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DEFICIT LESS ON "ACCRUAL" BASIS AUDITOR SAYS

This Method of Figuring More
Pleasing To Ex-Governor
Morrison

MCLEAN ISSUES STATEMENT

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, August 3.—With the deficit question again to the front and with Governor McLean rebuking sharply those who criticized his administration, Raleigh citizens had interesting reading matter the past week. At the same time the Auto License Bureau, caught with a mass of work piled upon it had to work overtime to issue licenses to all who applied before the extension period on August 1. The city also passed thirty minutes of its working period Friday in tribute to the memory of the Great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan, who was being lowered to his eternal rest during that half hour. Many there were in Raleigh who knew the Democratic leader personally and who mourned sincerely his passing from a personal standpoint. Others mourned his death because of the loss of a great moral leader, a religious crusader, while still others mourned the passing of a great political leader.

On Saturday, State Auditor Baxter Durham issued a statement at the request of former Governor Morrison showing the State deficit in the general fund to be \$3,123,320 on the "accrual" basis under which the Morrison administration operated. This compared with a deficit figure of more than nine millions which was shown on the "cash" system adopted by Governor McLean. A significant feature of the auditor's statement was that he said there was provision in the law for naming the deficit on the "accrual" basis though this had been neglected when Governor McLean's first statement was issued. Governor Morrison asked for the statement, he said, to show the people of the State that the deficit charged against his administration by the McLean administration was greatly exaggerated and could be largely accounted for by the change in methods of financing. Governor McLean had nothing to say with reference to the statement.

Friday, Governor McLean issued a statement in which he said detractors of his administration were trying to belittle his efforts and intimating that progress was being slowed up by the economy program. He declared that these reports could be traced to those who were hostile to him in other matters and cited figures on road construction in support of his contention that progress was not being slowed by his program. An interesting statement by the governor was that he expected the next two year period to see \$40,000,000 to \$45,000,000 applied to good roads. A portion of this to come from county loans to the State Highway Commission.

A stir was created during the week when the first preliminary report of the Salary and Wage Commission was issued it being that dealing with the 900 odd employees of the Highway Commission. It showed the net result of the salary investigators had been to decrease two salaries and increase 21, the result being an actual increase in expenses of the Department. The statement was issued by Frank Page, chairman of the commission, but Governor McLean who feels very much any criticism of the Wage Commission issued a statement at once in which he declared the schedule was a preliminary one and that it would not be final until the Wage Commission and he had given it approval. The Highway Commission assuming that the schedule will be adopted, has issued orders to all department and district heads to place it in effect.

One hundred and eight men and one woman have so far indicated their intention to take the summer examination before the supreme court August 24th. A new order of the Court requires application for new licenses

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O'BRYAN NEW PRESIDENT ATLANTIC AND N. C. ROAD

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Governor McLean has appointed Allen D. O'Bryan of Beaufort, president of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. Stacy W. Brewer, of Vass, is to be secretary and treasurer. Austin McCormick, of Sanford, will be auditor and Hannibal L. Godwin of Dunn, attorney. T. B. Boldie Ward, of Wilson, was reappointed expert.

The directors announced today are:

H. D. Bateman, Wilson; L. Laurence Jones, Charlotte; W. D. Laroque, Kinston; Mrs. T. Palmer Jermain, Raleigh; J. Arrington Kitchen, Scotland Neck; C. B. Park, Raleigh; David H. Collins, Greensboro, and A. D. O'Bryan.

W. N. Webb, of Morehead City, a former president, and W. J. Boyd, of Ayden, are to be members of the finance committee. Leon Tucker, Greensboro, will continue as proxy and present the governor's appointments to the stockholders in Morehead City Thursday at noon.

BROAD STREET MAY BE PAVED

City Board Considers Matter
of Additional Paving. Mosquito
Question Up

It may be that before very long additional street paving will be done in Beaufort. The Board of Commissioners now have under consideration the advisability of paving Broad street and if a majority of the property owners desire it, it is likely that a contract will be given to do this work. The matter was discussed at the board's meeting Monday and was left over for farther consideration. If the paving is done the railroad company will be required to pave a certain portion of the street.

