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## NEWS ITEMS FROM STATE CAPITAL

### Griffin Goes Back To Penitentiary. Governor Has Wage Commission's Report

(By M. L. Shipman.)  
Raleigh, N. C., September 28.—The presentation to the Governor of the long expected report of the Salary and Wage Commission, the return of Henry Dennis Griffin to the State Prison to pay the toll exacted by the law for his brutality, the trip of the State Fair booster special, the death of Armistead Jones, dean of Raleigh lawyers, and the opening of the State Football season were the matters which held the interest of the Capital City during the week-end. In addition many other matters occupied attention of the people for a short while.

On Friday Governor McLean received from the very able body of men comprising the Salary and Wage Commission the report of that body along lines authorized by the 1925 General Assembly. It was indicated Mr. McLean will give the matter his full study and later make its contents known. Those familiar with the Commission, headed by Julian Price of Greensboro do not expect any drastic revision of state wages to follow or any gross inequalities in schedules to be ordered. The Commission is composed of men who are of long business experience and know what it costs to live. The body of state employes have gotten over the first scare which came to them when appointment of a commission to revise their salaries and eliminate unnecessary employes was announced. They feel that they will get a square deal. In addition, Governor McLean has announced the Wage Commission primarily was to place the state employes on a regular basis, meaning that schedules for different classes of employes would be uniform throughout the departments. Some reductions may be made in salaries, some increase may be made and some employes may be dropped as unnecessary. The greatest value of the report however will be a full classification of all and definite salary schedules adopted. Those not now within the classifications outlined by the Commission are not expected to be affected but when new employes are gotten in the course of time their employment will have to be along the lines of the standards set by the commission.

The State Fair Special, led by O. Max Gardner, its president and slated as North Carolina's next Governor, went into the Eastern section of the State last week and received royal welcome. Everywhere the personal popularity of Mr. Gardner was shown. He has grown immensely in the estimation of the people since that memorable campaign of 1920 and the occasion which the state fair special offered the people to show him their regard was taken advantage of to the fullest. Great things are expected of the Fair under his leadership.

Henry Dennis Griffin, convicted in March of the mutilation of Joseph Needleman in Martin county surrendered to the prison Friday to begin his thirty year sentence after the Supreme Court denied him a new trial. The conviction is the strongest notice served in some time that North Carolina will not tolerate mobs.

Armistead Jones, dean of Raleigh Attorneys and known throughout the State died last week of pneumonia. He was in his 79th year and his passing was universally mourned.

The opening of the Football season last week found the Capital City ready and eager for the great gridiron sport. State will be watched more closely than ever before and great interest as usual will be manifested in Carolina and Wake Forest. The game has a strong following in Raleigh which grows larger every year.

Former Governor Cameron Morrison issued his predicted financial statement on Sunday from Charlotte. The statement was an exposition from Mr. Morrison's viewpoint of a deficit in the state general fund and he went extensively into the figures of the state auditor to prove his contentions.

The regional conference of Red Cross workers was welcomed to Raleigh Friday by Governor McLean. (Continued on page eight)

## OLD BEAUFORT NEWSPAPER MAKES INTERESTING READING

Old newspapers throw considerable light on the times in which they were published and are usually interesting. Such an instance is that of the Weekly Record published in Beaufort nearly forty years ago. A News man recently had an opportunity to look over a copy of this publication which was dated August 3rd, 1888. It is the property of Miss Minzette King and has been in the possession of her family since it was published. It is a seven column four page sheet the subscription price of which was \$1.50 a year. G. W. Charlotte was the editor.

The copy of the Record referred to had many interesting items in it. An account of a recent Democratic county convention was carried in it. It mentioned the fact that Senator Z. B. Vance addressed the convention for forty minutes and that he made a very witty and interesting speech and was liberally applauded. The Davis House and the Ocean View were the two principal hotels at the time. The paper carried a list of the Democratic nominees for that year, among whom were Cleveland and Thurman on the national ticket and Fowle and Holt running for Governor and Lieutenant governor. Dr. C. N. Mason was County Superintendent of Public Instruction. The paper had considerable advertising much of which was medicine advertisements. Henry Engelberg set forth the fact that he had just received 50 dozen ladies hose which he offered at 5 cents a pair. Suspenders could be had for 10 cents a pair and handkerchiefs at 3 cents each. The cards of two lawyers, C. R. Thomas and P. H. Peletier of New Bern appeared in the Record. A sermon by Dr. T. De Witt Talmage was an interesting feature. A school maintained here at that time was The Beaufort Academy. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Arrington, Principals.

