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SCHOOL TERM MAY BE A LIVE ISSUE IN LEGISLATURE

Superintendent Allen Wants Eight Months. Speaker Pharr Seems Opposed

TAX RECEIPTS OVER MILLION

(NVRDIHS 'I W 8)

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 2.—An unusually quiet week was passed at the Capital last week for this time of the year. Usually the fall months find business of all kinds picking up and the governmental business picks up in corresponding degree. Speculation continued rife over the report of the Salary and Wage Commission. The report is in but the employers are wondering if the commission is going to cut the annual vacation from two weeks to one week. The Commission has indicated that it will do this unless the number of legal holidays observed is cut to six. The Attorney General has ruled that the Commission has no right to eliminate any of the 12 days set aside by the General Assembly as legal holidays.

The death of Mrs. Martha Jenkins at the Methodist Orphanage where for 24 years she was matron caused a wave of sorrow to sweep over the City in the last days of the week. Mrs. Jenkins was called "Mother" by hundreds of those who passed through the Orphanage in the past 24 years and was beloved by many. She died after ten days illness with pneumonia.

The state taxes, exclusive of the auto license taxes have passed the million dollar mark for any one month. This record was set up by the October taxes stated Commissioner Doughton and was the first time the state has ever collected such an amount in one month.

The fight is on for what the next Legislature will consider. Speaker Pharr of the house has come out in opposition to an eight months school term so long as the present school equalization fund law is in operation. He believes it unfair to a number of the counties and says it imposes an unjust tax burden on some. On the other hand Superintendent of Public Instruction Allen while admitting the defects of the equalization law, says that the eight months school term should be approved by the Legislature and an amendment to the constitution submitted to the people. The matter is destined to come up before the 1927 general assembly.

Considerable interest is displayed locally in the forthcoming trial of two negroes at Asheville charged with attacks on white women. At the same time 44 members of a mob which stormed the Buncombe county jail also will go on trial for this offense. They were after one of the negroes. Governor McLean has ordered troops to be ready at Asheville at the trial in case anything takes place. Feeling in Asheville, where there have been four attacks on white women by negroes in recent weeks is reported at high tension and Mr. McLean does not want to have any mob violence. He believes presence of troops will prevent any.

Governor McLean spoke at Durham last week before the State Federation of Women's Clubs Council and lauded the part of women in public life. He also reviewed for the women the things which he has accomplished, or set out to accomplish, in his administration. He was favorably received by the ladies and made an excellent impression. He also addressed the Durham Kiwanians and lauded James E. Duke and the great opportunity he had given Durham by establishing the Duke Foundation and giving so much money for Duke University and for a modern hospital and medical school. He predicted a great service to the State because of Duke's benefactions.

Farmers are advised by Commissioner of Agriculture Graham to borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank through the savings and loan association organized under the state law. Mr. Graham fears that many farmers will be unable to get

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RAIN MONDAY AFTERNOON CUT COURT ATTENDANCE

Possibly on account of the rain the attendance in Police Court Monday afternoon was not quite up to the usual standard; still there was a pretty fair crowd of defendants, witnesses and spectators present.

Garfield Suggs, colored, charged with fighting, to-wit: hitting Guy Parker also colored, admitted the charge but claimed some justification for his act and said that he "just slapped him". Parker and other witnesses stated however that the slap knocked Guy down and he had to be helped into the house. Mayor Thomas thought the slap was worth \$25 and costs anyway.

On Saturday night Chief of Police Longest saw a pine bottle of whiskey protruding from the rear pocket of Charlie Stevens, colored, and halted him into court on the charge of having liquor in his possession. Charlie admitted the charge and said he found the liquor on the street. He was held for Superior Court under \$100 bond.

Jim Oden, colored, charged with assault and under a \$50 bond failed to make an appearance and was called out and forfeited his bond. Chief Longest went out then and rounded up Oden and brought him in. He admitted having struck Mr. Merck, a white man and offered no excuse for having done so. The evidence was that he struck Merck two or three rather hard blows. The Mayor gave him the option of paying \$50 or working 30 days on the streets. It was rather unusual circumstance that no white persons were tried at this session of the court.

LARGE REALTY TRANSFER IN WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP

One of the largest real estate transactions that has taken place in Carteret county in some time was finished this week when a deed was recorded for the sale of the late Dr. Sanders property on Bogue Sound to Mr. Henry K. Fort of Philadelphia. Mr. Fort's already large holdings in the county have thus been increased by 1395 acres. Deeds recorded by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton for the week are as follows:

Daisy V. Koonce and husband to Henry K. Fort 1395 acres Whiteoak township \$500 and other valuables consideration.