Mr. John McDowell came before the board and asked that the tax on pool tables be reduced. A motion was made and passed reducing the tax from \$25 to \$20 a table. A motion was passed to make the salary of Roosevelt Whitehurst, city truck driver, \$18 a week instead of \$15 which he has been receiving. A resolution was passed requesting the city plumbing inspector to enforce the town ordinance as to sewerage and plumbing. W. G. Milan applied for a plumber's license and was granted it. A motion was passed that 20 percent be collected on tax certificates. This is for old taxes which the town is now trying to collect.

The mosquito nuisance received some attention at the session of the board Monday. Reverend L. B. Bonney came before the board and argued very strongly that some steps ought to be taken to abolish or reduce the mosquito pest. Reverend E. Frank Lee also spoke briefly along the same line. Members of the board agreed that something ought to be done but no action was taken. It appeared that some thought it best to wait until the county appointed a whole time health officer and let him take charge of the situation. A motion was passed to have a cut made in the curbing on Live Oak street near Mulberry street and also to connect up the two streets. The board then took a recess to meet Tuesday.

On Tuesday the principal business transacted was the adoption of the city budget for the ensuing year and the fixing of the tax rate. The tax rate for the next year will be \$2 on the hundred instead of \$1.75 last year's rate.

POLICE COURT NEWS:

Only two offenders faced Mayor Thomas in police court Monday afternoon. They were George Johnson and Dave Davis who were charged with disorderly conduct. The judgment of the court was suspended and the defendants allowed to pay the costs.

Mr. Daniel Penton, Miss Lidia Penton and Miss Viola Sanders of Wilmington spent the week end here stopping at the Davis House.

RESTRAINING ORDER STOPS WORK ON BUILDING

An injunction was granted last week by Judge Dunn of Greenville which temporarily restrains Mr. A. W. Daniels from completing the building which he has been erecting on his Front street lots. Attorney C. R. Wheatly acting for himself and others applied for the restraining order. Mr. Daniels has employed Attorneys Abernethy and Abernethy and M. Leslie Davis to represent him and will seek to have the injunction set aside. The hearing of the case will take place Saturday in Greenville before Judge Albion Dunn. If allowed to proceed it is Mr. Daniels' purpose to put a metal roof and an iron front and sides to the building.

RAINFALL FOR JULY WAS ALMOST DOUBLE THE AVERAGE

The accounts of extremely hot weather and severe droughts in the piedmont and mountain sections of the State have been hard to realize in Carteret county. For only four days in the month of July did the thermometer register above 90 according to U. S. Weather Observer Charles Hatsell's report. This took place on the 3rd and fifth when 93 and 91 were recorded and on the 27th and 28th when the mercury climbed to 91 degrees. However it is true that there has been hotter weather in Beaufort and vicinity this summer than for several years past.

As to rain there has been most too much. The average rainfall for Beaufort for the month of July is 5.49 inches. This year the precipitation was 8.77 inches, nearly twice the average. As usual the prevailing winds were from the southwest and for 22 days the wind came from that direction. There were 20 clear days and 11 partly cloudy or rainy days. The heaviest rainfall was on the 23rd when 2.05 inches of precipitation occurred. The temperature figures for each day of the month follow:

	Max.	Min.
1	87	70
2	85	76
3	93	77
4	88	73
5	91	76
6	90	79
7	88	78
8	90	78
9	90	77
10	90	77
11	89	73
12	89	73
13	88	78
14	89	78
15	88	76
16	89	74
17	90	69
18	89	75
19	90	75
20	86	75
21	87	71
22	85	71
23	85	71
24	87	71
25	86	71
26	88	73
27	91	76
28	91	79
29	87	74
30	87	69
31	88	78

SHERIFF MAKES BIG RAID ON BOOTLEGGERS

A big attack on the liquor business which has been going on under cover for several days came to a head Wednesday when Sheriff T. C. Wade and other officers put under arrest twelve men. Five of these Needham Garner, Mack McCain, T. F. Mann Ivey Taylor and C. W. Whaley are white and the others are colored. The negroes are W. H. Johnson, James Henderson, James Davis, Linwood Pigott, Harry Taylor, William Belanger, N. P. George. With the exception of Garner, McCain and Mann all of the men had a preliminary trial and were bound over to Superior Court for trial in October. Detectives worked up the case and allege to have bought liquor from the men. Some of the parties live in Morehead City, others in Newport and vicinity.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James Collins and Pearl Moore, Beaufort.
Willie Campbell and Annie Bryant of Newport.

