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## NEWS ITEMS FROM STATE CAPITAL

### Prison Statement Not Very Satisfactory. Commission Study County Government

(BY M. L. SHIPMAN)  
Raleigh, N. C., October 5.—The issuance of the Prison Audit report, the trial of W. B. Cole at Rookingham for the murder of W. W. Ormond, Gov. McLean's declarations comparing North Carolina's type of prosperity with that of Florida and a number of minor matters absorbed attention here during the week. Far and above all other matters however was the Cole trial, the interest in that exceeding anything of its kind in the history of the present generation.

Progress in the trial at Rockingham was watched closely during the week with the Raleigh Times getting out an afternoon extra carrying the testimony verbatim of that day. This was avidly seized upon by the people. Reports coming here from Rockingham were that huge crowds packed the courtroom, a large number of staff correspondents were on hand to write the trial from every angle and the Associated Press had a special wire into the courtroom to the trial to the papers word by word. As the trial progressed interest increased until the climax of Saturday when Cole faced his cross examiners as to why he killed the Raleigh war veteran.

The report of the auditors on the state prison finances left much to be desired by both sides of the controversy. It showed an "operating balance" of about \$38,000 but did not figure on money spent on this year's crop planting. This made it an accrual basis statement and played into the hands of those who have contended that the accrual basis of financing is sound, led by former Governor Cameron Morrison. On the other hand the proponents of Governor McLean feel that his statement is sufficiently clear to avoid heat of controversy. State Auditor Durham is authority for the statement that the State under McLean was pledged to the "cash" basis of financing while the Governor's statement on the prison finances is on the "accrual" basis.

The Governor has been kept in "hot water" ever since he reappointed George Ross Pou as head of the penitentiary. He has had to explain every action in connection with State Prison since and there is no indication that the financial statement has eased the situation or that there will be any letup in the attacks on the administration in this connection.

The Governor almost came out for exemption of the people from income taxes in Charlotte when he praised Florida's progress and said it was because of that state's new tax laws. He halted with his praise and the holding of the far southern state up as an example however and added that while he did not wish to be construed as wishing the income tax abolished still he felt that it was a fair example in Florida of what will happen when capital finds it can come into a state without paying high for the privilege. At the same time he urged North Carolinians to seize the opportunities at hand and develop North Carolina whose basic foundation is much sounder than that of Florida. The Governor was speaking in Charlotte. Later he sent a message to be read at a gathering in Asheville in which he urged further development of water powers of the State. Mr. McLean is saying something every time he talks and not indulging in mere platitudes. It has become evident he has some real constructive measures in mind for North Carolina's improvement and did not get elected just to be governor.

The Salary and Wage Commission report will be made public on October 11 and there is considerable interest in what that body has done. Its general progress already has been hinted at rather broadly however.

Raleigh is looking forward to the World Series this week and the bulletin boards probably will be crowded. The Raleigh Times will broadcast by radio while the News and Observer will use the Playograph in front of its building.

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## CARTERET COUNTY NEWPORT FAIR TO BE A BIG EVENT

### Increase In Number of Farms. Farm Land Values Show Small Decrease

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The following statement gives some of the results of the 1925 farm census for Carteret County, North Carolina with comparative data for 1920. The 1925 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

	Jan. 1, 1925	Jan. 1, 1920
<b>NUMBER OF FARMS</b>		
Total	934	858
Operated by:		
White farmers	858	791
Colored farmers	76	67
Owners	751	679
Managers	1	4
Tenants	132	175

FARM ACREAGE		
All land in farms	51,326	69,464
Crop land, 1924	17,926	17,926
Harvested	14,322	14,322
Crop failure	571	571
Fallow or idle	3,030	3,030
Pasture, 1924	4,315	4,315
Plowable	671	671
Woodland	2,855	2,855
Other	789	789
Woodland not pastured	27,004	27,004
All other land	2,081	2,081

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS		
Horses	477	628
Mules	715	543
Cattle, total	952	2,338
Beef cows	224	960
Other beef cattle	373	954
Dairy cows	271	235
Other dairy cattle	84	189
Swine, total	5,364	6,096
Breeding sows	1,101	1,159

PRINCIPAL CROPS		
Corn—Acres	4,493	4,478
Bushels	72,855	88,547
Hay—Acres	2,492	541
Oats—Acres	1,794	528
Sweet potatoes:		
Acres	1,309	1,050
Bushels	191,037	152,502
Tobacco—Acres	1,219	991
Pounds	584,317	778,625
Cotton—Acres	1,544	3,849
Bales	468	2,665

