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General Expenditures Allowed Ten Millions

Educational Institutions Get Most. Over Two Millions For Hospitals And Other Institutions. City School Children Get Twice As Much As Rural Children For Educational Purposes

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., July 13—Raleigh sweltered during the past week with an average temperature which ranged close to 95 degrees and official circles were unusually quiet. Governor McLean, in order to speak and perhaps to get cool went to Asheville where he encountered temperatures which were not much lower than those of the capital.

The first day of the week, Governor McLean issued a statement showing to what extent the institutions and departments would be allowed to go in the matter of expenditures during the first fiscal year, 1925-26, under the Executive Budget Act. The Department of Public Instruction announced the costs of educating its rural population as compared with city children; the first move toward a decent Union Station for Raleigh was made, farm college editors of the nation met at State College; the national guard encampments opened and various other matters of lesser interest took place.

Budget Figures Given

Governor McLean's figures for the coming budget year show that \$10,070,518 will be allowed for general expenditures while bond issues for permanent improvements will amount to \$5,125,000. Educational institutions will receive the largest individual shares of the funds as \$2,288,162 will spend for support of the institutions and \$2,000,250 for the public school program system. In addition, the institutions—meaning the colleges—will receive bond issue funds for improvements amounting to \$3,619,000. The charitable institutions hospitals etc.—will receive \$1,669,600 for maintenance and \$767,500 for permanent improvements. The reformatories will receive \$821,000 for maintenance and \$688,500 for permanent improvements.

An exclamation of relief tinged with unbelief went up from the population of Raleigh last week when it became known a survey was being made of a Union Station site by the city administration which will take the matter to the railroads and ask for their cooperation. This means little—Greensboro has been waiting for years on a decent station—but it is a start and the people are hopeful. It is believed that the capital city should be able to do better by its visitors than with present equipment.

There are six times as many children attending the rural schools, the Department of Public Instruction says, than are attending the city schools but the amount spent for their education is only about three times as much. In other words, about two dollars is being spent on each city child for one dollar on each country child. North Carolina has done a great deal in education but it still lags far enough behind other states for the populace to go ahead and act rather than to talk of what has been done. The average spent for education of a school child throughout the nation in 1920 was \$64.15 and this has constantly increased. The average spent in North Carolina last year was less than half that amount.

Petroleum products which were brought in through Wilmington from other States and redistributed in the State must be handled at an intrastate rate rather than interstate, Judge Meekins held in Federal court last week in deciding a case brought by the oil companies against the railroads. The result may be to reduce somewhat the price of gasoline.

The amount of \$38,585.07 has been distributed to the sufferers from the Coal Glen mine disaster in which 53 lost their lives, a statement issued by

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MULLET TAGGING EXPERIMENT MADE BY FISH BUREAU

Controversy Where Mullet Goes When He Runs To Sea Will Be Settled

FISHERMEN ASKED TO HELP

(By Bureau of Fisheries)

Where do the mullet go when they leave Carolina waters at the approach of the spawning season in the fall? Do they hurry south where the winters are milder? If so, when and how do they return? Perhaps the same schools do not return at all. Who knows the answer?

Many serious theories have been advanced, and a much greater number of wild guesses have been made regarding the annual travels of this important fish. A popular idea is that our mullet winter in the warm waters of Florida or Texas. If they indulge in extended migrations this may be possible. It has even been said that the young fish follow the Gulf Stream to England. Great travelers, these youngsters! And daring! A two-inch mullet needs lots of courage to brave the dangers of the wide Atlantic. Small ones, however, are abundant in Beaufort Harbor—that is common knowledge. But where did they come from and where were they hatched? Perhaps from eggs laid on the coasts of Florida. Perhaps from some spawned much nearer Beaufort. No one knows. Question after question can thus be advanced and toyed with, for the mullet is an interesting fish. North Carolina is interested in him as a food product to the extent of a million pounds a year. We quite naturally want to know how long it takes him to reach an edible old age—the age when he finds himself so popular.

We would like to know, too, if the runs of smaller fish, known as "Cape Mullet," ever becomes the large roe mullet. For finding out such things we need some simple means of identifying fish when they are seen again after a period of time. (But as fish are continually growing, this is difficult. There seems to be, however, a solution to the problem.

If a certain three-pound fish can be recognized as the small nine-inch one of several years past, some real information as to rate of growth can be learned. If the locality of his capture is certain, something can be learned of his travels. The U. S. Bureau of Fisheries is, therefore, undertaking an extensive tagging experiment. Little metal tags attached to the gill covers of liberated mullet will clinch their identity beyond a doubt. Suppose fish marked in Beaufort Harbor are later taken in England, in Texas, or, more popular belief, in Florida. This would automatically settle a long-discussed point.