EDUCATION BOARD HAS BUSY DAY

Supervisor For Rural Schools
Chosen, School Budget
Reduced By Commis-
sioners

The county Board of Education held practically an all day session Monday and disposed of considerable business. All members were present. A large delegation of citizens from Davis was present as was also a smaller one from Newport. A number of new school committeemen were appointed and a rural school supervisor was elected.

The object of the delegation from Davis in coming before the board was to secure a high school department for this school. Last winter on account of bad roads the high school pupils were not able to attend the Smyrna school and a high school was maintained at Davis. The citizens from Davis asked that this be continued. The matter was discussed at considerable length and the board decided to furnish high school teachers for the 8th and 10th grades. The 11th grade will attend the Smyrna school. Transportation will be furnished by the county board.

There is some dispute at Newport about the sale of the old school house and lot and the Newport delegation wanted the board to take some action about the matter. Attorney M. Leslie Davis was instructed to look into it and report to the board. Chairman W. H. Aylor and Superintendent Workman were authorized by the board to purchase three passenger trucks for the rural schools. On the recommendation of Miss Hattie Parrott of the State Department of Education a county supervisor was elected. She is Miss Margaret Gustin and comes from Missouri. At present she is attending summer school at Columbia University.

New school committeemen to take the places of persons whose terms have expired or who have resigned were elected as follows: At Davis, Stacy Davis, at Bettie, Will Pake succeeds Arthur Mason. At Salter, Path S. W. Dixon succeeds Geo. A. Willis, Camp Glenn, Will Willis succeeds Maud Coleburn. Joe Williams succeeds W. C. Lockhart. White Oak school, E. W. Meadows succeeds B. J. Taylor; P. M. Russell succeeds L. C. Cannon; J. S. Jones succeeds Ollie Parker.

STEPHEN D. POOL APPOINTED REGISTER OF LAND OFFICE

A clipping from the Arizona Gazette, republished below, refers to a recent promotion in office of Mr. Stephen D. Pool. Mr. Pool is well known by a good many people in Beaufort and is a brother of Mrs. C. A. Clawson and Mrs. W. S. Robinson.

"Stephen D. Pool, chief clerk of the United States land office at Phoenix, has been appointed acting register of that office by the secretary of the interior. His appointment was made on the recommendation of John R. Towles, former register who retired on July 1 and by L. L. Ferrall, who succeeded Mr. Towles. Mr. Pool came to the land office in Phoenix eight years ago from the Seattle land office. Mr. Pool has seen twenty years of service in the various federal land offices throughout the west. He is generally regarded as an expert in matters pertaining to federal land matters. His congenial personality and spirit of co-operation has gained for him the respect and friendship of both those desiring to take advantage of the opportunities offered by federal lands and of the legal profession interested in land matters.

Miss Margaret Jones, niece of Mrs. C. P. Dey, left yesterday for Roanoke, Va.

CAMPERS AT SHACKLEFORD.

A party of young people arrived in town Monday on their way to Shackleford Banks where they are spending several days on a camping trip. They are staying in Captain Joe Lewis' house on the beach. Those in the party are Mrs. M. W. Warren, Misses Amy and Elsie Warren, Frank Warren and Hal T. Macdon of Warrenton. Also in the party are Misses Mary Wright of Greenville and Mary Belo Moore of New Bern.

INLAND WATERWAY SURVEY ORDERED

Several Thousand Dollars Available For Surveying
Beaufort-Wilmington
Route

(Wilmington Star)

In order to ascertain if the government would be justified in expending a large sum of money for extending the inland waterway from this made up of four items namely Beaufort to Cape Fear river, the chief of engineers in Washington has made available several routes that have been proposed for the Beaufort-Wilmington link.

Information to this effect was received yesterday morning at the office of Maj. Oscar O. Kuentz, United States district engineer, and it was stated in the afternoon by the engineer officer that this step by the chief of engineers follows the preliminary examination of the proposed waterway link made by the local engineer office just a few months ago; that the survey which is now ordered is to more definitely estimate the cost of dredging the proposed link in order that the war department may ascertain if the expenditure would be justified by the amount of commerce that would probably use the waterway. Work on the survey is soon to begin.