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

Celia P. Blango to Forcue Mitchell lot Beaufort, consideration \$100.

J. H. Davis and wife to J. F. Duncan tract Beaufort Township, consideration \$500.

M. D. Devane and wife to E. B. Whitehurst 26 1-47 acre tract 2 miles of Beaufort consideration \$3100.

J. B. Jones et al to D. M. Jones 1-3 lot 49 Beaufort, consideration \$10.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to M. G. Berthea lots 26, 27, 28, 29; 30; West Beaufort consideration \$650.

T. C. Wade sheriff to Lillie Bell Denoyer part lot 58 new town Beaufort consideration \$111.76.

S. A. Chalk assignee to Alvah L. Hamilton, 68 acres more or less Morehead City township, consideration \$2500.

Mary F. Stroud to George Austin and wife lot 13 block 46 Morehead City, consideration \$900.

W. B. Rouse and wife to Edward Jones 12 acres Morehead township, consideration \$290.

Chas. S. Wallace and wife to U. H. Sloan lot 7 block 22 Morehead City, consideration \$10.

F. B. Whitehurst and wife to Warren Lewis 4 1-4 acres Marshallberg consideration \$250.

Sabra D. Willis et al to Warren Lewis 1 3-4 acres Marshallberg, consideration \$200.

C. R. Wheatly and wife to East Coast Land Co. Carteret township 60 acres in open grounds, consideration \$10.

T. C. Wade, sheriff to Geo. S. Spear 20 acres open grounds Carteret township, consideration \$11.

T. C. Wade, sheriff to William A. Gale 40 acres in open ground, Carteret Township, consideration \$14.

More than 95 per cent of land and 91 per cent of factories have been restored in the French devastated regions.

REPORT AGAINST BEAUFORT HARBOR

District Engineer Says Commerce Does Not Justify Expenditures Involved

At a conference held in Beaufort some months ago between citizens and U. S. Engineers certain improvements to Beaufort Inlet and harbor were asked for. According to a letter just received by the News the report of the District Engineer was against the improvements. Major Kuentz' letter follows:

War Department
United States Engineer Office
308 Customhouse
Wilmington, N. C.

October 28, 1925.

Sir:

It having come to the notice of the undersigned that you have expressed an interest in the pending proposition for the improvement of Beaufort Harbor and Beaufort Inlet, North Carolina, you are hereby informed that the report thereon, authorized by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1925, has been made, and is unfavorable to the improvement. The principal grounds upon which the adverse conclusions are based are lack of sufficient commerce present and prospective, to warrant the expenditure involved in the proposed improvement.

You are further notified that all interested parties have the privilege of an appeal from this conclusion to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C., to which all examination and survey reports of this character are referred. Parties desiring to do so may be heard on appeal by the Board either orally or in writing. Written communications should be addressed to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C. and should be mailed in time to be in possession of the said Board within four weeks from the date of this communication. If, however, you have important data to communicate to the Board, which cannot be collected and put in shape for proper presentation within four weeks, the Board should be notified of this fact without delay and request made for an extension of the limiting date for submitting information. If oral hearings are desired, dates for the same may be arranged for by correspondence with the Board.

Any further information needed may be obtained by application to this office, but attention is invited to the following regulations as to the manner in which such information may be furnished.

"Where interested parties desire, data necessary for the preparation of their appeal to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, it will be given them verbally by the District Officer, or in his absence, by the senior Assistant Engineer connected with the improvement. They will not be permitted to have access to the report without authority from the Chief of Engineers."

You are requested to communicate the foregoing to any persons known by you to be interested in the improvement and who, not being known to this office, do not receive a copy of this communication.

Very respectfully,
OSCAR O. KUENTZ,
Major, Corps of Engineers,
District Engineer.

MART NELSON IS DEAD.

Another inmate of the county home passes out. Tuesday November 3rd., Mart Nelson, an inmate of the County Home of Carteret died. The exact age of the deceased is unknown to the writer, but it is a known fact that for years he was an active and hard working man. While he was unfortunate in not being able to add to his own credit the rainy day dollar, he most certainly succeeded in helping others climb the ladder of success. He was agreeable at any and all times, and in perfect accord with the rules and regulations of the home. Truly hoping and believing that God found favor in his heart. I was his friend and servant to the last.