### SEPTEMBER WEATHER WAS DRY AND RATHER WARM

September weather in Beaufort this year was hot and dry. According to Observer Charles Hattell's report only .49 of an inch of rain fell during the month. Last year on one day in September 12 inches of rain descended here in less than 24 hours. The average rainfall in Beaufort for the month of September is 4.13 inches. There were 17 clear days and 14 cloudy ones. The hottest day was on the 20th when the temperature rose to 92 degrees. Several times it reached 90 degrees in September. The prevailing winds were southerly and southwesterly with several days of northeasterly wind. The temperature figures high and low for each day are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
1.	85	68
2.	87	69
3.	85	73
4.	87	76
5.	88	74
6.	90	67
7.	86	70
8.	87	75
9.	87	73
10.	91	78
11.	88	73
12.	89	74
13.	91	75
14.	88	79
15.	91	74
16.	90	72
17.	90	71
18.	89	69
19.	91	75
20.	92	71
21.	89	77
22.	82	74
23.	85	68
24.	89	67
25.	88	75
26.	86	65
27.	86	66
28.	90	76
29.	87	71
30.	81	65

### Officials Are Planning Best Fair Yet Held. Will be County Wide

The Newport Fair Association will hold its annual fair at Newport October 30th. The Premium list is in the hands of the publisher for publication and will be ready for distribution next week. The officers of the fair association are not going to leave a stone unturned to make the fair this year the best in its history. We are going to ask that the people of Carteret County cooperate with them in this work which undertaking and they will give you a fair that will be a credit to the County. Our fair will offer the best opportunity for pleasure and inspiration for farmers and their families. It is at our 4 farms that farmers teach each other, and learn much from those whose business it is to supply them with many things that are needed on the farm. This is true of Community, County, state and other fairs. The larger the fair of course, the more we see and learn, but it is at the fairs that we find the local and friendly competition producing year after year the most beneficial results in rural community building and advancement of general farming interests.

Exhibits of improved livestock and the producers of the field, orchard and gardens have always been the principal features of agricultural fairs and while such displays will always be essential they are no longer the most important features. How to make the farm house the best of all homes, and farm life the best life that man can lead, is the greatest lesson the fair of today teaches. The Newport Fair is open to the whole of Carteret County and we want each person in the County to feel that this is their fair and begin to plan for an exhibit there. If you all to win the cash prizes is offered 235¢. The Newport Fair is open to the whole of Carteret County and we want each person in the County to feel that this is their fair and begin to plan for an exhibit there. If you all to win the cash prizes is offered 235¢. The Newport Fair is open to the whole of Carteret County and we want each person in the County to feel that this is their fair and begin to plan for an exhibit there. If you all to win the cash prizes is offered 235¢.

Yours very truly,  
HUGH OVERSTREET,  
County Agent.

### NEW BERN BAKER MUST PAY LICENSE TAX

The regular monthly meeting of the board of commissioners of the Town of Beaufort was held at the city hall Monday. All members were present except Dr. C. S. Maxwell who is out of town. No matter of very great interest came up for attention.

A motion was passed to pay the funeral expenses of Will Mason the young man who accidentally shot and killed himself some weeks ago while working on the streets. A paper signed by his father releasing the town from further obligations in the matter is in the possession of the officials.

The board passed a motion instructing the Beaufort News to discontinue an advertisement for bids on an addition to the power house. The reason stated for this action was that it was a matter for the Water and Light Commission to handle. A motion was passed instructing the city clerk to notify O. F. Kafer of New Bern that he must pay \$15 for license to sell his bakery products in Beaufort. Mr. F. M. Simmons came before the board and stated that he desired to present some 70 aluminum plates to auto owners in Beaufort free of charge. A resolution accepting the gift and thanking Mrs. Simmons was passed.

Instructions were made by the board to City Attorney G. W. Duncan to notify the Norfolk Southern Railroad to put all their crossings in Lynch and Charles Case were let off with the costs. It was decided also to have the Simmons Construction Corporation to pave the places where Gordon, Live Oak and Mulberry streets intersect. A committee composed of Mrs. Charles Case and Mrs. Maude Chadwick, representing the daughters of the Confederacy came before the board and asked for a contribution for a monument which it is proposed to erect. The board decided that the matter would have to be deferred until the budget for 1926 is made up which will be next July. The board adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

## CUPID BALKED BY CRUEL FATE

### Young Couple From Pitt County Plead in Vain For Marriage Permit

Cupid laughs at locksmiths, so it is said, but nevertheless he does get balked occasionally. A case of the kind occurred yesterday when a young couple from Greenville in vain besought Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton to grant a marriage license. The Register of Deeds was sympathetic but did not care to take the chance of having an angry mother descend upon him in her wrath, so he refused the coveted document. Jesse Forbes, aged twenty, and Gladdie Bright Forest, who her mother says will be sweet sixteen in December, were the disappointed couple. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Palmer of Greenville. Register of Deeds Hamilton called on Mrs. Forest by telephone and got the information as to the girl's age. As the law does not allow licenses to be granted to girls under eighteen without the consent of parents he refused the permission desired. The young man also had an earnest talk with his prospective mother-in-law and finally it was agreed that they should return to Greenville for a further consideration of the matter. The young lady did not seem to be greatly disturbed over the outcome of the affair but the youth did not like it a little bit. He announced his determination to marry the girl in spite of all opposition, but said he would not attempt to get a license in any other county at present. They left here ostensibly for Greenville; still they may have changed their minds.

### CARS RUN TOGETHER ON NORTH RIVER ROAD

Automobile accidents continue to occur. One took place last Saturday night about 10:30 on the North River road a mile and a half from town. A Ford car driven by Richard Fulford, a colored man, and a Dodge driven by Mr. Andrew Gillikin of Otway came together and both cars were badly damaged. Mrs. Andrew Gillikin and four children and Mrs. M. R. Gillikin were in the Dodge car but escaped injury. Several of the occupants of the other car were hurt but none dangerously so. Mr. Gillikin says the accident happened because the driver of the other car did not stay on his side of the road.

### COUNTY TEACHERS' MEETING.

A meeting of the teachers from the rural schools is to be held in Beaufort on Saturday. The meeting will begin at 10:30 A. M. and will be in the auditorium of the Beaufort Public School. A number of subjects pertaining to the county schools will be discussed.

### POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Several cases were tried by Mayor Thomas in police court Monday afternoon and several were continued until next week. John B. Conleton was tried on the charge of drunkenness and also on that of breaking out of prison. He was fined \$50 or 30 days street work on the first charge and bound over to Superior Court on the latter. He took an appeal to the higher court on the 30 day sentence.

Lucille Henry, colored, disorderly in conduct, was let off with the costs and suspended judgment. Rudolph Henderson for violating a traffic regulation drew a suspended judgment and the costs. He left his car on the street in the business section from 2 to 5 a. m. which is contrary to law. For allowing dogs to run at large Ed. Lynch and Charles Case were let off with the costs.

### BIRTH OF SON.

On last Saturday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Smith. The child has been named Alonzo T. Smith Jr.

A barleycorn in England has no reference to John Barleycorn, it being an old British measure of length, one-third of an inch.

The fathers of more than eleven per cent of the persons listed in Who's Who are clergymen.

## Contract For Fill Is Let By County Board

### Coast Construction Makes Lowest Bid. Eastern Highway To Follow Original Route. Road To Be Sixteen Feet Wide

A rather large crowd was on hand Monday to see what action the board of county commissioners would take on the Beaufort-Morehead City fill and on road matters. A contract was let for the fill to the Coast Construction Company, owned by Dr. C. imately 175,000 cubic yards of the embankment are to be made. The bid of the Coast Construction Company was 27 4-10 cents a yard, or a total of \$47,950. It is to be completed in 175 working days.

Three other bids for the fill were submitted. They were C. Walker Hodges 43 4-10 cents, French Dredging Company, 36. 9-10 and F. J. McGuire 42 cents. After considering the various bids the board passed a resolution to accept that of the Coast Construction Company provided specifications were complied with as to U. S. Shipping Board has spent considerable money advertising the property for sale but has been unable to get many offers for it. It is not known yet whether Mr. Fort's offer will be accepted or not. The plant was built during the war and has cost the Government many millions of dollars.

A delegation of citizens from the eastern part of the county came before the board to protest against the plan of changing the route of the highway to the east. The board went into executive session to confer with the contractor about the work being done in the county. A motion made by Commissioner Huntley and seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst was passed to rescind a former motion instructing the contractor to move his equipment to Hunting Quarter township. This was due to the fact that the contractor said that he would have to charge at least 20 percent more for the work if he moved the plant now.

