

POU APPOINTMENT MADE LAST WEEK MUCH DISCUSSED

State Penitentiary Lost \$75,000 a Year While Pou Was Superintendent

WARDEN BUSBEE DROPPED

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., April 13.—The outstanding event of the past week at the capital was the re-appointment of George Ross Pou as Superintendent of State Prison; the reactions to the re-appointment. These were varied. During the week, Governor McLean took action looking to speedy trial of the Needleman case in Martin County, while the Attorney-General announced the appointment of an assistant. Solicitor Evans discussed vice in Raleigh, while National Commander Drain, of the American Legion, visited the city and made addresses. The State Fair Hospital directors met and the head of the newly created Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh was named.

George Ross Pou was re-appointed as Superintendent of State Prison after a fight had been made on him in which it was charged that he had wasted the State's funds, and, from a business standpoint, was unfitted to head the institution. While Governor McLean did not himself appoint Mr. Pou the Prison Board does not take action without his consent and approval before naming a superintendent, so it amounted to the same thing. In re-appointing Pou, the Board dropped Sam J. Busbee who has been on the Prison Staff for many years, combined the offices of warden and physician, gave the job to Dr. J. H. Norman and re-elected Hugh A. Love as prison chief clerk and assistant superintendent. The prison officials were all given increases in salary, but in the future will have to furnish their own board and house furnishings, these having been furnished by the State in the past. It is estimated that \$4,000 a year will be saved in this manner.

The chief reaction to the re-appointment of Pou has been unfavorable to Governor McLean. Though the Board, when taking its action, stated that nothing wrong with the affairs of the prison had been found during an investigation it made, still no effort is made to get around the fact that Pou's administration during the last four years cost the State \$75,000 approximately each year, that being the annual deficit of the Prison under his management. Opponents of his re-appointment naturally stress the fact that for 25 years before Pou took office the Prison had been a self supporting institution. The question is being asked repeatedly how Governor McLean will square this appointment with his announced intention of placing the State on a sound business basis. Pou can hardly be regarded as a business man, says the opposition, on the basis of his record and it is well known that his appointment by Governor Morrison four years ago was a political move, for he is not known to have any particularly good record behind him which would warrant his being given political preferment. The general opinion here seems to be that politics and economy in state government clashed for the first time since the McLean administration opened and politics won out.

It is generally believed that Pou's support of McLean in the primary was the determining factor in his appointment. Warden Busbee, who has served the State for thirty years, was dropped—was the political sacrifice—and he issued a statement after the action had been taken declaring that the vote he cast for Bailey in the primary cost him his job at State Prison. Whether this be true or otherwise, Governor McLean's action disappointed some of his strongest supporters.

The case of Joseph A. Needleman, charged with an attack on a young girl, and those of the crowd of men who took him from the Martin County jail and mutilated him will be tried at a special term of court in Williamston on May 4. Fifteen men are un-

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ELEVEN BOUND OVER FOR NOT DIPPING STOCK

Twelve persons charged with failure to obey the tick eradication law were placed on trial before magistrate M. R. Springle Saturday afternoon. Of these eleven were bound over to Superior Court under bonds of \$50 each. One defendant D. R. Jones was discharged for lack of evidence. Most of the other defendants admitted that they did not dip all of their stock, but had tried to do so. On one of the dipping days there was a considerable storm raging and they said it was impossible to get the cattle and horses to the vats. Those bound over are as follows: B. C. Way, Jas. I. Davis, Everett Whitehurst, Geo. A. Lewis, W. C. Willis, Tyre Moore, Abram Moore, Willie Harris, Andrew Davis, Tucker Harris.

A considerable number of warrants have been issued for other persons and their trial is set for next Saturday afternoon. The men in charge of the tick eradication campaign are making a vigorous effort to get the stock dipped. Owing to natural disadvantages such as large areas of forests, swamps and the banks it is difficult for the owners to round up their cattle and horses for the dipping. The county has spent between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for building the vats. It is thought that if all of the animals are dipped regularly that the ticks can be destroyed this year.

STEWART AND SON MUST DIE

Governor Refuses to Interfere With Sentence Passed Upon Murderers of Officers

RALEIGH, N. C., April 15.—C. W. Stewart and his son, Elmer Stewart, must die in the electric chair within a few minutes of each other, Friday morning, April 17. Convicted of the murder of Leon George and Sam Lilly, prohibition agents in Brunswick county, September, 1924, the father and son were sentenced by Judge Henry A. Grady to pay the extreme penalty, despite the jury's recommendation for mercy.

