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NEWS ITEMS FROM STATE CAPITAL

Fair Was Great Success. Some Dissatisfaction With Wage Commission Report

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Raleigh, N. C., October 19.—The State Fair, with its attendant crowds and exhibits, the verdict in the trial of W. B. Cole for murder, the death of James B. Duke and the annual State-Carolina football game were among the outstanding matters of interest in the Capital City last week. There was little doing in administration circles, the Governor devoting a large portion of his time to the State Fair which he pronounced excellent, especially the agricultural exhibits. However there was considerable interest in the report that the Salary and Wage Commission had received a number of protests, and would consider them at a meeting next month. It is understood that the protests are chiefly against the classification of salaries which many employes hold will cut them off from hope of advancement in the State service.

The Fair, despite a week considerably marred by rain, was a great success. O. Max Gardner amply justified the trust reposed in him by his associates when they elected him president of the organization. The many and varied exhibits of what the State is doing, the added midway features, the livestock, chicken and other animal displays and the horse and trotting races were all enjoyed by throngs each day. The annual football game between State College and Carolina, which the latter team won 17 to 0 was the center of interest Thursday but on other days the exhibits of the Fair received the full attention of thousands who visited Raleigh.

On all sides there were words of commendation for President Gardner and Manager Walborn, who bore the brunt of arranging for the Fair and looked after the mass of detail incident to the occasion. It was fitting that Cleveland, county home of the President, carried off the highest honors for county displays.

The verdict of "Not Guilty" in the Cole case, in which W. B. Cole was charged with murder of W. W. Ormond, was universally denounced in Raleigh. On all sides there were expressions of regret at the miscarriage of justice and from editorials carried in the State papers the feeling prevailing in Raleigh was general throughout the State. Many deplored the fact that the verdict may set a bad precedent and that the laws of the State were so disregarded by the jury in its verdict. While few believed that Cole would be declared guilty of first degree murder, a majority held that he should be punished for his crime. Many felt that it justified a statement which has been often repeated that the rich can escape from any crime because of their money. The verdict has set an extremely dangerous precedent and the State has gone back years in the administration of law.

The untimely death of James B. Duke, the millionaire tobacco and water power king, was deplored in Raleigh. The man was felt to have been a genuine benefactor of North Carolina and his gifts to education, religion and charity have meant much to the State. On all sides one heard regret expressed that he had died when the fruits of his gifts were beginning to be manifest. However, the great good that he has done for Western North Carolina in water power development which has made that a great industrial center, and the accruing good which his educational plans will bring, marks him as one of the outstanding benefactors of the Tar Heel State and his memory will live forever in the works which he has provided will go on after death.

The week was quiet in the Capitol politics. The Governor spent a large portion of time at the Fair and on several occasions had with him parties of distinguished visitors who pronounced the Fair a wonderful exhibit. The Executive will appear before the House of Ways and Means Committee of Congress on Friday to argue for elimination of the tax on inheritances.

The Salary and Wage Commission

MR. MARTIN AND MISS RUMLEY WERE MARRIED SUNDAY

A marriage of much interest to Beaufort people occurred Sunday afternoon in Washington, N. C. when Mr. Edward D. Martin and Miss Julia Manny Rumley of Beaufort were united in matrimony. The marriage took place at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Methodist parsonage and the ceremony was performed by the Reverend L. D. Hayman of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. James Rumley Jr. of Beaufort were present at the marriage and a few other friends. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Richmond, Va., and other places on their bridal tour. On their return to Beaufort they will make their home in the groom's residence on Ann street. Mr. and Mrs. Martin both belong to two of the best known families in Beaufort and have many friends who wish them much happiness in their wedded life.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

Only two cases were tried by Mayor Thomas in his court Monday afternoon. They were both for allowing dogs to run at large. The defendant E. H. Davis and T. G. Willis were let off with the costs in the case \$3.45 each. Several other cases were continued in order to get necessary witnesses.

CROATAN ARRIVES IN HARBOR

The dredge Croatan arrived in the harbor Monday and may be at work around here for some time unless ordered elsewhere. Probably the main work that will be done will be dredging out the bulkhead channel and Taylor's Creek channel. Some other small jobs may be done also.

has received a number of complaints from those affected by the recent report of the Commission. These complaints for the most part, it is said, are confined to charges that the classifications will cut off hope of promotion for employes who wish their classifications changed. Very few expressions have been heard concerning the hundred and a quarter salaries reduced as some reduction was inevitable and expected. The Commission will hear arguments for changes in its orders during the month of November. The changes are slated to become effective on November first but are subject to change upon approval of the Commission and the Governor.