## NLET INN STOCKHOLDERS TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING

A stockholders' meeting of the Inlet Inn was held last Friday afternoon for the purpose of determining some course as to the future of the hotel. It seems that a mortgage for about \$11,000 on the property is due in a few days and some arrangement will have to be made about that. At the meeting last week the proposal was made that the stockholders increase their stock subscriptions enough to pay off the mortgage. Another meeting is to be held on next Tuesday the 6th at which presumably some definite action will be taken. Citizens of the town as a rule have been hoping that some arrangement would be made to build a new hotel on the Inlet Inn site. It is generally regarded as one of the finest sites for a hotel along the Atlantic coast.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Several precincts in the county failed to report their births and death for the month of August. However the State Board of Health received certificates from most of them and has furnished this information to this newspaper. According to this report there were 35 births and 8 deaths in the county. Beaufort and Morehead City had the same number of births 8 each. Beaufort reported one death and Morehead City four. Harker's Island had four births and no deaths in August.

The report follows:

Town	Births	Deaths
Beaufort	8	1
Morehead City	8	4
Newport	No report received	
Townships		
Beaufort	1	3
Harkers Island	4	
Hartlowe	1	
Hunting Quarter—Division		
(Davis)	No report received	
(Stacy)	0	0
(Sea Level)	No report received	
(Merrimon)	No report received	
Morehead City	2	
Newport	No report received	
Portsmouth	No registrar	
Smyrna	4	
Straits	3	
White Oak	4	
TOTAL	35	8

## STATE NEWS

### Items Of Interest From Various Part of The State

The inspection of the oyster beds in eastern Carolina waters has been ordered by Governor McLean. The work will be done by Captain John Nelson and members of the commission and the State Board of Health. It will take several weeks.

The U. S. War Department has accepted the bid of S. O. Chase of Sanford and L. B. Skinner of Tampa for Fort Caswell. The amount bid was \$201,500 and there are 2750 acres of land and a number of houses included in the property. The new owners expect to use the place for resort purposes.

Norman Bagget, age 13, was fatally injured and Herbert Bagget, age 18 was badly hurt Sunday when their car struck a hog and turned over. The accident happened on Dunn-Clinton highway.

A special venire of 200 men from Union county was summoned to Rockingham to get jury in the Cole case. The solicitor objected to having a jury from Richmond county as he said it would not be possible to get a fair trial owing to the defendant's great influence there.

The \$35000 stolen from the Rocky Mount postoffice some weeks ago has all been recovered. The money was hidden about the buildign John Burges a clerk in the office is under arrest charged with having stolen the money. Burges was shot and claims that this was done by a robber.

A suit has been started in Harnett county against former sheriff J. W. McArtan for \$56,453.62. The county claims the ex-sheriff was short this amount in his payments.

A skeleton was found last Friday near the State Hospital at Morganton last week by one of the inmates who was out in the woods hunting squirrels. The skeleton had evidently been there for a good many months and is believed to be that of a patient in the hospital who escaped some time ago.

J. C. Hudspeth of Concord tried to escape jail in Greensboro a few nights ago and came near being killed. He was on a rope made from some of the prisoners' underwear; the rope broke and he fell about 40 feet and dislocated his hip and had other injuries. He was taken to a hospital.

### GOOD CATCH OF MULLET

A good catch of mullets was brought in Tuesday by Captain Will Willis in the W. M. Webb. There were about 18,000 pounds of the fish and they brought 5 2-4 cents a pound. They were of medium size. The Webb also brought in a right good quantity of menhaden at the same time.

### NEW FIRM STARTING

The room vacated Wednesday by the Bank of Beaufort is now being prepared for a store room which will be occupied by a new firm, Duncan and Willis. This concern will conduct a men's furnishing store. The formal opening of the new business firm will be on Saturday the 10th. However they will begin to open up their stock earlier in the week.

### FORMER BEAUFORT CITIZEN BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

The body of Mr. Rickard Pierce, a former resident of Beaufort, was brought here Monday evening for burial. Mr. Pierce who was 80 years of age died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Kate Atkinson who lives at Winter Garden near Wilmington. Mrs. W. O. Noe another daughter of Mr. Pierce lives in Beaufort. The funeral services of the deceased were conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Noe Tuesday at 1:30 in the afternoon by Reverend E. Frank Lee assisted by Reverend L. B. Boney. The interment was in Ocean View cemetery.

## NEW FISHING BOATS PUT IN COMMISSION

Two new boats have been added to Beaufort's fishing fleet in the past few days. One of the boats belongs to Way Brothers and the other to J. H. Potter and Son. The new vessels will fish for sea bass, blue fish, red snappers and other ocean fish. They will probably make their first trips to sea in about ten days as the finishing touches on the boats are not quite completed yet.