Upon motion of Commissioner Huntley seconded by Commissioner Taylor and duly passed, the road contractor (Simmons Construction Corporation) was instructed to begin at the intersection of the Merimion and North River road and go on across North River through the back road to Louis Smith's Store, as far eastward towards Atlantic as it is practicable to hard surface from the Beaufort set up of the asphalt plant, thence branching off from Louis Smith's store to Hull Bell's corner; thence the Straits road to the intersection of the Black stump road. The said road construction to be of the same materials, under the same specifications, and the same unit price as the present contract, then upon completion of the foregoing road to begin at the point where the hard surfacing of the road towards Atlantic was stopped and continue the said road on to Atlantic. The road to be hard surfaced sixteen feet wide. The vote of the Board was unanimous for the construction of the above roads, but Commissioner Hall registered his objection to the width of the road.

A motion was made and passed to pay the contractor the actual loss sustained by him in reducing the width of the Newport road from 16 to 9 feet. Chairman Woodland was instructed to negotiate for shells for the Harker's Island road. A matter was passed to have Engineer Brooks make a survey of two proposed routes for a bridge between Harker's Island and the main land. A motion was passed authorizing the purchase of materials for construction of East Ward's Creek bridge. Attorney E. W. Hill appeared before the board asking for a roadway for David Merrill across the lands of J. C. Merrill. The matter was taken under advisement. Congressman Abernethy appeared for several persons who claim damages for their property on the Beaufort-New Bern road. Attorney Jesse H. Davis presented a revised bill in the case of the State vs Sharpe and the bill was ordered paid.

The resignation of B. F. Perkins as game warden was read and accepted. D. L. Godwin was appointed his successor. A motion was passed instructing the clerk to turn over the 1925 tax books to Sheriff Wade on the same terms as last year. The report of County Welfare Officer Alvah Hamilton was received and ac-

### H. K. FORT MAKES OFFER FOR HOG ISLAND SHIPYARD

When the bids were opened last Saturday for the celebrated Hog Island shipyard, near Philadelphia, only eight were on hand. One of these was made by Mr. Henry K. Fort, owner of considerable real estate in Carteret county. Mr. Fort's bid was for \$1,276,000 and is said to have been the best bid received according to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Mr. Fort's bid was accompanied by a certified check for \$63,000. About a year ago Mr. Fort bought the Pusey and Jones shipyard of Gloucester, N. J.

The Hog Island shipyard embraces 946 acres of land, a number of large buildings, wharves and so on. The U. S. Shipping Board has spent considerable money advertising the property for sale but has been unable to get many offers for it. It is not known yet whether Mr. Fort's offer will be accepted or not. The plant was built during the war and has cost the Government many millions of dollars.

A recent purchase of the Moline Plow Company's at Poughkeepsie New York was made by Mr. Fort. This was at one time a very large plant. It was closed down about two years ago and has been offered for sale for some time. The company asked \$425,000 for the plant but as to what was paid for it the News is not informed.

### DEALS IN DIRT.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton, since last week:

- J. W. Gaskill to Dr. E. B. Whitehurst 3 acres Beaufort Township, consideration \$100.
- Elsie A. Mazingo to John H. Smith et wife lots 2, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26; and 15 Block 67 Morehead City consideration \$400.
- D. S. Oglesby to Romelus A. Nunn lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15; Block 58 Morehead City N. C.
- T. D. Hewitt executor to Mary Ward lots 389, 448, Morehead City \$10 and other considerations.
- A. L. Hamilton and wife to F. R. Bell 68 acres Morehead township, consideration \$3000.
- Mae P. Davis et al to Eliza P. Hamilton lot 10 block 33 Morehead City, consideration \$275.
- Julia J. Harrison to Geo. N. Everette et al tract, White Oak township, consideration \$3250.01.

### SWEET POTATO SHIPMENTS ARE UNUSUALLY HEAVY

Shipments of sweet potatoes are unusually early and prices unusually good this Fall. As a general thing the late crop does not begin to move until about November and prices start at about \$2 to \$2.50 a barrel. Potatoes are now bringing the producer \$3.25 a barrel and about five cars have been shipped this week. Another car was to go out today and this will make around 1200 barrels. The sweet potato crop up the State is said to be short this year while in this section it is very good.

### MOSQUITO EXPERT COMING

Secretary Betts of the Chamber of Commerce recently received a letter from Senator Simmons' private secretary Mr. F. A. Hampton in regard to sending a mosquito expert to Beaufort. He states that Dr. Cumming of the U. S. Public Health Service has promised to send Mr. Tarbett a mosquito expert, to Beaufort and New Bern to look conditions over. He is expected to come in the next month or so.

Mr. Louis Daniels of Cedar Island was relieved of his taxes. Mr. Ed Gillikin of Straitstownship was relieved of his poll tax for the year 1925. The taxes of H. R. Garner of Newport were ordered paid out of the poor fund.