R. E. JORDAN.

ARMED MEN ROB LORENZO GASKILL

Crooks Get \$1300 From L. M. Gaskill, Former Beaufort Resident

It seems that there are crooks in Miami, Florida as well as in other parts of the country. An article reprinted below from a newspaper published in Miami tells how Mr. Lorenzo Gaskill was robbed there recently. Mr. Gaskill is originally from Sea Level and for a time lived in Beaufort and was in the employ of the Beaufort News. The story of the robbery is as follows:

"Robbery of \$1,300, chase by the victim of the bandit car and subsequent capture of a man whom police believe they have emmeshed in a net of circumstantial evidence were incidents Tuesday afternoon that came in exciting chain between the magazine store at 711 N. E. First ave. and the Davis hotel, on Eighth st. off N. Miami ave.

L. M. Gaskill, who runs the magazine distributing agency, was counting \$1,300 in cash into a cigar box. He was getting ready to put it in the bank. John Atkins, 35, who says he is from Newark, N. J. strolled in with a suitcase of suit cloth samples and tried to sell Mr. Gaskill a suit.

"Don't bother me" the distributor said, "I'm getting ready to go to the bank—see?" and he showed the money.

Atkins left. Twenty minutes later, a masked man, pointing a bright nickelplated revolver, commanded "Hands up" and grabbed the cigar box, now closed and containing its contents. He jumped into a waiting car. Mr. Gaskill yelled and L. D. Patterson, an employ, working in back of the place, called police, while the agency man ran after the car.

He chased it around the corner at N. E. First av. and Seventh st. west on Seventh st. and saw it disappear around the Miami av. corner, headed north.

The car, with motor running, was found parked in the open lot next to the Davis hotel. Police searched the hotel and found Atkins, who denied that he had taken his car out. A broken door in the rear of the room led them to think that someone had escaped there with the major part of the money—\$38, wrapped for the bank was hidden under the rear cushion of the car.

Police Chief H. Leslie Quigg, Detective Chief Guy Reeves, Detective Ed Melchen and Policeman Tom Nazworth had answered the call. Chief Quigg made a personal examination of Atkins' effects and found some alleged "crooked" dice and other articles that decided him in the opinion that the room was headquarters for some of the bandits who have been operating lately in Miami.

Phone calls were broadcast on all roads out of Miami with a description taken from a photograph in the room, which police think may be that of the confederate.

Atkins is in the city jail, held for investigation."

MRS. ALBERT I. LEWIS DIES AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS

After a brief illness from a stroke of paralysis sustained last Saturday Mrs. Albert I. Lewis died today at ten minutes before noon. The end came at the home on Turner street in the presence of the members of the family. The funeral services will take place at Ann street Methodist church of which Mrs. Lewis had long been a member and will be conducted by the pastor Reverend E. Frank Lee. The order of the Eastern Star will participate in the funeral exercises. The interment will be in the family burying ground at the home place on North River road.

Mrs. Lewis was about sixty two years of age. Her maiden name was Caroline Virginia Wade. She is survived by her husband, two daughters Mrs. Annie L. Gaskill and Mrs. Minnie Willis, a son Luther Lewis of Hopewell, Va., and several grandchildren and other relatives. She had many friends in Beaufort and vicinity who were deeply shocked to hear of her passing away.

The Salvation Army has 3,000 officers in India.

OCTOBER WEATHER WAS ABOUT AN AVERAGE

October weather in Beaufort and vicinity has been about normal. The first part of the month there were several days of quite warm weather. On the 6th the mercury went up to 86 degrees and for several days it exceeded 80 degrees. Towards the latter part of the month there have been several days that the temperature went below 50 and fires were necessary. The lowest temperature was 40 degrees on the 29th. The rainfall for the month was less than the average, having been 3.77 inches. The average for October is 4.68 inches. November is the driest month of the year in Beaufort as a rule, the average rainfall for that month is 2.35 inches.

According to Observer Charles Hatsell's report there were 16 clear days in October, 7 partly cloudy and 8 cloudy ones. The wind blew from the southwest 11 days, from the northwest 10 days, from the northeast 7 days, from the southeast 2 and the north 1 day. The temperature figures day by day are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
1.	82	66
2.	81	68
3.	83	65
4.	84	64
5.	81	75
6.	86	51
7.	81	53
8.	73	57
9.	76	62
10.		48
11.	63	43
12.	75	52
13.	77	67
14.	81	61
15.	80	72
16.	82	70
17.	81	75
18.	81	66
19.	79	69
20.	75	45
21.	67	43
22.	71	47
23.	65	41
24.	70	52
25.	78	68
26.	74	53
27.	67	51
28.	62	56
29.	62	40
30.	64	41
31.	60	46