The Cotton Grower's Cooperative Association plans the construction of a building, in the not distant future, in which to transact the business now being conducted in rental quarters. So says U. B. Blalock in a recent statement to the press in reply to a suggestion from Commissioner W. A. Graham, of the State Department of Agriculture, that it might be the part of wisdom for the Association to wait before launching a building program. In his statement the Commissioner let it be known that he is in sympathy with the principle of co-operative marketing.

Charles M. Upham State Highway Engineer, has practically recovered from the injuries he received in an automobile accident several weeks ago. He was the principal speaker recently at a banquet of the highway division of the North Carolina Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America at the Sir Walter Hotel here.

118 more miles of hard surfaced and eighty-nine miles of graded roads to be added to the State Highway System as soon as contractors are able to complete the projects "farmed out" at a meeting of the Highway Commission during the week, when bids were opened for twenty-two at an approximate cost of \$4,000,000.

Dr. R. W. Leiby, recently appointed head of the division of entomology of the State Department of Agriculture by Commissioner Graham, is authority for the statement that the Boll weevil has done no great damage to the cotton crop this year, the probable loss being between five and eight per cent. He advises cutting down the stalks as soon as the cotton is harvested, if it is done before frost, as a means of protection against the weevil next year. Burning the stalks would "fix 'em" but Doctor Leiby merely suggests plowing them under, or the "cutting down" process.

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MAY BUILD CANAL NEAR NEW BRIDGE

While Highway Fill Is Being Made Waterway Can Be Cut

An offer to build a canal between Beaufort and Morehead City has been submitted to Chairman J. E. Woodland of the board of county commissioners by Dr. C. L. Duncan of Beaufort representing the Coast Construction Company. This company has the contract for making a fill for the highway between the two towns.

The proposition submitted is to construct a canal 10 feet deep and fifty feet wide at the bottom, from deep water on the Beaufort side to deep water on the Morehead City side. The distance is estimated at between five and six thousand feet. There is a shoal on the west side about a thousand feet long which would have to be cut through to make the connection. The canal as proposed would parallel the highway bridge and would cut the distance between the two towns about two miles. It would avoid the strong tides on the old route and would be safe in a weather. In case any one desired to operate a ferry between Beaufort and Morehead City he could do it easily. As the canal can be built much sooner than the bridge can be finished, it would probably be ready for use by next summer. The proposition submitted by Dr. Duncan is that he will build the waterway for \$15,000, the idea being that the county and the towns will divide the cost of the project equally between them. The News has asked several citizens their opinion of the matter and they all seem to think that the canal would be very useful and that while the fill is being constructed would be the best time to build it.

REGULAR MEETING HELD BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The monthly meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held Monday night at the office of Dr. C. S. Maxwell. The session was rather a short one and mostly business of a routine nature was transacted. There was some discussion of harbor improvements, advertising and truck growing. The question of endorsing the proposed canal between Beaufort and Morehead City along the highway bridge was discussed briefly. No action was taken on the matter.

LARGE REALTY TRANSFERS IN WESTERN CARTERET

Two large real estate transfers have been recorded this week by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton. Both were in the western part of the county. One was that of A. H. Pridgen and wife to F. M. Simmons of Charlotte of 462 acres of land in White Oak township, consideration given as \$500. The other transaction was that of A. D. Ward, commissioner, to Henry K. Fort of Philadelphia of 330 acres of the Ennett lands in White Oak township, the consideration stated was \$7000. Other deeds recorded are as follows:

H. D. Norcom and wife to Chas. W. Norcom part lot No. 50 O. T., Beaufort, consideration \$1.00.

S. P. Hancock and wife to the Carteret Growers Inc., lot in Beaufort or \$500.

H. D. Maupin to Verne M. Smith 6 acres in Hunting Quarter Township, consideration \$10.

Randolph Smith and wife to J. C. Bell 3-4 acre Newport Township, consideration \$200.

W. H. Slaughter and wife to J. Walter Rich, and wife 15 acres Newport Township, consideration \$5.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Arthur Stanford and Addie Glover Beaufort.

Eugene Graham, Swansboro and Ruby V. Daugherty, Newport.

Alonza Willis and Lillian Guthrie Harker's Island.

BASKET BALL AT ST. PAUL'S

A game of basket ball has been arranged between the St. Paul's and Beaufort High School teams. It will take place next Wednesday afternoon on the grounds of St. Paul's School. The game will begin at four o'clock.

