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STATE CAPITAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Police Officer Wyatt Convicted Of Manslaughter. General Fund Increases

(BY M. L. SHIPMAN)

RALEIGH, N. C. Nov. 23—The trial of Jesse Wyatt for the murder of Stephen S. Holt the daring robbery of a local store by a bandit operating in daylight, the Baptist convention in Charlotte, and various other matters absorbed the interest of the Capital City this past week. Matters were unusually quiet in administration circles, the only event of importance being the issuance of the regular financial statement by the Governor showing a snug balance for the State in the general.

The Wyatt trial, which ended in mid-week, resulting in a conviction of the former police officer who shot one of Smithfield's prominent attorneys when he mistook him for a boot legger. Wyatt claimed that it was an accident and that he fired into the air as a signal. The preponderance of the evidence showed that he fired directly into Mr. Holt's automobile and the jury so held. The verdict, manslaughter with a recommendation to mercy, was satisfactory to the State though a second degree verdict had been asked. Judge Midyette suspended sentence until the December term of court and in the meantime the defense may perfect an appeal if they wish.

The most spectacular crime in many years in Raleigh took place when "Slim" Anderson of Memphis held up King and Holding's Clothing Store in broad daylight, took \$108 and made his getaway. Only for a brief period was he at liberty however, for after firing his way up a principal street and terrorizing citizens he was cornered in a basement and in an attempt to shoot his way to freedom was fatally wounded, dying in a few hours. He managed to wound deputy sheriff, Will Mangum in the pistol battle but the officer will recover.

The Baptist Convention at Charlotte, aside from the interest which usually attaches to such events was particularly interesting to both Fundamentalists and Modernists because of the expected fight on Dr. W. L. Poteat, President of Wake Forest College because of his Modernist views. The fight on the open floor failed to develop though a set of resolutions known as the Barrett resolutions will place the election of trustees of the institution in the future directly in the hands of the Convention. Before the meeting it was said by friends of the educator that this presaged a fight to remove him as president by naming trustees not as much in sympathy with his views as those at present on the board. This however, is a matter for the future to determine. Dr. Poteat at an alumni banquet at Charlotte reiterated his determination not to resign his position.

Jerry Dalton, young murderer of the mountain section who was saved from electrocution by Governor Morrison will have to remain as a State prisoner at least until the end of the McLean regime. Through the Pardon Commissioner Mr. Sink, Mr. McLean has expressed the opinion that Dalton has received all he may expect in the way of mercy and that no further clemency will be granted. Numerous appeals have reached the Governor in Dalton's behalf.

The monthly financial statement from the Governor for the month of October shows that the balance of the general fund had increased by \$24,484.63. The balance in the general fund now is \$320,726.60 and the revenue collections are more than meeting expenses. The "cash" system of financing seems to be succeeding fairly well.

The death of Senator W. A. Foil of Cabarrus was noted with regret in the Capitol where he was well known and generally liked. He stood for forward looking legislation and the Governor expressed the official regret of the State at his passing within a few hours after news had been received.

News of the gifts by B. N. Duke to Wake Forest College of \$100,000 (Continued on page three)

ROUND FOR FLORIDA IN TWELVE FOOTERS

Boats of all kinds and description have passed Beaufort this season enroute for Florida. The magnificent yachts of the millionaires, those of the moderately well to do, fishing boats and other sorts come along with Miami as their Mecca. Two of the smallest ever to make such a long trip spent a few days here recently. They were 12 feet long and of the type called Barnegat "sneak boats." They were equipped with leg of mutton sails and outboard motors and in fair weather can make very good time. Two young men F. Slade Dale of New York and Frank J. Coyle of Newark, New Jersey are the daring adventurers who are making this long trip in their frail craft. With the exception of some bad weather encountered in Pamlico Sound they say they have had a very good trip and did not anticipate any great trouble in completing their voyage.

TICK ERADICATION IS NOW COMPLETE

Embargo on Live Stock Shipments Will Be Lifted December 10th.

