,085.33. Agencies have been established in sixty towns and cities of the State for the sale of licenses under the revised agreement with the Carolina Motor Club and Winston-Salem Automobile Association, which are equipped for despatching business on a big scale.

The work of Governor McLean the past week has been largely detail, so far as the public is aware. He announced the appointment of several governing boards of institutions and designated Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell as the

member of that tribunal to supervise the Blue Sky Law transferred from the Insurance Department by act of the last Legislature. Commissioner Maxwell will receive no additional compensation and appeals from his rulings may be made to the full Commission. The law regulating bond sales was materially strengthened by the late General Assembly and promotion schemes of questionable merit are likely to experience greater difficulty in passing the censor.

Of the increased powers vested in the Governor by the General Assembly just adjourned is the right to appoint the full membership of all boards of State institutions the terms of all incumbents terminating automatically with the expiration of the period of incumbency ending this year. The following appointments were announced by His Excellency during the week; State School for the Blind and Deaf; E. M. Johnson, Lumberton, to succeed J. F. McMahon, Raleigh; R. L. McMillian, Raleigh, to succeed J. T. Rowland, Raleigh; E. H. Brooks, Smithfield, to succeed C. W. Horne, Clayton; C. M. Wilson, Wilson's Mills, to succeed C. M. Wilson; J. R. Baggett, Lillington, to succeed R. S. Busbee, Raleigh; W. N. Keener, Durham, to succeed Joseph E. Pogue, Raleigh.

North Carolina College for Negroes; N. W. Walker, Chapel Hill; P. H. Wilson, Wake Forest; Q. K. Nimocks, Fayetteville; Luther M. Carlton, Roxboro; E. P. Wharton, Greensboro; W. P. Lawrence, Elon College; Dr. J. B. Wright, Raleigh; J. C. Clifford, Dunn.

State Teacher's College for Negroes; A. D. Folger Dobson; Gordon Hackett, North Wilkesboro; J. D. Humphreys, Danbury; D. B. McCray, Asheboro, N. C. Newbold, Raleigh.

Fayetteville State Normal School; George K. Grantham to succeed S. W. Cooper, deceased; Dr. J. C. Grady, Kenly; Archie Graham, Clinton; M. Broadus Glover, Bailey; Dr. Allan McLean, Wagram.

Elizabeth City State Normal School, Elizabeth City; H. G. Cramer, Elizabeth City; C. A. Cooke, Elizabeth City; Clyde McCallum, Hertford; Dr. E. J. Griffin, Edenton; Rev. S. A. Cotton, Washington.

School of Deaf and State Hospital at Morganton; Dr. Howard Ronthaler, Winston-Salem; W. W. Neal, Marion. W. C. Dowd, Sr. Charlotte; and Mrs. I. P. Jeter of Morganton. All were reappointed except Mr. Dowd who succeeds W. R. Whitson of Asheville.

State Hospital at Morganton; J. H. Beall Lenoir; R. R. Clark, Statesville; J. R. Boyd, Waynesville, John M. Scott, Charlotte, and O. M. Mull. Shelby, Messrs. Boyd and Scott succeed themselves while the other three are appointed to succeed P. R. Bennett, E. P. Wharton and the late Mrs. B. E. Stafford.

Trustees of the University and of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering are elected by the Legislature in joint-session of the two branches, the Governor being chairman ex-officio of each of these boards. The revised plan of selecting directors of the various State institutions broadens the scope of executive supervision and is expected to result in greater economy and efficiency in "plant operations."

R. Otis Self, clerk of the Corporation Commission, who has the routine of handling the bus laws in connection with his other duties, has had his salary advanced from thirty six to fifty five hundred dollars. His assistant, J. A. Eland, also of the staff of the Commission, is to receive a boost in compensation commensurate with the added duties imposed upon him. The plan inaugurated for

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CITIZENS DEMAND REFERENDUM ON BOND QUESTION

Many Petitioners Want Election But Board Did Not Grant Request

BROOKS CHOSEN ENGINEER

The ever blooming road question was aired again last Monday when the board of county commissioners had its monthly meeting. The board had advertised for bids for county road engineering and this may have been the occasion of the revival of interest in the road matter. At any rate a considerable crowd was on hand for the meeting Monday.