There have been several routes suggested for the Wilmington-Beaufort link and in the new survey all will be thoroughly investigated. One route suggested is to have the canal cut through the marshland separating the mainland and the sea beaches along the North Carolina coast from Carolina Beach to Beaufort; another is via several inland rivers and creeks entering Wilmington by the way of the Northeast river. Both of these routes will, no doubt, be investigated, it was learned at the office of Major Kuentz.

TWO DROWN AT ASBURY BEACH

A double drowning occurred at Asbury Beach, a resort for colored people about two miles from Beaufort, Tuesday afternoon. Two young men about grown were the victims. It has been difficult to get accurate details as to the affair. From letters found in the pocket of one of the men his name was Henry Collins; but no one knew where he came from. The other man was from New Bern, but his name could not be learned here. Reports are that Collins got into trouble in the surf and that the other young fellow went to help him and both were drowned. Collins' body was found that afternoon but the other body was not found until the following day two miles or more from the scene of the accident. Collins was buried by undertaker C. A. Oden at the county's expense.

WILL MASON SHOOT HIMSELF.

Will Mason, a young white man well known about town, accidentally shot himself today in the abdomen while fooling with a pistol. The accident happened in the jail yard at about midday. Mason and another young man had been working on the streets and had stopped for dinner. He was taken to the office of Drs. Duncan and Mason and then carried to the hospital at Morehead City. It was reported that an operation would be performed very likely this afternoon.

BOARD REJECTS ALL BRIDGE BIDS

County Tax Rate Fixed At
\$1.55. School Budget Same
As Last

The Board of County Commissioners rejected all the bids submitted for building a bridge across Ward's Creek at their meeting Monday. All members of the board were present. The bids were as follows: Davis Construction Corporation \$10.45; S. B. Flowers and W. A. Smith \$9.95; Coast Construction Co. \$9.90; W. H. Guthrie \$8.95. All bids were on the lineal foot basis.

Matters of especial interest that were transacted by the board Monday were the adoption of the tax levies and the action taken on the school budget. The latter was fixed at \$82,249.33 which is the same that it has been for the past two years. The total tax levy for the ensuing year will be \$1.55 and extending the inland waterway from this made up of four items namely Beaufort to Cape Fear river, the chief of engineers in Washington has made available several routes that have been proposed for the Beaufort-Wilmington link.

Mr. Rogers claim engineer for the State Highway Commission, met with the Board for the purpose of adjusting claims on the State highway in Carteret County. Commissioner Huntley was appointed by the Board to make a trip of inspection with Mr. Rogers.

A motion was duly made and passed authorizing the lands of J. R. Ball in Merrimon township now listed as cultivated lands to be valued as woods lands.

The county auditor was instructed to take up with Craven County the matter of repairs on a bridge across Harlowe Creek.

A motion was duly made and passed authorizing Mr. Raymond Ball to make the necessary repairs on a piece of road between Harlowe Creek bridge and route 10.

Rev. John B. Gibble presented to the Board a petition for a reduction of the valuation of his property on the corner of Turner and Broad streets in Beaufort. After an investigation by the Board it was found that the said property was valued in line with the adjoining property and no reduction was allowed.

A motion was duly made and passed assessing the stock of merchandise of C. S. Davis of Harkers Island at \$5500. for 1925 taxes.

Mr. W. M. Webb of Morehead City asked the Board to reconsider their motion of July 15th, increasing the value of the property of the Atlantic hotel, and to allow the 1924 values to remain. After an investigation by the Board, a motion was duly made and passed placing the value of the real estate at \$85,000 and personal property at \$1,000.

Mrs. Hall of Warrenton, N. C. presented the Board with a proposition for re-indexing county records. A motion was duly made and passed to take the matter under advisement into the next regular meeting.

A motion was duly made and passed instructing the County Engineer to ask for bids for the construction of a county engineer to ask for the construction of a causeway between Beaufort and Morehead City, the specifications for same to be prepared in accordance with the plans and specifications of the state highway commission.

Capt. John Nelson came before the Board and asked that the chairman and other members of the Board go with the engineer over the route of Gloucester and Straits roads, and that the Board request the engineer to include the Gloucester and Straits sections in his official map. Capt. Nelson was assured the matter would have attention.

A motion was duly made and passed authorizing the payment from the county poor fund of the taxes of Mrs. Linwood E. Willis of Morehead City and Mrs. Stella Smith of New-

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