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## NEWS ITEMS FROM STATE CAPITAL

### Tobacco Prices Rather Disappointing. Griffin Case In Supreme Court This Week

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, September 7—A quiet week was passed in Raleigh last week the chief interest in the Capital City centering in the opening on September first of the tobacco markets of Eastern Carolina, this meaning much to the business of this section. The Governor and trustees went into conditions at Caswell Training School before Mr. McLean departed for New York to sign road bonds. Highway Commissioner Frank Page left for Buenos Aires to attend a Pan-American road meet, the capital speculated over who would be appointed as judge at the special term of court for the trial of W. B. Cole of Rockingham, killer of W. W. Ormond, Josephus Daniels, chairman, went ahead with plans for a Bryan Memorial at Washington D. C. the special committee investigating the Commissioner of Labor and Printing with reference to favoritism charges reported and printing bids were opened for the public business. The Capital also looked forward with interest to the Supreme Court of this week when the appeal of Henry Dennis Griffin of Williamston, sentenced to 30 years for mutilating Joseph Needleman will be heard.

The opening of the tobacco markets were distinctly disappointing. An average price of 14 to 16 cents, which was four to five cents below last year was realized on opening sales with about 8,000,000 pounds offered for sale. The quality of the early tobacco was said to be poor. The opinion was expressed during the week that the best portion of the crop had not been offered for sale and also that the farmers dragged the market with too much cheap tobacco, thus lowering the price. Hope is held that the later season quality will raise the price.

Governor McLean and the board of Caswell Training School decided at a meeting to formulate a definite policy in dealing with the feeble-minded children of the institution. This policy in its various phases will be worked out by the various members of the board and presented in full at a later meeting.

Commissioner Frank Page left for South America to attend a road congress at Buenos Aires. After the meeting he expects to visit several South American republics and inspect road systems, returning about November from his trip.

Governor McLean has not appointed a judge to try W. B. Cole of Rockingham for the killing of W. W. Ormond. The trial is to open at a special term at Rockingham on September 28. The plea of the wealthy manufacturer has not been indicated by counsel. The State will have assistance of several criminal lawyers in the case.

The vocational work of the State will be closely combined with that of State College in the appointment of T. E. Browne, vocational director of the State as director of the vocational Education department of State College. He will hold both positions and co-ordinate the work.

Henry Dennis Griffin has appealed from a sentence of 30 years for being the leader of the mob which mutilated Joseph Needleman at Williamston in the early spring after removing the young man from jail. The appeal will be heard this week by the Supreme Court.

Josephus Daniels chairman of the Bryan Memorial Committee is continuing correspondence and conferences with various parties relative to the memorial at Washington City to William Jennings Bryan. It is expected a meeting will be held the latter part of the month at Washington to begin work on the plans in a definite shape.

A warning at the opening of school relative to fire dangers in public schools has been issued by State Insurance Commissioner Wade. The Agricultural Department announces that its Division of Markets saved poultry raisers of the State \$50,000 (continued on page four)

### A BIGGER BEAUFORT

According to a notice published elsewhere in the News a movement is on foot to extend the city limits of Beaufort so as to include a much larger area. The notice signed by Attorney C. R. Wheatly sets forth the fact that an application will be made to the city commissioners to make the extension. According to the law it will be necessary to hold an election which will be decided by those in the territory affected by the proposed city extension. The addition would take in all lands from the city to the eastern point of Lenoxville and a line extending from Mulberry street to North River. Persons desiring to express their views on the matter may do so through the columns of the Beaufort News. Communications must be to the point and of reasonable length.

## SHORT MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD

### Board Adjourned Out Of Respect To Commissioner Huntley Manday

One of the largest crowds that has attended a county commissioners' meeting recently was on hand Monday, but as the board met and adjourned in a few minutes no business was transacted. The adjournment was taken out of respect to Commissioner G. W. Huntley whose father died a few days ago. Mr. Huntley was absent having gone to New Jersey to attend his father's funeral.

Although the board did not hold an official meeting it did hear in an informal way a large delegation of citizens from the western part of the county in regard to the road situation there. The meeting was held upstairs in the county courtroom as the other place was too small for the crowd. Mr. L. B. Ennett of Stella acted as chairman and explained the object of the meeting. He referred to the fact that roads in the west are in a miserable state and urged that the people there are entitled to some relief. A petition to the county board, which will be presented at the next meeting, was also read.