The murder was particularly brutal, the men arming when they heard the agents were in the vicinity, hunting them down and opening fire without warning. Bullet after bullet was pumped into the bodies of the dying men and the guns of the slayers then turned upon the dog which accompanied the officers. It is said the Stewarts ultimately confessed after their conviction.

The sentence affirmed by the supreme court, a last appeal was made by the Stewarts to Governor A. W. McLean. Finding no ground for the mercy begged, and upon recommendation of his pardon commissioner, Governor McLean last night refused to interfere with the execution, commending Judge Grady upon his imposition of the death penalty under the circumstances.

WATERWAY HEARING TO BE HELD IN BEAUFORT

Major Oscar O. Kuentz of the U. S. War Department informs the News that a public hearing is to be held in the county court house on Thursday, April 23rd at 10 o'clock, another the same day at 2 P. M. and still another at 3 P. M. The first hearing is in regard to Beaufort harbor and inlet, the second is North River and the third is the Inland Waterway channel from Gallant's to Bulkhead Shoal. All persons who are interested in the proposed improvements to these waterways are invited to attend these meetings and submit their views preferably in writing.

FLORIDA POTATOES.

Florida Spaulding Rose potatoes have been selling recently at \$6 a barrel F. O. B. Hastings, Florida. In the leading northern markets they have been bringing \$7.50 to \$8.50 a barrel. These figures are furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

BIRTH OF SON.

A son was born Wednesday in the Morehead City hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Daniels.

MORE BONDS MEAN INCREASED TAXES

Dr. Mason Again Vigorously Attacks Proposed Issue of Bonds

Editor of the News:

There has come to my hand a statement written on the Woodland & Co's statement sheet, and said to have been written and handed out by Mr. Woodland, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, purporting to show that the proposed \$700,000.00 Bond issue could be paid off in full in 40 years without any increase of taxes on the public. Thus endeavoring to deceive the straggling tax payers of the county into believing that an additional bond issue of \$700,000 would be no additional tax burden upon them. What silly nonsense! Is there a man or woman in Carteret county who could be deceived by such absurd reasoning as this statement contains? If so let them try shouldering a two bushel sack of corn, and then let some one put another sack of corn on top of that, and see if they can carry the two just as easily as the one. But here is that wonderful statement: "Have been spending annually for the last two years for maintenance of roads. \$67,000.00 Interest on Bonds (the \$700,000) would be for upkeep after roads are built \$12,000.00

Total \$50,000.00 Leaving \$17,000 out of what we are spending (on roads) to apply on paying off the Bonds, which we have 40 years to pay them; \$680,000.00, or enough to pay the Bonds off.

Now isn't this fine! And we have it in writing from the Hon. Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Notice that the success of this wonder working theory, as set forth in the statement, depends largely on the size of the amount paid annually for upkeep of roads, the larger that amount, the sooner the bonds could be cashed in. Suppose, for instance, the amount paid for upkeep was twelve times as much as it is or \$804,000 then deducting for interest and new up keep cost, as per statement, \$50,000, and we have left, not \$17,000, but \$745,000! enough to take up the bonds the first year, and have \$54,000 left! Fine! What is to hinder any of us from being as rich as Henry Ford? How clear and simple is this get rich-quick plan to all who cannot see or figure!

To test the plan that those who are contending that the additional bonds issue of \$700,000 would not make taxes any higher or put a greater burden upon the people. I will suggest that they try out the plan for themselves, as individuals; thus not experimenting in the name of the county, and risking the property of the taxpayers against their will. If the plan works well for them, then we may consent to try it. These men all like easy, and big money; so go to it gentlemen. Issue your notes (bonds) to the amount of \$700,000 or more if you can put up ample security, make the time of the first payment 30 or 40 years, paying interest and sinking fund annually; and let us know after a few years have passed if you feel any weight of the burden. And to make the case entirely parallel, you should put the money you borrow into building fine and imposing mansions and beautifying improvements, which will be for passers-by to look at and admire, and for general convenience, but not to bring you in one cent of revenue, but rather to add more and lasting expense.

Let us look again at this misleading statement given out by our chairman. Assuming that his statement as to the amount paid for annual up keep is correct, let us ask where does this \$67,000 come from, and who pays this, and also the interest and sinking fund on bonds already outstanding? and the money to pay other county obligations? Do not the people know that they pay all the bills, and that their taxes in-

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Wine sold for three cents a quart in the early Roman Empire days.

STATE NEWS

Items Of Interest from Various Parts of North Carolina

A congregation estimated at 35,000 persons assembled at the Moravian church yard in Salem Sunday morning. This service which is attended by thousands every year commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Bishop Ronthaler presided for the 48th time.

Tom P. Jimison, the former preacher recently convicted in Charlotte police court of having whiskey in a suit case and sentenced to 60 days on the roads was re-tried Tuesday and let off with a fine of \$500 instead of the road sentence. Former Governor Morrison made a strong appeal to the court for Jimison.

Otto Johnson was killed instantly and his brother John badly shocked when their car turned over on the Wilkesboro-Stateville highway. The men were pinned down under the car and Otto Johnson's neck was broken.

Governor McLean has called a special term of court to try the men accused of attacking and mutilating Joseph Needleman in Martin county recently. About thirty men are under arrest charged with being implicated in the affair. Several have made statements to the Solicitor about the crime.

Judge A. M. Stack last Saturday sentenced Robert Michael and Wilfong Trott, two young white men, to a term of not less than 10 years in the penitentiary for manslaughter. They were convicted of driving a car while drunk and killing Miss Evelyn Rowe on February the 9th.

At Chapel Hill last Friday evening the Wilson high school debating team defeated the Winston-Salem team and won the Aycock Memorial cup. This was the thirteenth annual debate. The question was "Resolved that North Carolina should ratify the port terminals and water transportation act." Wilson representing the negative side.

BATHERS FIND PLEASURE TAKING EASTER SWIM

The first bathers of the 1925 season made their appearance Monday at about midday when a dozen or more young people took a plunge from the Inlet Inn wharf. There was some little shrinking from the first contact with the waves but once in the bathers appeared to be having a fine time. Warm, clear weather for several days has warmed up the water considerably but of course it has not yet reached its Summer temperature.

The temperature of the ocean water along Carteret county's coast line rarely ever gets very low. Comparisons of temperatures here and those of New Jersey, Massachusetts and Maine would show a very great difference. In order to get reliable information as to water temperature Mr. H. K. Fort arranged with the coast guard men at Bogue Inlet station to keep some records for him. The information thus obtained is interesting. Records made during October, November and December showed as follows:

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| October highest temperature on | |
| 3rd | 82.4 |
| October lowest temperature on | |
| 23rd | 62.3 |
| November highest temperature on | |
| 8th | 69.83 |
| November lowest temperature on | |
| 30th | 59. |
| December highest temperature on | |
| 5th | 62.3 |
| December lowest temperature on | |
| 30th | 59. |

CANTATA WAS EXCELLENT

The cantata "The Thorned Crowned King" given in Ann street Methodist church Sunday evening was heard by an audience that completely filled the building. Many expressions of praise were heard when the musical was over. The various parts were all well rendered and showed work and good training.

DURHAM MEN BUY WEST BEAUFORT LOTS

A party of gentlemen from Durham motored to Beaufort yesterday and before leaving made a considerable investment in West Beaufort lots. They had bought fourteen lots before they came and after inspecting the property took on six more making twenty in all. They expressed themselves as being very favorably impressed with what they saw and well satisfied with their investments.

Mr. B. E. Moore who has charge of the West Beaufort subdivision had prepared a nice sea food dinner for the visitors and they seemed to greatly enjoy the dinner and the outing. Those in the party were Messrs. Carl Daniels, John B. Pierce, A. A. Braham, Steve Changaris, J. H. Ezell and C. E. Roane. West Beaufort people are expecting a great many of those who have bought lots to visit the place during the next month or so.

BOARD INVITES BIDS ON BONDS

Date of Bond Sale Advertised For Tuesday But Postponed Meeting

In last week's issue of the Morehead City Coaster an advertisement signed J. E. Woodland Chairman appeared which called for bids on \$700,000 road and bridge bonds. The bids were to be opened at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday. According to law it seems that bonds have to be advertised for ten days. However the News was informed yesterday by County Auditor Stencil that the meeting for next Tuesday had been called off and that the board would not meet until the first Monday in May. Presumably the bids for the bonds will be opened at that time. The bonds as advertised are to be serial and bearing a rate of 5 1-2 percent interest.