Several thousand mullet have already been marked with non-corrosive, metal tags, each bearing a number and the stamp of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. The tags are about three-quarters of an inch long and attached to the left gill covers of the fish. A tagging crew follows up the Bureau's fishing boat and marks the daily catch right on the fishing ground. Thus the mullet suffer little injury, and practically every fish tagged can be expected to live. Each mullet is quickly measured, the numbered tag is inserted in the gill cover with one click of the pliers, and the fish swims free to assist the investigators in their problem. Plans for tagging and liberating ten thousand mullet at Beaufort are under way. A like number will be marked in Florida during the coming fall. Perhaps Florida tags will appear in next season's catch at Beaufort. That remains to be seen.

Will Pay For Tags

The tagged mullet will do their bit by just swimming, but the fishermen and fish dealers must cooperate if the Government's experiment is to succeed. A cash bounty of twenty-five cents will be paid for every tag returned to the U. S. Bureau of

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BOARD CLOSES A CONTRACT FOR NEW POWER PLANT

Water And Light Commission Favors Installation of New Equipment

DOUBLES PLANT'S CAPACITY

Action taken by the Board of Commissioners at a special meeting held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock means that in a few months Beaufort will have an entirely new power plant for its water and light service. The total cost of the installation of this plant will be more than fifty thousand dollars.

The purchase of new equipment by the Board of Commissioners was done on the recommendation of the Water and Light Commission and City Engineer Hardy Lewis. It is claimed that the present plant is hardly large enough to meet present needs let alone to take care of future demands. For a year or more now there has been a steady increase in the consumption of water and electric current. The new plant is intended to take care of all growth in business that may arise for some years. It is further claimed that it will be possible to produce electric current considerably cheaper than is now done.

A contract was closed yesterday with representatives of the Fairbanks-Morse Company for two power units; one of 72 Kilowatt and the other of 155 Kilowatt capacity. This will more than double the present capacity of the plant. The engines are of the crude oil type and will burn either kerosene or crude oil. The price to be paid for the equipment is \$45,025.33 and this amount is to be paid in 36 monthly installments of \$1250.70 each. It is agreed that these monthly payments are to be made out of the net earnings of the plant. In other words if there are no earnings no payments will be made. The company is to send an engineer here to install the machinery. It is claimed that it will be possible at any time to tell to the cent what it is costing to produce the current. It appears to be the intention of the Water and Light Commission to do away with flat rates and put in light and water meters.

Before the new equipment can be installed it will be necessary to erect a building and build a foundation. A new well will also be provided. The cost of these items is estimated at \$3500 for the building, \$1500 for the engine foundations and \$1800 for a well. The board passed a resolution authorizing the Water and Light Commission to borrow \$6800 for the building, the foundation and the well. A motion was adopted by the board making the salary of the Chief of Police \$125 a month. Bids will be invited at an early meeting for the construction of the new power house.

COUNTY BOARD RAISES SOME LAND VALUATIONS

The board of county commissioners met Monday and sat as an equalization board to hear complaints and make adjustments as to tax matters. There were only a few requests for changes in the assessment of property. However, the board made some change on its own motion which consisted in raising some valuations that were considered too low.

The ocean beach property on Bogue Island heretofore assessed at \$5 an acre was advanced by the board to \$20 an acre. This takes in practically every thing from Fort Macon west. The valuation on the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City, which was reduced by the former board, was put back to \$91,000 instead of \$50,000. A few other adjustments were made also. It is estimated that a half a million dollars will be added to the county's taxables as a result of the board's action Monday.

Mrs. R. F. Laughinghouse and sister Miss Lama Pugh of Kinston are visiting Mrs. Anne Loftin.

State and County Will Build Bridge

County Board Ratifies Contract And Agrees To Advance Sum Not To Exceed \$360,000 For Beaufort-Morehead City Bridge. War Department Will Have Hearing Next Tuesday

A contract, to build a bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City, with the State Highway Commission and the county of Carteret as the contracting parties was ratified at a meeting of the board of county commissioners held last Friday. Commissioners Woodland, Huntley, Hall, Taylor and Whitehurst were all present. The motion to ratify the contract was offered by Commissioner Huntley, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and all voted for it except Commissioner Whitehurst who voted no. The contract was drawn by the State Board's attorney.