The board convened at 11 o'clock with all members present and shortly thereafter Chairman Woodland announced that bidders for the engineering would be heard at 1:30 P. M. He also stated that at 12 o'clock the board would hear petitioners in regard to the proposed \$700,000 bond issue. The board then went into a short executive session after which it adjourned to the court room upstairs to hear the petitioners.

A crowd of perhaps 150 persons from Beaufort, the Harlowe section, Merrimon, Newport and a few other places were present at the meeting. Dr. C. N. Mason, who was the first speaker, presented several petitions which he said had about 894 names on them, asking the bond issue matter be submitted to a vote of the people. Commissioner Huntley arose and said he had heard various reports about the bond matter and he wished to make his position clear. He said that road maintenance was costing the county a large sum of money, \$67,000 was spent last year, most of which was for maintenance. Hard surface roads would be cheaper, board planning to build some of this type, something had to be done. Would build roads east, west and towards New Bern. He said the State Highway Commission seemed to be in favor of building a bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City.

Mr. Harry Davis spoke briefly in favor of paving the Beaufort-Harlowe road. He said the State had obligated itself to finish this road and why not let them go ahead and do it? Reverend J. M. Carraway of Merrimon said "Let the people vote on this question." Are you afraid of the people? Had a referendum in November and ought to have one now. Too many bonds in county any way. He was vigorously applauded. Mr. Carraway was followed by Mr. W. P. Smith of Beaufort in a speech that strongly favored paying the New Bern road. He said the agreement was made four years ago to build two roads, that the county had paid \$150,000 with this understanding. He said the State had built the Morehead City road, now let them finish the other one. Dr. Mason got the floor again and said that commissioner Huntley did not speak to the point; that the question was a referendum on the proposed bond issue. He said the board had great power but that the people have still more, let them decide the question. At this time Superior Court Clerk L. W. Hassell got the floor and asked all who favored a referendum to vote, aye, there was a roar of ayes; when he called for the nays there was no response. Mr. W. W. Lewis spoke briefly, saying that the people were loaded down with taxes and could not stand any more and bonds ought not to be issued. Dr. Mason spoke against saying he would not discuss the bonds but insisted that the people be given a chance to vote on the question. Commissioner Huntley said there were a good many rumors going around and that he merely wanted to explain the position of the board. The board then recessed until 1:30 when it met again and went into executive session for the purpose of considering the engineering. Bids were received from R. R. Eagle, Remington and Vesbury, Wm. S. Morton, Cornell-Lupton Engineering Co., R. D. Gladding, George J. Brooks. The board accepted the bid of G. J. Brooks which was for four percent of the cost of all labor and

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SALESMEN VISIT WEST BEAUFORT

Much Progress Being Made In New Sub Division. Many Lots Sold

An enthusiastic meeting of salesmen and others interested in the real estate development known as West Beaufort was held on the company's property Tuesday. About twenty five persons were present. The party came to Beaufort from Morehead City by boat and were met at the dock and taken for a ride over Beaufort and then to West Beaufort. Cars were furnished by Captain G. J. Brooks, C. K. Howe, Miss Alice Barber, D. M. Jones and Halsey Paul. Many of the visitors had never been to Beaufort before and were greatly impressed with what they saw.