The new boats are strong, seaworthy craft similar to other boats used in deep sea fishing. Way Brothers' boat, named "Johnnie and Elinore" was built by Whitehurst and Rice of Beaufort. She is 42 feet long, 12 1-2 foot beam and is equipped with a 40 horse power engine. Captain Jess Pagel and a crew of four men will fish her. "The Piggie" which is the name of Potter and Son's vessel, is 38 feet in length and 10 1-2 feet beam. Captain Pete Nelson and crew will be in charge of "The Piggie." Besides the two new boats Way Brothers have the Annis, commanded by Captain Gus Anderson and Potter and Son have in commission the Alice, commanded by Captain Tom Nelson. These boats and several others fish during the winter out of Beaufort mainly for sea bass. In summer they often go up the Jersey coast and work there for several months. The success or failure of ocean fishing in winter out of Beaufort depends mainly upon weather conditions. If there is much stormy weather, not many fish are caught but if it is calm and favorable, good catches are often made.

## WILL LAY CORNER STONE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

Morehead City Sept. 30th.—Sunday will be an epochal occasion for the Methodist church of this City, it is then that the corner stone will be laid in their splendid new Sunday School building. The building itself is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy in a week or two as soon as the furniture is installed.

It was proposed several years ago to build a new church but this was found to be too costly for the present time, so it was deemed more necessary to have a new Sunday School.

Few churches will have better equipment for Sunday School and social purposes than this commodious building affords. It is three stories, finished with concrete trimmings and tapestry brick. The interior is finished in natural color plaster oak stained wood work. Smooth light stained rift pine floors, steam heat, and thoroughly lighted with neat ceiling fixtures.

Each department room is furnished with cabinet in the wall for literature and black boards. The class will range in size from small kindergarten for the small tots to large ones for adults.

The Sunday School will be departmentalized and graded, this means that the school will be divided into six departments. These will hold their worship and classes in their respective departments except one Sunday a month when the whole school will meet together.

The basement floor will be assigned to young people and adults combined. This has a seating capacity of four hundred, and two class rooms with a seating capacity of fifty each.

The assembly room will be used for social purposes. A large kitchen equipped with all modern conveniences adjoins this. This floor is connected with all other rooms in the building by a system of electric bells to be used by the general superintendent.

The second and main floor provides for the cradle rool department and beginners. Mothers can attend school and have the babies cared for.

The third floor contains assemblies and class rooms for the junior department. Mr. E. H. Gorham will superintend the intermediate-junior department.

Mr. Charles S. Wallace has been elected superintendent of the whole school with twelve teachers.

The program for the laying of the corner stone will take place immediately after Sunday School October fourth.

## A VERY OLD DEED RECORDED THIS WEEK

Register of Deeds, John W. Hamilton recorded a deed this week that was made 56 years ago. It was for 75 acres of land in White Oak township made to J. J. Peletier by R. W. Bell and wife. The consideration which was \$25. would be considered a rather low price today. Other deeds recorded are as follows:

G. W. Duncan wife to Isaac Rhodes part lot 147 Old Town Beaufort, \$10. and other considerations.

Bank of Beaufort to G. W. Duncan part lot 147 Old Town Beaufort, consideration \$175.

J. W. Salter and wife to Trustees Free Will Baptist church Morehead City lot 8, Block 70 consideration \$1000.

Ivey Frost and wife to C. M. Morehead one acre, more or less Morehead Township, consideration \$10. other valuables.

Lon D. Dixon and wife to E. H. Graham tract Morehead Township \$1. and other valuable considerations.

M. F. Nelson and wife to W. P. Freeman lot 5, Block 67, Morehead City, \$10 and other valuable consideration.

Shepard Point Land Co. to Alonza Smith and wife lot 12, Block 106 Morehead City, Consideration \$100.

R. W. Bell and wife to J. J. Peletier, 75 acres on Lake Ellis, White Oak township, Cons. \$25. dew date, Dec. 20, 1869.

## CARTERET COUNTY CLUB MEETS AT UNIVERSITY

Chapel Hill, N. C., Sept. 22nd.—The Carteret County Club held its first regular meeting of the year Friday night at nine o'clock. Mr. Hall called the meeting to order and got right to business. He explained that the new men had always gone through some sort of initiation to make them feel as if they were getting in, in the proper way. So he turned the new men over to the initiation committee to be initiated which was done. The new men initiated were; Donald Chadwick, Harry Freeman, D. R. McCain, Lloyd Moore Sam Way Elwood Willis, Alvin Willis, Edward Liver, William Robinson, and Miss Aleeze Lefferts.