A copy of the contract was not available for inspection by the News representative but some facts were learned in regard to it. It appears that the county is to advance for the bridge construction \$310,000 and that it is to pay the expense of the fill which it is said will not cost over \$50,000 and will probably be less. According to these figures the county will advance a total of not more than \$360,000 and it may be less. This money is to be repaid to Carteret County whenever funds from future State bond issues allowed to the county are available. A balance of about \$32,000 of the old \$150,000 bond issue which is now in the hands of the county will be paid over at once to the Highway Commission.

A motion was passed by the county board to allow the chairman and Clerk to borrow \$150,000 for a period of six months to be used in the road and bridge program. Engineer Brooks was instructed by the board to consult with the State Highway officials relative to the plans and specifications of the causeway to be built between Beaufort and Morehead City. The total cost of the causeway and bridge as estimated by the State Highway Commission is \$565,000.

As stated in the News last week, Major O. O. Kuentz of the United States War Department has given notice of a public hearing on the bridge matter set for Tuesday July 21st, at 2 P. M. in the county courthouse. All persons interested in the matter are invited to be present and state any views they may have about the question both orally and in writing. The plans submitted to the War Department show a concrete and steel bridge about 8,000 feet long, with two draws one located on Gallant's Channel on the Beaufort end and one located on Newport River on the Morehead City side. These draws have horizontal clearances of 50 and 60 feet respectively. The proposed bridge is parallel with the Norfolk Southern Railroad and 30 feet down stream from the railroad trestle. It is proposed to construct a solid fill or causeway for a distance of approximately 4650 feet between the two draws.

BEAUFORT NEWS OPERATOR GOES TO STUDY AT BROOKLYN

Mr. Mathias P. Skarren, who has been employed by the Beaufort News for the last two years as a printer and linotype operator, has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will take a six weeks course in the mechanical side of the linotype operating with the Mergenthaler Linotype Company. Mr. Skarren is the second student that the Beaufort News has sent to this school, the other one being Mr. D. C. Thigpen. Mr. Skarren was a student at the Beaufort High School, having completed his Junior year. It is not known whether he will return to work here or elsewhere.

Busts of two women Charlotte Cushman, actress, and Harriet Beecher Stowe, novelist, have been unveiled in the Hall of Fame.

PULLMAN SERVICE NOW.

The lack of Pullman service for Beaufort and Morehead City noted in the News last week, no longer exists. The Pullman car from Washington, D. C., which has been stopping in New Bern now comes on to Beaufort as it did last summer. The first car came in Tuesday with Captain Stevens in charge. Tourists from the western part of the State have to change trains in Goldsboro but can get Pullman seats the rest of the trip here.

CONNOR TO SPEAK AT ALUMNI EVENT

Carteret County Alumni Plan A Big House Warming On The Twenty Fourth

(By Ralph Noe)

Information has been received that Dr. R. D. W. Connor will speak at the annual banquet given by Carteret County alumni and students of the University of North Carolina which is to be held this year at the Ocean Beach Hotel, Friday July 24th. Dr. Connor, who is Kenan Professor of History and Government at the University, is the son of the late Federal Judge H. G. Connor and is an outstanding authority on North Carolina history. At this time of the rapid development of Carteret County as a resort center, Dr. Connor may be expected to draw on his knowledge of history for some interesting reminiscences of Old Carteret and, with his clear cut vision, make some predictions for the New. The committee in charge of the banquet feels highly elated over being able to bring Dr. Connor to Carteret County and to have him address a gathering of Carteret County people.

The purpose of the annual event, at which Dr. Connor will speak, is to have a banquet of oratory and ideas to which high school graduates may be invited free of charge, where they may have the benefits of University training explained and exemplified by some distinguished alumnus, and thus be encouraged to attend the University or some other institution. The banquet has been held three times previous to this, and already many of Carteret County's students in the various colleges owe their training to the fact that they attended. Invitations have been mailed to all the 1925 high school graduates in Carteret County.

The banquet at the Ocean Beach Hotel is to be conducted on a larger scale than any previous. The banquet proper will include a six course dinner during which the guests will be entertained by orchestra music. Following the dinner, there will be a Grand March in the ball room and then dancing or strolling on the beach, as the guests may prefer. The program will include a number of Carteret County alumni, in addition to Dr. Connor. Mr. Luther Hamilton of Morehead City will act as toastmaster.

GROWS FINE FLOWERS.

Mr. D. W. Whitehurst when he is not busy in his barber shop on Ann street, finds a good deal of pleasure in attending to his flower garden. At his home on Live Oak street he has a large quantity and variety of flowers in his front and back yard and also in the sidewalk strip in front of the house. Roses, lilies, zinnias, petunias and many other kinds of flowers are all grown successfully by Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst.