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FEWER HOLIDAYS RECOMMENDED BY WAGE COMMISSION

Question of Holidays For State Employees Still an Issue in Raleigh

HIGHWAY ENGINEERS RESIGN

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., October 26.—The contest between the Salary and Wage Commission was the center of interest in Raleigh during the past week. The horrible tragedy at Rex Hospital which took the toll of a baby's life by burning also was the object of sympathetic interest. The Governor made addresses during the week to the Negro State Fair at Raleigh and the Railroad Trainmen at Charlotte and then departed for Washington to appear before the Ways and Means Committee of Congress and oppose the inheritance taxes. The will of J. B. Duke made public interested North Carolinians because of the large sums which were added to Duke's endowment fund. The will also made further provisions for charitable and religious objectives in North Carolina.

The Salary and Wage Commission withdrew from its stand abolishing six of the holidays established by the Legislature when the Attorney General advised the body it had no power to undo what the General Assembly had done. The Commission got back at the employees however, by stating that it was considering cutting the annual holiday to six days unless the department heads cooperated with it in reducing the number of legal holidays. The matter is still at issue. The Commission had a hearing on salaries and classifications last week and decided to give consideration to a few appeals but denied the great majority. The State Highway Commission estimates it will lose 100 trained engineers who had been promised salary increases but which were denied by the Wage body.

The tragedy in which the ten hours old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Smith was burned to death aroused Raleigh citizens. The child was placed in a receiving basket at Rex Hospital immediately after birth and died a few hours later. It was then discovered that a heating pad had been left in the basket, and that death had resulted from burns. The coroner's jury held that the cause of death was negligence and carelessness at the hospital but did not file any criminal charges against any one. Two nurses who had charge of the child are under suspension at the hospital pending further investigation.

The Governor's address to the Negro State Fair applauded the great progress accomplished by the race since the days of slavery. The Governor however expressed the idea that the further progress of the negro was dependent on the continuance of a state governed by white men. The Fair was said to be a wonderful exhibit and the negro officials deserving of much credit.

Governor McLean travelled to Charlotte the middle of the week where he addressed the Railway Trainmen in session there. The Governor lauded the progress made by labor and also commended the trainmen for their devotion to duty. Which he said had been the means of making the American railroads "one of the wonders of the world." Friday Mr. McLean appeared in Washington to urge abolition of the Federal tax on inheritances as unfair and an attempt on the Federal government's part to take one of the state sources of taxation. He appeared with several other governors to support the stand in the matter taken by Secretary Mellon and they appear to have been successful for the committee will recommend a bill about in line with what the Governors desired.

Duke's Will Probated

The will of James B. Duke takes another opportunity of making this great business man and philanthropist secure for time to come in the regard of his fellow men. Mr. Duke left another \$17,000,000 to Duke University which already will benefit handsomely from the income from \$40,000,000 Duke foundation. The

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON

In last week's issue of the News an account of the proceedings of Superior Court up to noon Thursday, was given. Court adjourned Friday afternoon. One civil suit, that of C. S. Maxwell against C. G. Goulden and others was tried and the jury gave a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The defendant gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court. This suit was about a tract of land in Merriam township. Mrs. Nannie E. Swain was given an absolute divorce from L. F. Swain on the grounds of five years abandonment.

In addition to cases reported last week a number of others on the criminal docket were disposed of. They were as follows:

Jim Lynch, violating prohibition law failed to appear for trial and forfeited a bond of \$100.

Romie Mann, violating prohibition law, called and failed. Capias and continued.

N. P. George, violating prohibition law, case continued.

G. A. Lupton and A. R. Hall, charge, false pretense, continued to next term.

C. L. Putnam, charge passing worthless check. Capias and continued.

J. J. Donovan, charged with abandonment. Capias and continued.

In the case of John B. Congleton, who was given a sentence of four months on the roads, Judge Bond refused to take off all the sentence but did cut it down to three months.

The grand jury made its final report and received the thanks of the court for its work. The jury reported that all the county officers were found well kept, that the jail was clean and sanitary and that the county home was well kept and inmates well cared for. The jury recommended that a bath be installed for women and hot water system for baths in county home.

SCHOOL MEN HOLD ANNUAL OUTING

Educators Come To Beaufort On Fishing Trip. Have Enjoyable Visit

Several years ago County Superintendent M. L. Wright conceived the idea of having a number of educational workers come to Beaufort on a pleasure trip. Invitations were sent out mostly to county superintendents in the eastern section and to several in the State headquarters in Raleigh. Those invited came, liked their experience and since then it has become an annual affair.