After the initiation a brief business session was held and then refreshments were served. Everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly and were glad to be members of the Carteret County Club, which is one of the biggest, most active and well attended clubs on the Hill. Carteret County Men at Carolina are:

Beaufort: M. A. Hill Jr., Henry Lay, Clifford Lewis, James Potter Sam Waly, Dorsey Martin George Par kin, Edward Piver, William Robinson, Ralph Noe and L. B. Hardesty. Morehead City: Charles Bennett, William Fodrie, Earl Freeman, Harry Freeman, Lloyd Moore Llewellyn Phillips, William Phillips, Alvin Willis.

Stacy: Edgar Fulcher, Horace Fulcher.

Newport: L. L. Garner, D. R. McCain, Clarence Hall.

Atlantic: James Mason. Straits: Donald Chadwick. Gloucester: Miss Aleeze Lefferts. Marshallburg: Elwood Willis.

## COUNTY FARM AGENT GETS IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet figured in a right bad automobile accident last Saturday afternoon. Fortunately he was not seriously hurt although he did receive some pretty bad bruises about the face and had one leg lacerated somewhat. The accident happened near the Onslow Pender line on the road to Wilmington. This is a nine foot state highway.

Mr. Overstreet saw another car coming and turned partly off the road so as to pass, the other car doing the same thing. At that time a Dodge car driven by Charlie Brinson, a negro who works for the Highway Commission forces came up behind and rammed Mr. Overstreet's car throwing him partly through the windshield. The County Agent's car had a bent axle, smashed wind shield, fenders damaged and other injuries. Brinson sent Mr. Overstreet on to Wilmington in his car and agreed to pay for repairs to the damaged car.

## OLDEST BANK IS IN NEW QUARTERS

### Handsome Building Of Bank Of Beaufort Is Now In Service Of Public

On Tuesday the Bank of Beaufort began moving into its handsome new building and by Wednesday the job was completed and business was going forward without the slightest hitch. The bank's new quarters are larger than the old ones and about as comfortable and convenient as any bank has in the State. In providing comfort and convenience for the bank's patrons and employees the board of directors did not sacrifice beauty. Both the exterior and interior of the building are really beautiful and its construction is creditable not only to its builders and owners but to the town. Beaufort people are proud of the new structure and do not hesitate to say so.

The front of the bank building, made of Indiana limestone is dignified and impressive. It expresses at once simplicity and solidity and is in keeping with the institution's steady but sure development. The interior of the bank is handsome but not ostentatious. The desks and wainscoting are mahogany finish, the floors are tiled and the lighting and other fixtures are tasteful and pretty in the front of the left near the entrance is the cashier's office and on the right a ladies rest room. In the rear of the banking room there is a considerable space used for various purposes. Upstairs in the rear is the board of directors' meeting room which is nicely equipped. The building is really two stories but only a portion of the upper part is used; the rest being left open and affording plenty of light and ventilation. The light comes from a sky light and doors and windows in the rear of the building which opens out on the water. A fine view of the water is obtained from the back part of the house and in summer cooling south breezes from the sea will sweep through it.

The Bank of Beaufort founded in March 1901 is the oldest financial institution in the county and the second in resources. In round numbers its resources at present are \$400,000. Its capital stock is \$20,000 and it has a surplus and undivided profits of some \$7000. In the past four or five years the bank's business has had a large increase and its officials and friends are very hopeful for a continued growth. The bank has both a commercial and savings department. The board of directors of the Bank of Beaufort are: W. A. Mace, John Forlaw, W. B. Blades A. J. Cooke, J. A. Hornaday Jr., J. R. Morris W. P. Smith T. C. Wade. Its officials are: W. A. Mace, president; John Forlaw, vice-president; J. A. Hornaday Jr., cashier; Ella D. Davis, assistant-cashier; Neva Willis bookkeeper.

## SUBMARINE VICTIM WAS KNOWN IN BEAUFORT

Among the 34 men who lost their lives when the submarine S-51 sank off Block Island near New York a few days ago was H. L. Crawford of Ardmore Oklahoma. Mr. Crawford was a radio man at Cape Lookout for some time and was known to a good many people in this section. He left in August for New York where he was assigned to duty aboard the submarine. The vessel collided with a steamer, the City of Rome, in the night time and only three men escaped death.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses has been issued by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week. Synester Gray and Gladys Bryant Newport. Clarence M. Sanderson and Jullie Jones, Morehead City.

## BIRTH OF INFANT

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mace are congratulating them on the birth of a daughter which occurred at their home on Wednesday morning. The infant has been named Mary Elizabeth Carrow.