As was stated in the News last week, a meeting of the board of county commissioners took place last Thursday at which time the bond issue came up. Two members of the board Messrs Hall and Whitehurst favored leaving the question to the people, that is they favored a referendum on it. Commissioners Huntley and Taylor opposed the referendum and the tie was broken by chairman Woodland who voted in favor of the board's issuing the bonds without a referendum. When news of the board's action became public there was considerable discussion of it on the streets of Beaufort and elsewhere.

There were some who opposed the board's action and others who criticized it very vigorously. On Saturday interest in the bond matter was still further increased by the news that Commissioner Taylor had sent in his resignation as a member of the board and had also requested that his vote be changed. The anti bridge and anti bond folks were much elated at this news and the bridge bond advocates correspondingly cast down. However the tables soon turned. Sunday afternoon it was learned by grape vine telegraph that Commissioner Taylor had rescinded his action and would not resign from the board. It is also understood that he will stick to his vote on the bonds.

A report has been in circulation for a day or so on the streets of Beaufort that a meeting of persons opposed to the bond issue will be held in Beaufort Saturday morning at about 11 o'clock. A well known gentleman from the Harlowe section has informed the News that a large crowd from his neighborhood will be on hand for the meeting. No official call has been issued up to the time of this writing and the News does not know what procedure will be undertaken to stop the issue of the proposed bonds. It seems certain though that a vigorous effort will be made to defeat the issue of the bonds.

ON THE HONOR ROLL.

In the list of students who got on the honor roll at the University of N. C. last month the name of G. T. Parkin appears. There were 210 students who won this honor.

FARM PROSPECTS ARE ENCOURAGING

Mild Winter And Early Spring Give Farmers Good Start. Potatoes Look Well

(Crop Reporting Service)

Raleigh, N. C., April 13th.—That the sunshine follows the rain is being proven thus far this year. 1924 was a nightmare to farmers. Except wheat, rye and large fruits, crops in North Carolina were largely a failure last year. Even the fall was unfavorable to the planting of small grains and preparation of the soil, due to belated harvests and dry conditions. The mild winter and early spring have permitted farmers to be prepared for their spring planting far ahead of the usual for this time of the year. Fruit prospects are very good—so is truck. This does not mean that these crops are assured, as there is still time for disastrous weather damage before these crops are made.

The early Irish potato situation in North Carolina indicates a slight decrease in acreage from last year. The condition of 93 percent of a full crop promise is very encouraging so far as the growth is concerned towards making heavy yields. The strawberry outlook is for about 1500 cars for shipments centering around Chadbourne and Rose Hill. Some damage by the strawberry weevil is being realized. The outlook is for about 15 per cent less production than last year. Lettuce shipments this year should produce about 1300 cars, but this number may be greatly reduced, depending upon the prices received. Cucumbers amount to a big crop, as it is estimated that over 5,000 acres will be planted for shipment—Mt. Olive being the principal center.

The apple outlook is good at this date. Cool weather for the past two weeks has retarded the apple blooming in the mountains, making most apples safe from frost on April 1st. The condition for the State averaged 84 percent of a normal forecast. Peaches, at 90 percent condition, appear to be best in the Sand Hills territory where most shipments are made. Considerable damage by cold weather to peaches was reported from the mountain counties. Something like 2500 cars are expected to be shipped from the Sand Hills section this year. This area is using the most modern practices in fruit production, packing and shipping. Their success has made it necessary for the Georgia peach growers to raise their standards.

The rate of farm wages is much the same as usual, averaging for the State \$28.00 per month with board, \$40.00 without and \$1.50 per day to average hired farm labor at the present time with and \$1.90 without board. The labor supply continues to show a shortage as compared with the farm labor need and demand.

NEWPORT RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

The News has received from Major Oscar O. Kuentz a notice to the effect that a public hearing will be held in the town of Newport on April 24th at 9 A. M. The object of the hearing is to consider the matter of improvements to Newport river. Parties who are interested in the matter are asked to be present and to put their facts or arguments in writing so that they may have due consideration.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Mayor Thomas had a very light docket on last Monday, only two cases being set for trial. Dave Potter (colored) charged with disorderly conduct was made to pay the costs and put under suspended judgment. Mary Gaskins (colored) was charged with disorderly conduct also and received the same sentence.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Only one license to wed was issued by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Ham-N. C. last month the name of G. T. Parkin appears. There were 210 students who won this honor.