When the party reached West Beaufort they found that Mr. B. E. Moore and his assistants had prepared a sumptuous repast for them and which they seemed to greatly enjoy. A long table had been set in a pretty grove near the water's edge and here they could see men out in the bay gathering oysters and at the same time a large pile of oysters just out of the water were being roasted for their delectation. Steaming bowls of clam chowder, clam fritters, fried oysters, soft crabs, fried fish and chicken and drinkables of various sorts comprised the menu. After the lunch had been served Mr. L. M. Howard, sales manager for the company, took the party in tow and showed them over a large part of the property. He pointed out the improvements that had been made and would be made and gave figures as to the costs of work and other details. The company has laid out and is at work on 132,000 lineal feet of streets. It has done a lot of dredging and filling in work and has just contracted with a firm for a large quantity of dredging which will start about the first of May. A broad driveway is being built on the shore line around the property and a large force of men is now at work on various jobs. Several pretty parks and circles have been laid out and will add greatly to the beauty of the town. A number of persons who have bought lots expect to start building operations this Summer. A good many purchasers have visited West Beaufort and have expressed themselves as being well pleased with their purchases. It is the expectation of the management to sell all the lots by next January.

Among those who visited West Beaufort Tuesday on the inspection trip were W. H. Parrish, Raleigh; R. T. Kehoe, New Bern; W. B. Guernant, Greensboro; Bud Parker, New Bern; George Dale, New Bern; A. T. Schisler, Richmond; Ham Charlotte, J. B. Robinson, Winston-Salem; H. A. Crear, Asheville; Williamson, Elk; R. C. Pratt, Winston-Salem; T. W. Doutherty, Norfolk; C. E. Roane, Durham; Hodges, Greensboro; Price, Raleigh; George Lingsheim, Raleigh; J. S. Miller, New Bern; T. D. Warren, W. B. Blades, O. W. Lane, New Bern; L. M. Howard, Norfolk.

REVIVAL SERVICES START AT ANN ST. METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. E. Frank Lee, pastor of Ann St. Methodist church, has secured the services of Rev. J. Vincent Knight, pastor of the Methodist church at Edenton, N. C., in assisting him in a 10 days revival service. Mr. Knight will not arrive before Monday, but the services will actually begin on Sunday morning, being conducted by the pastor.

A special Easter Cantata will be rendered on Sunday night at 7:30 by the choir of Ann St. church and a silver offering will be taken to assist thee choir in meeting the obligations incurred for the special Easter music.

There will be a baptismal service at the church at the morning service just at the beginning so that mothers will not have to keep their children bedside several weeks ago and Mr. Paul left here Saturday for Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. Day lived in Beaufort several years and had a great many friends here who are deeply grieved at her death.

COUNTY BOARD MEETS

A special meeting of the board of county commissioners was held this afternoon. As it was just about the time the News goes to press it was impossible to get full details of the matter. However the News learned that a vote was taken on the question of leaving the proposed bond issue to the people and that it resulted in a tie vote. Hall and Whitehurst voted for a referendum and Huntley and Taylor voted against the referendum. Chairman Woodland with Commissioners Huntley and Taylor.

NEW MEMBER ON EDUCATION BOARD

J. R. Morris Is New Chairman. Have Not Selected New Superintendent Yet

A new board of education is now in charge of the county's rural schools. The members of the old board, composed of R. T. Wade, W. H. Taylor and W. I. Willis were present Monday for their last session. The new board composed of J. R. Morris, W. H. Taylor and Charles Webb were duly sworn into office. J. R. Morris was chosen chairman. A very considerable number of applications for the position of County Superintendent to succeed M. L. Wright who leaves July the first have been received. The board has not acted on this matter yet but may do so at its next meeting which is called for Monday April the 20th.

The Superintendent was instructed to take up a matter of drainage with the Norfolk and Southern railroad near the Camp Glenn School building and see whether or not the company can be induced to make proper drainage of the swamp between the railroad and the school building.

The following committeemen were appointed for the Newport district: Dr. R. C. Smith, L. A. Mann, D. Ira Garner to take the place respectively of S. Gould, Alexander Graham, and D. N. McCain.

The Superintendent was authorized to make arrangements for lumber for temporary seats at Smyrna for the Commencement exercises.

The Superintendent was instructed to advertise for bids for the next regular meeting on the Roe School Building.

TRY YOUR HAND AT WINNING PRIZE

What would be a good slogan for Carteret county? If you can answer that question satisfactorily you can get twenty five dollars. Mr. Henry K. Fort thinks such a slogan would be worth \$25 and he is offering that amount as a prize. The competition is open to anybody any where. Slogans must be sent to the Beaufort News on or before July the 3rd. Mr. Fort has gotten up a slogan himself for North Carolina and says that if anybody can beat that one he will give another \$25 to the person who does it. His slogan is "North Carolina Next." Put on your thinking cap and see what you can do. It is better than a cross word puzzle.

MRS. HARRY A. DAY DIED YESTERDAY MORNING

Information was received here yesterday that Mrs. Harry Day, wife of Robinson, the former pastor of the First Baptist church, had died yesterday morning at 2 o'clock in Louisville, Kentucky. She had been desperately ill for several days with pneumonia. Her husband and little daughter Dorothy survive her. Mrs. Graydon Paul, sister of Mrs. Day was called to her bedside several weeks ago and Mr. Paul left here Saturday for Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. Day lived in Beaufort several years and had a great many friends here who are deeply grieved at her death.

TWO THOUSAND IN SCHOOL PARADE AT COMMENCEMENT

Schools From All Parts of County Made Splendid Showing. Many Contests Held

SMYRNA WON PARADE PRIZE

When the county commencement exercises came to a close in Morehead City Friday afternoon it might have been appropriately described as "The end of a perfect day." The weather was all that could be desired, bright, dazzling sunshine, just cool enough to make the marchers step briskly and to exhilarate the spectators. Morehead City's fine, newly paved streets had their first test by a big public gathering and they measured up to the mark. Arendell street, one of the longest, broadest and straightest in the State is a fine place for a parade. The procession of 2000 or more pupils and teachers, in their white, blue, brown or other sort of costumes, with waving banners and hands playing made a fine spectacle. The parade was about a half a mile in length and was greatly enjoyed by the large number of spectators that saw it.

After the parade a crowd that packed Morehead City's large school auditorium assembled and listened to a fine address by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith of Raleigh on the subject "The Equalization of Educational Opportunity." Superintendent Wright introduced Dr. Highsmith, after making several announcements and thanking the people of Morehead City for their hospitality. The speaker spoke in very complimentary terms of Mr. Wright's work in Carteret and expressed the hope that there should be no let up in educational progress. He showed that the rural children do not have equal advantages with town and city children and contended that they should have an eight months school term and just as good teachers as the other children have. His speech was a strong plea for educational advantages for the country child. Preceding Dr. Highsmith's address pupils from the Morehead City high school rendered several orchestral and vocal selections that were greatly enjoyed.

A noon recess for lunch was taken at which ample justice was done to the contests of lunch baskets as well as the viands furnished by restaurants and lunch stands. A free lunch consisting of barbecue, pies and drinks was served to a large number of people by the local Coca Cola branch. In the afternoon the various contests and baseball game between Beaufort and Morehead City high schools took place. A great many viewed the exhibits made by the various schools and witnessed the contests. The prize winners were as follows:

- Best appearance in parade Smyrna.
- Second best appearance in parade Atlantic.
- Third best appearance in parade, Harker's Island.
- Best exhibit school of 10 teachers or more Morehead City.
- Best exhibit school of 4 to 9 teachers Smyrna.
- Best exhibit school of 3 teachers or less Marshallberg.
- Winners of Contestants from Primary Dept.
- Story Telling—Beaufort—David Jones.
- Singing games—Beaufort.
- Story Reproduction—Morehead City—Margaret Wells.
- Dramatization—Beaufort.

Rural Schools

- Story Telling—Atlantic—Melvin Robinson.
- Story Reproduction—Marshallberg—Verna Lewis.
- Dramatization—Marshallberg.
- Singing Games—Smyrna.
- Primary Songs—Marshallberg.

High School

- Recitation—Smyrna—Edith Lewis.
- Chorus—Newport Rural.
- Declamation—Newport—William Barfield.
- Chorus—Morehead City.
- Chorus—Newport Rural.
- Grammar Grade Chorus. Beaufort City.

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