Sunday evening the educators arrived for their outing and Monday and Tuesday were spent by them boating and fishing. On Monday the weather was not favorable for ocean fishing and the day was spent on the inside with considerable success. Tuesday was a fine day they got up bright and early and embarked in the motor boats of Capt. Tom G. and Ruben Willis and went to Cape Lookout. Despite the fact that some of the party had to stop fishing on account of sea sickness they had good luck and were pleased with their success. They caught some nice trout, sheep'shead and other sorts. All who desired to do so carried home with them some of the catch that they made to show their friends.

On Tuesday evening a special supper was served the visitors by the Daves House, where they stopped. A lively debate on evolution was pulled off at this supper and there was also some serious discussion of educational matters. Most of the visitors came in motor cars and left for their homes Wednesday morning. Those in the party were: State Superintendent A. T. Allen, P. E. Seagle, John L. Harris of Raleigh, J. T. Jerome, O. A. Hamilton of Goldsboro, E. E. Sams, Kinston, R. H. Wright, M. L. Wright, Ralph Deal, Greenville, C. M. Proctor, Durham, S. T. Emory, R. E. Sentelle, Tarboro, C. W. E. Pittman, Marion.

During the first week in October, County Agent H. A. Edge delivered to Harnett County farmers one carload of explosives containing 30,000 pounds and later he delivered 1,000 pounds of crimson clover seed for planting this fall.

STATE NEWS

Items Of Interest From Various Part Of The State

A report from Nashville is to the effect that Reverend A. L. Ormond will start a suit at an early date against W. B. Cole of Rockingham for the killing of his son Will Ormond. Cole was recently acquitted of the charge of murder. The suit will be brought in Wake county and it is said will be for \$100,000.

A train load of 12 tank cars of water was recently carried from High Point to Asheboro to relieve a shortage of water there. On account of the severe drought that prevailed for several months the people of Asheboro have been greatly inconvenienced. Recent rains may have helped some.

Up to last Saturday 35,000,000 pounds of tobacco have been sold on the Wilson market. The tobacco has averaged a little more than 12 cents a pound. Wilson is the largest tobacco market in the State.

A. W. Allison a detective on the Durham police force was dismissed from the service a few days ago following a brutal attack he is said to have made upon two young men who were under arrest. Scars and bruises were found on the two youths made by a leather belt and piece of wood. They were charged with stealing some parts from an automobile.

Ben N. Duke has given \$50,000 to Pineland School in Sampson county. This is a school for girls and was founded about 15 years ago. The school is said to be one of the best managed in the State. Mr. Duke has made large gifts to various other schools in North Carolina.

Police sergeant Chason of Fayetteville, who was shot and killed last Thursday by a burglar, was the tenth officer that has been killed there since the year 1905.

James Hinton tried last week for the murder of Harvey Pittman at Leggett's, Edgecombe county, plead guilty to manslaughter and got a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary.

A contract was let a few days ago for the erection of a three story hotel building at Carolina Beach, a few miles below Wilmington. Work on the hotel, which will cost about \$100,000 will start immediately so as to be ready for next summer.

The report has gone out from Raleigh and elsewhere that A. M. Seales of Greensboro will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1928. Mr. Seales will neither deny nor affirm the report. It has been understood heretofore that O. Max Gardner would get the nomination without opposition.

After reposing in a city sewer for seven years in Wilson a valuable Diamond ring was recovered last Thursday by Fletcher Bowling, colored, a city employe. Fletcher fixed up a trap at the outlet of the sewer. The ring was lost by a Mrs. Stronach seven years ago.

John Sparks of Iredell county still refuses to bury the body of his son who was killed in France during the war. He has had a house built for the body and keeps it in there. For a long time he kept the body in his own house. He also refuses to take \$10,000 insurance which the Government will pay him any time if he would take it.

Preston Neely, a South Carolina negro 23 years old, was arrested in Asheville Monday charged with rape on a white woman there. A mob tried to get his but the sheriff managed to get him away and carried him to Greensboro for safe keeping until he can be tried.

"Reduce the cost of production. Money can be made with cotton and corn when it is produced cheaper than the other fellow can do it."—Gov. A. W. McLean in State Fair Address.

REDUCING TAXES NOW CHIEF TOPIC

Will Be A Considerable Cut In Sur Taxes, Many Plans Being Suggested.

Washington, D. C., October.—Now that work has begun in real earnest on the effort to whip some sort of a tentative tax measure into shape or the opening of Congress in December, Washington is in the throes of a discussion of financial legislation, and all sorts of plans and schemes are being devised for the purposes of reducing taxes in a way that will satisfy the most people and still leave the Treasury in a presentable condition.

Certain Democratic statesmen feel that all incomes below \$5,000 should be exempt from taxation. The Secretary of the Treasury disagrees with this theory. He says that the tax on the smaller incomes will be very small, especially after the next reduction, and can be easily borne, and that \$100,000,000 would thus be eliminated from the nation's annual receipts without materially benefiting anyone.

There is bound to be a big cut in the surtaxes. This is generally admitted and the country is prepared for it, believing as it does that this cut will stimulate productive business enterprise by encouraging capital to shun tax-exempt securities and invest in new enterprises.

One school of statesmen believes that the rest of the so-called war taxes, on theater tickets, high-priced jewelry, cameras, and automobiles should be eliminated while there are others who think that the automobile tax should be retained, at least so long as the government each year is spending millions of dollars in road building for the benefit of the automobile drivers.

Congressman Bacharach, of New Jersey, has framed a compromise measure which, he thinks, harmonizes so far as possible the conflicting views on the subject of taxation. He believes that taxes can be reduced \$400,000,000 and that the publicity feature should be eliminated. He would increase the exemption of single persons to \$2,000 and of married persons to \$3,500, at the same time extending the age limit of dependents to twenty-one years. The normal tax on the first \$4,000 above exemptions would be one per cent, on the second \$4,000 two per cent and on the third \$4,000 four per cent. The tax on incomes above \$12,000 would be six per cent, with a maximum surtax of twenty per cent. He would repeal the tax on theater tickets selling for not more than \$1.50, on club dues, automobiles, jewelry, etc., and would reduce the corporation tax to ten per cent. Congressman Bacharach said:

"I am opposed to the proposition of exempting all incomes up to \$5,000. I believe it makes one take a greater interest in their government if he or she has to pay some federal tax, and under the rates and with the exemptions suggested above the amount of tax on incomes up to \$5,000 would be very small and would not be a burden or hardship to any one."

WILL LET BRIDGE CONTRACT IN DECEMBER

According to reports in the daily newspapers of today the contract for the Beaufort-Morehead City bridge will be let on December 8th. Fifteen projects are to be let for contract at that time if satisfactory bids are received. Among them is project 203 which is the bridge referred to. The matter has been deferred from time to time for a good many months and the news that the contract if finally to be let was received with pleasure by a great many people in Beaufort and the county.

HELD FOR HIGHER COURT ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Kenneth Merrill, colored, was arrested Tuesday night by Chief of Police Longest on the charge of selling quart of whiskey and also having it in his possession. He was tried Tuesday afternoon by Mayor Thomas and held for Superior Court under two bonds of \$125. each. Wright Stanley, alleged to have bought liquor from Merrill, was tried on a drunk and disorderly charge and was fined \$25 and costs.

NEW WHOLESALE GROCERY FIRM WILL OPEN SOON

The Daniels Grocery Company is the style of a new wholesale firm that will be ready for business about November first in Beaufort. Mr. A. W. Daniels is the proprietor of the concern and will occupy half of his new building on Front street. He will carry a general line of groceries and will cater to the trade in Beaufort and Carteret county.

The other half of the Daniels building has been engaged by the Stubbs Fruit Company which will also start business very soon. The Stubbs Fruit Company is a successor to the firm of R. H. Hill and Company and will handle about the same line of goods that this firm has been selling. Messrs J. H. Stubbs and R. H. Hill are the proprietors of the Stubbs Fruit Company.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Several persons faced Mayor Thomas Monday afternoon charged with infractions of the law in one way or another. Abe Darling, charged with having been drunk and disorderly was assessed \$25 and costs. Paul Jones, Christopher Jones and John Springle, charged with fighting were let off with the costs in the case. Edward Williams, colored, for disorderly conduct was let off with a suspended sentence and the costs amounting to \$4.35. John Marshall driving horse recklessly, was fined \$5 and costs. Roy Potter letting dog run large, was let off with the costs amounting to \$3.45.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Only one permit to wed has been granted by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week's issue of the News. This was to Roosevelt Lavis and Millie Willis of Harker Island.

FUNDS IN HAND FOR BREAKWATER

Engineers Awaiting Authority From Chief Engineer To Start Work.