NEWPORT TAKES FORWARD STEP

Will Issue Bonds For Water, Lights And Sewer System

The town of Newport has caught the spirit of progress that seems to be infecting Carteret county and is going to put in all sorts of modern improvements. Elsewhere in this issue of the News there appears an advertisement of bond sales for the purpose of installing water and sewer lines and lighting system in that town. Newport is situated on the paved highway that is now practically completed from Morehead City to Goldsboro. It will also have a paved highway running up Bogue Sound, several miles of which are already completed. Newport is in the center of one of the best farming sections in eastern Carolina. Some of the finest tobacco that is grown in the State is raised in that territory. Newport has one of the largest and best school buildings in Carteret county and more than four hundred pupils are on its rolls. Newport citizens say that they have great confidence in the future of their town and that the installation of sewerage, water and lights is a fundamental necessity for its development. It will require about \$50,000 to put in the desired improvements.

EDWARD THOMAS DIES.

Information was received Wednesday by Mr. Sam A. Thomas of the death of his nephew Edward Gordon Thomas in a government hospital in Washington, D. C. at 8 o'clock that morning. The lad was fifteen years of age. He was born in Beaufort and was the son of Captain and Mrs. Thomas Thomas who lived in Beaufort a few years ago.

There are two and a half million wives in India under ten years of age.

BOARD ADOPTS A BOND RESOLUTION

Will Sell \$700,000 Worth of Road Bonds. Canal Plan Submitted

A resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting Monday which provides for the sale of \$700,000 worth of road improvement bonds. Some of the money has already been spent for road building and this was paid for with short term notes, which are to be taken up. The date for the sale of the bonds is Tuesday December 15th. All members of the board were present except Commissioner Hall who was kept at home on account of sickness.

Mrs. F. C. Salisbury of Morehead City came before the board and asked that Mrs. Arrington Guthrie be relieved of the taxes on her property on the ground that she is a widow with several children to support and having no means other than her daily labor. After some discussion the board remitted the taxes.

A proposition was made the board by Dr. C. L. Duncan to build a canal parallel with the highway bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City. The proposed canal is to be 75 feet wide with a depth of 8 feet at mean low water. The board passed a motion to take the matter under consideration.

A motion was passed appointing commissioners Woodland and Huntley a committee to ascertain from the State Highway Commission the amount to be advanced by Carteret county for the construction of the highway bridge. A motion was also passed authorizing the chairman and clerk of the board to negotiate short term notes for the amount required by the Highway Commission for constructing the bridge.

Commissioners Woodland and Taylor were appointed a committee to investigate the value of Dr. K. P. B. Bonner's and The Ocean Beach Company's property in Morehead township. Commissioner Whitehurst and Road Supervisor Davis were instructed to inspect the Marshallberg community road and put the same in a passable condition. L. W. Hassell, Judge of the Juvenile Court asked the board to increase his salary to \$25 a month. The board took the matter under advisement.

The following named persons were drawn as jurors for the December term of Superior Court.

B. C. Taylor, Bogue; H. W. Goodwin, Roe; P. E. Snooks Morehead City; Chas. T. Styron, Lupton; William Gaskill, Sea Level; W. D. Smith Marshallberg; C. E. Herrington, Newport; Leon A. Mann, Newport; Ira T. Pelletier, Mansfield; H. C. Dickinson, Beaufort RFD; J. T. Norris, Beaufort, RFD; Iredell Lawrence Otway; John H. Morris Atlantic; Eugene Yoemans, Harkers Island; Linwood Styron, Davis; C. L. McCabe Wildwood; A. J. Longest, Beaufort RFD; Chas. L. Nelson, Morehead City.

ANTOMOBILES MIX UP ON NORTH RIVER ROAD

Two Ford cars were badly damaged in a wreck on the new hard surfaced road just as it turns towards North River bridge, Sunday afternoon. There were several occupants in the cars and one or two were cut and bruised. One car was driven by Miss Lucy Garner of Beaufort and the other by Mr. Increase Willis of Williston. There was a collision between the cars but the News was not able to learn the particulars of the affair.

SCHOOL BOARD MET MONDAY.

Due to the rain or for some other cause there were no delegations present when the County Board of Education met Monday. All members of the board were present. A considerable number of bills were audited and some discussion of school matters took place which was about all the business that was transacted.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Fletcher Styron and Annie Willis, Harkers Island.