SUPERIOR COURT MOSTLY TRIALS OF LIQUOR CASES

Two Men Acquitted, Some Convicted And Some Have Run Away

SOME GET ROAD SENTENCES

Superior Court has been in progress now for practically four days and most of its time has been taken up in the trial of criminal cases notwithstanding the fact that a number of such cases were continued. Of these cases a large majority were for violations of the prohibition laws. One rather unusual occurrence was that the jury acquitted two men charged with such violations.

Court opened at 10:30 Monday morning with Judge W. M. Bond presiding over it and Solicitor Jesse H. Davis representing the State. Judge Bond's charge to the grand jury was short. He dwelt upon the responsibility of the grand juror and the importance of the office. He said he did not believe in indicting people on slight provocation because an indictment in court is a serious matter. However when there is occasion to do so the grand jury must indict fearlessly without regard to the person's station in life or any thing else. It is necessary to have the State's laws enforced or else we shall have anarchy and upon the grand juries of the State rests this responsibility in a very large measure. Mr. M. M. Pigott of Straits was chosen foreman of the grand jury and Mr. Herbert Forlaw of Beaufort was made special officer in charge of the jury.

One of the first acts of the court was the swearing in of Mr. William C. Gorham of Morehead City as a practicing attorney which was done in the usual manner. An agreement was reached by attorneys A. D. Ward and Solicitor Davis for the State and Abernethy and Abernethy for the defense in the tick eradication cases that practically removed them from the docket. The defendants agreed to comply with the law and the indictments will be dropped. Fourteen men from Atlantic indicted for violation of Fish Commission rules plead guilty and were let off with the costs.

A hot fight took place in the trials of C. W. Whaley and Thos. Mann for violating the prohibition law. These two men are farmers and live in the Newport section. In both cases the State relied on the testimony of two men Anderson Taylor and Brady Wade who had been hired to work up liquor cases. Attorneys Luther Hamilton and C. R. Wheatly appearing for the defense made a fierce attack on these witnesses and succeeded in getting the jury to believe that their testimony was not reliable. Both men were acquitted. Another case hotly contested was that against Brady Wade of Morehead City charged with running into the car of Mr. E. B. Willis and driving a car while under the influence of liquor. In this case Solicitor Davis and former Judge D. L. Ward of New Bern prosecuted and secured a conviction despite the strenuous efforts of Messrs. Hamilton and Wheatly for the defense. The man was given a sentence of six months on the county roads. The criminal docket was finished this morning at about ten o'clock and the trial of civil actions was then taken up. A divorce case which took only a few minutes was disposed of Wednesday afternoon.

This was the case of Stacy Golden against his wife Amanda Johnson Golden alleging infidelity to the marriage vows. The action was uncontested and the divorce was granted. Criminal cases disposed of are as follows:

Linwood Pigott (colored) possession of liquor guilty and was fined \$20 and costs.

Agnes and Lina Gillikin, slander, case noll prossed.

John Henderson (colored) violating prohibition law, plead guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

William Wade, violating prohibition law, noll prossed.

Bob Dudley, submitted to charge of carrying concealed weapons, metal knuckles, fined \$20 and costs.

Ira Styron and Adelbert Davis, violating prohibition law, plead guilty

LESLIE HUMBER DIES AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest Oct. 19.—The Wake Forest student body was shocked today when it was learned that Leslie Humber member of the sophomore class died at Raleigh hospital this afternoon following an illness of four days with appendicitis. Humber was taken ill here last Thursday and was sent on the following day to the Raleigh hospital. His condition was not considered serious until Sunday when his condition became suddenly worse. The operation was too late to save his life.

Humber was a regular on the freshman football team last year. His home was at Greenville.

The young man mentioned above is a nephew of Mr. M. Leslie Davis of Beaufort and was known by many people here who were shocked to hear of his death.

ROOK CLUB ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF TEACHERS

The ladies of the Beaufort Rook Club gave a party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. C. R. Wheatly complimentary to the faculty of the Beaufort Public School. The spacious Wheatly residence was attractively decorated for the occasion. Rook was played until eleven o'clock when refreshments were served. The highest score was made by Miss Lucille Pond and the lowest by Mr. Guion Barbour. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Moore, Misses Lessie Arrington, Gladys Chadwick S. M. Byrd, Nell Swann, Margaret Gustin, Flora Brummitt, Mahala Bullance, Katherine Seiz, Louise Fritz, Lucille Pond, Lera Grady, Kathleen Henry, Laura Thomas, Nannie Potter, Mrs. J. H. Potter Jr., Mrs. H. M. Hendrix, Mrs. W. V. B. Potter, Mrs. N. H. Russell, Mrs. Ed. Potter, Messrs. James Noe, Blythe Noe, J. H. Workman, Alonzo Thomas, Paul Jones, Elmore Davis, Guion Barbour, Surgeon Rose, Dr. Manly Mason.