The Chairman then stated that he wished to have several of those who were present to discuss the matter under consideration. W. G. Mebane who was called on first, stated that he was heartily in sympathy with the proposal to build a first-class road in the west. In the first place, he said, the roads are in deplorable condition and it is practically impossible for that section to develop to any great extent unless they are improved. The people in the west are taxpayers and citizens of the county and have a right to some part of the improvements that may be made for improved roads. Furthermore, he stated, in view of the fact that some developments that are now under way will be likely to add millions of dollars to the county's wealth. A hard surfaced road would be a good paying investment for the whole county. Mr. E. Walter Hill was the next speaker and he made a strong argument in favor of a bond issue to build the western road and also other roads in the county that need paving. He said the difference in maintaining paved roads and dirt roads would be a big saving and would enhance land values. Mr. Herman Small, another speaker, said most of the road money had been spent in other parts of the county and that the western roads were worse now than ever. He thought his section ought to have some relief. Messrs H. K. Fort and C. R. Wheatly were called on but declined to discuss the question. A committee was appointed to press the matter before the board at its next meeting. The following compose the committee: L. B. Ennett, D. J. Hill, J. B. Adams, Robert Weeks, George G. Taylor E. P. Watson.

Commissioner Woodland, Hall Taylor and Whitehurst were present at the meeting.

## LARGE DOCKET TRIED IN POLICE COURT MONDAY

The weather was hot and sultry Monday afternoon but that did not keep the attendance from being large when Mayor Thomas opened court. The number of defendants was also rather large and it required nearly two hours and a half to get through with the docket. Most of the defendants were without attorneys to defend them and several plead guilty to the charges against them.

Milan Gabriel and Gene Springle, two youths about seventeen years old were arraigned on the charge of larceny of a fish net from Moses Austin. Attorney C. R. Wheatly defended them and succeeded in having the case dismissed on payment of costs. The boys admitted they took the net and went fishing in "The Rip" where they caught two flounders. They brought the net back and claimed that they did not know it belonged to Mr. Austin in any way.

Herbert Springle and Hubert Smith two young men charged with fighting admitted the charge and were assessed \$10 and costs. George Fulford, a middle aged white man, charged with having been drunk denied the charge but a witness said that he sang a few songs, went to sleep and gave other evidences of intoxication and the Mayor gave him the limit of \$50 and costs. Carlton Parkin pleaded guilty to the charge of drunk and disorderly and was fined \$25 and costs. Ben Gabriel denied the charge of having been drunk but two witnesses said that he was and the Mayor thought so too. He was fined \$25 and costs.

Bleanche Bryan, a colored woman, was charged with the larceny of a pair of shoes from Minnie Davis and got off with costs in the case amounting to \$5.25. The evidence was that she and another girl took the shoes from a simple minded man named Pierre Potter. Chief of Police Longest went to her house and recovered the shoes which she admitted having taken.

Roshelle Pigott, young colored woman, charged with drunkenness was sentenced to jail for 30 days. The case against John Noe and Percy Garner two white youths, charging disorderly conduct was dismissed. Pete Davis, a colored man, charged with drunkenness drew a fine of \$25 and costs.

## CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY MORNING

Both the white and colored schools will open Monday, September 14th at nine o'clock. A large enrollment is expected at both schools.

The white school will open with exercises in the auditorium. Mr. U. E. Swann, chairman of the School Board will have charge of the program.

All "out of district" pupils who contemplate entering high school are requested to see County Superintendent Workman before the opening date and make necessary arrangements. As the elementary grades are crowded, no "out of district" pupils will be admitted to these grades at least for the present.

No child, white or colored, who does not become six years of age before the spring term opens will be admitted to the first grade. No child will be admitted to the first grade after the first month unless he comes under the compulsory attendance age.

It is suggested that the parents of the first grade children come with them on Monday and be prepared to pay the required book rental fee, which is \$1.05. The fees for the second and third grades are \$1.00 each. This reduction being authorized by the Board on recommendation of former Superintendent Pittman. Pupils in the other grades are required to furnish their own books. In order to facilitate this matter, book lists will be distributed by the teachers on Monday.