At the recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce secretary J. P. Betts was instructed to find out what the chances are for certain improvements in Beaufort harbor. The two matters of most interest at present are the building of a breakwater from Town Marsh to Cart Island and the improvement of the "Turning Basin." A letter from Assistant Engineer Harry T. Paterson to Mr. Betts says that funds for building the breakwater are available and that no report has been made yet on the "Turning Basin." Mr. Paterson's letter is reproduced herewith:

New Bern, N. C.
Oct. 26, 1925.

Mr. J. P. Betts, Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Sir;

With reference to your inquiry of the 24th, you are advised that a Turning Basin has been dredged to a depth of 7 feet at the western end of the channel in front of the town. Funds were appropriated to deepen to 10 feet, but after conferring with a number of your citizens interested in navigation, this office recommended that these funds be used to construct a bulkhead from Town Marsh across Bird Shoal to Cart Island. This recommendation was approved by the last Congress, the funds are in hand, and we are only waiting for authority from the Chief of Engineers before commencing this work.

The last Congress also authorized a preliminary examination of Beaufort Harbor, and a hearing was held in your town on April 23rd, at which time a number of your citizens gave their views as to the improvements needed, the Turning Basin being specifically mentioned. The report on this examination has been forwarded through the customary channels, but I have not yet been advised of the action of the reviewing authorities. You will receive prompt notification as soon as this action is taken.

Very respectfully,
Harry T. Paterson,
Assistant Engineer.

BIG COTTON CROP SEEMS PROBABLE

Favorable Weather For Picking. Large Quantity Has Been Ginned Already

Raleigh, October 26th.—According to hundreds of North Carolina farmers reporting to the State and United States Department of Agriculture on October 18th, this state's cotton crop is expected to be 1,120,000 bales this year compared with 825,000 produced last year and a past five year average crop of 908,745 bales. 63.4 percent of 709,909 bales of this crop had been ginned to October 18th, and most gins have been worked to capacity during the picking season. Last year only 23 percent of the crop had been ginned to October 18th.

A yield per acre of 251 pounds of lint is indicated by the condition October 18th, and farmers are expecting an abandonment of about 2.0 per cent, due to a failure of the crop in several localities on account of weather damages.

The crop indicated is 30,000 bales less than was expected on October 1st. At that time, farmers were in the midst of picking and yields were turning out much better than they had expected. Their reports this time are tempered with more certainty, and the ginnings since October 1st were over 300,000 bales, making the total ginnings at this time more than this state has ginned to this date before. Condition reports from the Coastal counties were some over than in October 1st, and averaged for the State about 63 percent normal.

Many farmers in the Piedmont counties say that their cotton is yielding much better than they had thought possible and several in the outer Coastal counties state that cotton is still opening where it seemed there was no more to open. The cold snap that occurred about the 10th, was accompanied by frost which did some damage to late opening bolls as far south as Wilmington.

Weather conditions have been splendid for picking. Prices for pickers were such that few complaints of boll weevil damage are received from counties in the northern Coastal section than elsewhere. This section has experienced a more rainy season than any other and this has favored the weevil.

United States Crop

A probable production of 15,226,000 bales is indicated by reporters in October 18th. This is 467,000 bales more than was indicated by the October 1st report. Total ginnings to be the 18th, were 9,519,784 bales. This is over 62 percent of the entire crop. The probable yield will be about 164.7 pounds per harvested acre. An abandonment of 4.8 percent is expected. A supplementary report will be sent out on October 27th.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds recently recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton are as follows:

Julian Flucher and wife to Whitehurst and Brooks two tract of marsh in Beaufort township, consideration \$10.

Beaufort Realty Corporation to Anna M. Richter lots 18 and 19 in block 2, West Beaufort, consideration \$850.

E. G. Gillikin and wife to O. M. Gillikin parts of lots in Morehead City, consideration \$400.

W. A. Ballow and wife to W. H. Ballow 10 lots in Morehead City, consideration \$300.

O. C. Willis and wife to Walter M. Willis, 5 lots in Morehead township, consideration \$100.

S. A. Duplanty and wife to Mrs. Arrington Guthrie 1 lot in Morehead City, consideration \$168.15.

W. N. Jones and others to E. H. Gorham and wife, 3 tracts in squares 47, 37, 121, Morehead City consideration \$5.

Beaufort Realty Corporation to Morehead Bluffs, 80 acres in Morehead township, consideration \$10.

T. D. Webb to Bertie Cherry, strip 1 foot wide in lot 12, block 9 Morehead City, consideration \$10.

Tom Tarheel says he is writing to State College this week for a list of bulletins that he wants to read this winter.