MINISTER IN BED TIES MARRIAGE KNOT

A marriage service was conducted at the Baptist parsonage Tuesday evening at about seven o'clock was somewhat unusual in that the minister was confined to his bed. Mr. Arthur Stanford and Miss Addie Garner, both of Beaufort, were united in wedlock by Reverend L. B. Boney who had been ill for several days. However the knot was tied just as tight as though the minister had been in perfect health. Besides the family and physician a few friends of the couple witnessed the rather unique ceremony.

to possession. Judgment suspended in payment of costs.

W. H. Johnson two cases prohibition law, skipped his bond, capias and continued.

James Davis (colored) violating prohibition law; jury trial convicted, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Harrison Hemingway, violating prohibition law, called and failed capias and continued.

Ben Gabriel, larceny, true bill, called and failed, capias and continued.

Manly Bailey, receiving stolen property, case continued.

William Bell, violating prohibition law, forfeited his bond of \$150.

Dave Bell, assault, called and failed, capias and continued.

John B. Conleton; four charges against him, violating prohibition law, breaking jail and drunk and disorderly. The judge gave him 30 days on roads on each charge making four months in all.

Needham Garner, charged with violating prohibition law, grand jury found not a true bill.

O. O. Williams (colored), possession of liquor plead guilty. Judgment suspended on payments of costs.

James Gaskins (colored) convicted of having liquor in his possession was sentenced to four months on the Craven county roads.

That successful farmers are reading farmers is shown by a survey recently made by extension workers of State College.

BEAR CAPTURED IN NELSON'S BAY

Captain Of Mail Boat Ropes And Then Kills A Large Bear

Men who are engaged in seafaring have many interesting experiences and can tell many a strange tale, but capturing and killing a bear on the water is certainly a rare one. Captain Howard Nelson, who runs a mail, passenger, and freight boat between Atlantic and Beaufort, had such an adventure last Monday morning while on his regular trip to Beaufort. The truthfulness of the bear tale is vouched for by Reverend J. M. Carraway of Merrimon and other passengers aboard the Aleta.

While crossing Nelson's Bay between Sea Level and Stacy shortly after sunup an animal was seen swimming in the water about a half mile from shore by the people on the boat. As the boat came nearer, it was seen that the swimmer was a bear who was making his way to the mainland. Captain Nelson decided at once that he wanted that bear and proceeded immediately to make the necessary arrangements. Taking a strong piece of rope he managed to throw it in front of the animal and work it around his body. He was then towed some distance to where some men were fishing and from these men Capt. Nelson got a piece of iron with which to kill the bear. The captain got in a small boat and approached bruin near enough to hit him; the passengers looking on with much interest. The bear then decided that he would go aboard the mail boat or eat it up and so he began to bite and scratch great gashes in the boat's side. At this stage of the proceedings the Reverend Mr. Carraway, who is a very prudent man, advised all concerned to get in the cabin which was done promptly and the doors closed. Captain Nelson then proceeded to the attack with his iron and after a few blows knocked the animal senseless. After this he hauled him aboard and gave him the finishing touches.

The dead bear was brought to Beaufort and was seen by a large number of people. He was full grown, measuring seven feet and eleven inches from the tip of his fore claws to the end of his hind feet.

WILES ACQUITTED IN DURHAM COURT

Slayer of Wife and Her Lover Acquitted Early Saturday Morning

Durham, Oct. 17.—Robert H. Wiles, of Columbia, S. C. this morning was found not guilty of the murder of Ralph B. Gordon on August 8. The jury rendered its verdict at 7:30 o'clock today.

Three ballots were taken by the jury during its twenty hours of deliberation. The first and second ballots were 11 to 1 for acquittal.

The jury announced at 7 o'clock this morning that it had reached a decision, but Judge Henry A. Grady ordered them to breakfast before reporting to the court. Only court officials were present when the verdict was announced.

Following the jury's verdict of not guilty in the case of Gordon's murder, solicitor L. P. McLendon asked for a nol pros in the case charging Wiles with the murder of his wife, which was taken. The prisoner was then dismissed from the jurisdiction of the court.

"Gentlemen, I thank you. May God bless you," exclaimed the defendant after the verdict was announced.

The case against Wiles grew out of the killing of his wife and Gordon when he found the two together after following them from Columbia, S. C., the home of the trio. Wiles based his defense on the "unwritten law" and self defense, he testifying that he believed when he surprised the two that Gordon was about to shoot him.

Wiles left the city this afternoon, bound for his home in Columbia, S. C., a free man. His departure was a quiet one.