All teachers are expected to be in the city some time to-morrow.

Robert L. Fritz, Jr.  
Supt. City School

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Cecil J. Nelson, Harkers Island  
Myrtle Lewis, Harkers Island.

## PREPARING FOR NEWPORT FAIR

### Will Fix Date Next Tuesday. Hope To Make Fair Big Success This Year

(By Hugh Overstreet County Agent)

At a call meeting of the officers of the Newport Fair Association Tuesday night it was decided to postpone the fixing of the date to hold the fair until next Tuesday night Sept. 15th, at which time we hope that all interested parties will make an effort to be present. The meeting will be held in the Strand Theatre, Newport at 8 o'clock.

There has been a great improvement in our community, county and State fairs in recent years. At this time there is no better way to be found to acquire information that will be of value in the equipment and improvement of the farm home-in improving the soils and crops and live stock, and in finding the real success in farming, which is to make the business a mode of life as well as a means of making a living.

It has been said that our agricultural fairs are the show-windows of the farm. This is true, and farmers should spare no time in making attractive displays of all that their land can be made to produce, but the modern fair is more than a show-window it is an educational institution where the exhibits of the soil, live stock, poultry etc., are made to demonstrate the most improved methods of cultivation, breeding and feeding, along with displays of improved equipment that serve to lighten the labor in the fields and barns, lower cost of production, add to the conveniences and comforts of the farm house and lead to general life improvement.

The following list constitutes the officers of the Newport Fair Association for this year:

Chas. E. Simmons.....President  
Major Simmons.....1st Vice Pres.  
Prin. Newport Con School 2nd V-pres  
S. D. Edwards.....Secretary  
The Bank of Newport.....Treasurer.

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Mrs. A. M. Garner.....Flower Dept.

## RURAL PUPILS WILL ATTEND BEAUFORT SCHOOL

All members of the County Board of Education were present at the meeting held in the first Monday. Besides the routine business several matters were considered that are of more or less public interest.

The board arrived at a decision to re-purchase the old school building and lot at Newport sold several months ago. Dr. E. J. Tucker bought the property for \$700 and sold it back for \$900. It will be used for a teacherage.

A delegation of citizens from the Core Creek section came before the board to make some arrangement about sending pupils to a high school. There are about 20 of these students and the board has arranged to take care of them in the Beaufort High School. They will be transported in a school truck. The board decided to offer two prizes, one of \$10 and the other \$5, for the drivers who operate their trucks with the least

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL OPENS NEXT MONDAY

St Paul's School will begin its twenty-seventh academic year on Monday of next week, September 14. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance this year, and a good line up of teachers has been secured.

The following are the faculty for the coming school year:

Mr. E. F. Duncan, Principal—English and Algebra, Beaufort.  
Mr. W. W. Clark, New Oxford, Pa. Band, orchestra, public school music and athletics.  
Miss Mabel Jones, Sparta, Tenn. English and Science.  
Miss Caroline Cumbow, Sioux Falls South Dak., Latin, French and History.  
Miss Louise Goar, Franklin, Ind. High School Mathematics and seventh grade.  
Miss Mildred Smith, Cataula, Ga. Fifth and Sixth Grades.  
Miss Grace Duncan, Beaufort Fourth and Third Grades.  
Miss Ayleen Rogers, Batesville, Miss., First and Second Grades.  
Miss Louise Seale, Holly Springs, Miss., Piano.  
Mrs. Edith H. Wills, Gainesville, Ga., Matron at Dormitory.

## TOWN BOARD HOLDS MEETING

### Appropriation Made For Rest Room. Save Interest By Paying Assessments.

All members of the board of town commissioners were present at the regular monthly meeting Monday. The reading of the minutes caused a brief discussion about a permit for an oil filling station granted a few weeks ago to W. B. Blades. This station is to be on the water front between Ann and Front streets. Former commissioner A. T. Garner attended the meeting and lived it up considerably by starting a discussion of the weed question. He took the position that the law was not being enforced strictly. That some people kept their places cleaned up while others did not. There was considerable talk about the matter but no action was taken, as there is an ordinance already in existence that covers the situation.

The board passed a motion making an appropriation of \$150 a year for the Rest Room of the Community Club. Police officer G. W. Stinson asked for an advance in salary but the motion to that effect failed to pass. Commissioners Whitehurst and Noe voted for it and Commissioners Parkin, Maxwell and Smith against. An order was passed to allow persons who wish pay their paving or sidewalk assessments in full without interest until October the first to do so. A petition of Charles W. Thomas to rebuild a store building on Turner street was ordered filed for twenty days.

The matter of paying F. F. Longest for clay taken by city for street purposes and which has been hanging fire for a long time was taken up and discussed. A motion was then passed allowing Mr. Longest \$400 for the clay. Commissioner Noe voted against the appropriation. A request of Mrs. Maud Garner to be relieved of tax on barber shop was refused. The matter of erecting a new building at the electric light plant was left to the Water and Light Commission. Some bills were audited and the board adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

expense for the year. Mr. Raymond Dickinson was appointed a school committeeman at Core Creek in place of M. C. Dickinson resigned. L. H. Harvey of Merrimon was appointed committeeman for that district in place of B. H. Harvey resigned. Chester Morris was elected committeeman in place of E. P. Watson, resigned, in the Week's Neck district. The rural schools will open on the following dates: Eight months schools on the 14th, seven months schools on the 28th. of this month and the six months schools on October the 12th.

Attorney A. B. Morris of Morehead City was a business here Monday.

## SCALLOP CROP WILL BE SHORT

### Freshet Last Year In Rivers Believed To Have Killed Them.

(By Bureau of Fisheries)

Washington D. C. Sept. 8th.—At the request of the Fisheries Commission Board of North Carolina, the Bureau of Fisheries has undertaken an investigation of the scallop fishery of that State. James S. Gutsell has been assigned to the work, and is making studies of spawning habits, rate of growth, natural means of distribution, etc.

All reports indicate that in the summer of 1924 scallops were exceptionally abundant and that prospects for the coming scallop-fishing season, which begins in December, were unusually promising. Late in the summer a rain storm of torrential violence occurred, and unusual quantities of fresh water were brought down by the rivers. A survey made shortly after the storm showed that except for the beds off Morehead City and in a few less important areas live scallops of a size that would be marketable in the fall and winter were almost nonexistent. It is supposed that the scallops were killed by the sudden reduction in salinity, caused by the influx of fresh water. On the Morehead beds, which are somewhat removed from the area affected by fresh water, the scallops remained abundant and a very vigorous fishery was prosecuted.

A survey made in July, 1925, by an employee of the Fisheries Commission Board of North Carolina and Mr. Gutsell failed to reveal scallops in appreciable numbers except in a small area in Bogue Sound and on certain grassy flats near the Beaufort laboratory, where they appeared to be fairly abundant. A very few small scallops, presumably from this season's spawning, were found.

The situation presents several peculiar aspects. In places where scallops were abundant in the fall, winter, and spring scarcely any were to be found this summer, and where they have been fairly abundant this summer they were reported practically nonexistent after the freshet. With two exceptions, all the scallops taken that may be supposed to have been from this season's spawning occurred in localities where last summer's mortality was reported to be complete and miles from where adult scallops were found this summer. The July survey was considerably handicapped by the density of the "grass" on the flats where the scallops chiefly occur. This vegetation will be greatly reduced by fall, and it is hoped that at that time scallops may be found present in greater abundance that seemed likely in mid-summer. As it is, the situation appears to be really serious.

Of recent years the scallop fishery has been worth nearly \$125,000 annually to Carteret county, the only place in the State where scallops are found. The loss of the greater part of this income would be a severe hardship for the community.

## CROWDED THIS WEEK.

An unexpectedly large run of news and advertising matter this week, much of which came in late, has crowded the columns of the News to their full capacity and more too. Some of the omitted matter will be published in next week's issue.

## TEACHERS IN CONFERENCE

The Teachers' Conference, the program of which was published in last week's News, is in progress today in the auditorium of the public school. The features of the morning were addresses by State Supervisor of Rural Schools Brogden and Jule B. Warren secretary of the N. C. Teachers' Association. This afternoon Dr. G. M. Cooper of the State Board of Health made an address a health subject. The meeting will continue through tomorrow.

Elder L. H. Hardy of Atlantic in town Monday on his way home from an extensive trip.