The News has received recently information from the United States Department of Agriculture to the effect that by December the 10th, quarantine restrictions on account of cattle ticks will be a thing of the past in North Carolina. After that date live stock can be shipped from Carteret county, or any of the seven counties in the eastern section that have been quarantined. The counties affected by this order are Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Jones, Onslow, and Pamlico.

Three years ago the State Veterinarian of North Carolina, with the cooperation of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry started out to clean up the ticks. The Legislature passed a law requiring live stock owners to dip their stock and the work began. The territory was divided up into three zones and one zone was cleaned up each year. Complying with the law involved a good many difficulties both to the officials and the owners of the stock but, in spite of these troubles, the work proceeded and so North Carolina enters upon the year 1926 supposedly free of the Texas fever cattle tick. Originally there were 924 counties in the southern states infected with cattle ticks. Of these 724 are now practically free of the insects. It is claimed by the authorities that in a few years there will be a great improvement in the quantity and quality of live stock in the sections hitherto infected with the cattle ticks.

TWO CASES TRIED IN POLICE COURT

In police court Monday afternoon there were only two cases tried, both for the same offense drunk and disorderly. Bert Lloyd admitted the charge and Mayor Thomas let him off with a fine of \$5 and costs. Barney Dixon, a young white man, denied the charge but was convicted. He was given a choice of a \$50 fine or 30 days work on the streets. He did not want to do either and took an appeal to Superior Court. He was held under a \$100 bond.

CAR ACCIDENT NEAR NEWPORT

Two Ford cars had a collision on the highway near Newport last Friday evening which practically destroyed one of the cars and did some injury to the other. A coupe in which Messrs. E. H. Hines and James Moon were riding was struck by a touring car in which were Mr. Walter Williams of Newport and a colored man. The coupe was demolished and its occupants were scratched up considerably but fortunately no one in either car was seriously injured.

ATTENTION REBEKAHS.

You are requested to meet at the Lodge Room today at 1:30 P. M. to attend the funeral of our deceased sister Elizabeth Chaplain. Please bring flowers to place on the casket.

MENHADEN BOATS HAVE GOOD LUCK

Some Large Catches Made Recently More Fish Reported Around Hatteras

For the past two or three weeks the menhaden fishermen in this section have been meeting with considerable success in collecting their annual harvest from the sea. Stormy weather has interfered at times but when the weather was favorable, and some times when it was not very favorable, they have kept at work and a great many fish have been taken. All of the fish scrap and oil concerns are running and doing very well. The largest of them, the Beaufort Fish Scrap and Oil Company, last week got a little over five million fish. Their largest boat, the Parkins, brought in 576,000 in one day. Their other boats, the W. B. Blades the M. M. Marks, and the Balster have all done well this season. Capt. Ned Lewis with his new vessel the W. A. Mace, is catching a lot of fish and Captain Bonner Willis in the Wallace and Will Willis in the Webb are as usual doing well. The smaller vessels in the menhaden fleet have made some very good catches but they cannot equal the large ones because they haven't the loading capacity and they cannot go around Cape Lookout shoals in rough weather like the big boats can do. The fish caught last week were very large ones and make a lot of oil. This week the boats are catching "yearling" fish mostly but they also yield a good quantity of oil. It is reported that a good many fish are around Hatteras yet and the fishermen are hoping to get a good many chances at them before they leave for southern waters.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

W. L. Irvin and wife to R. H. Dickinson part lot 13 new town, Beaufort, consideration \$675.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to Jessie L. Willis Lafferty lots 13, 14, 15 Block 47, West Beaufort, consideration \$575.

Geo. J. Brooks and wife to Bank of Beaufort part lot 300 old town, Beaufort \$400.

Willie J. Willis and wife to Jesse H. Davis Lula Davis home place at Davis, consideration \$300.

J. C. Willis et al to John W. Hamilton Jr., et al 5 acres on Core banks Beaufort Township, consideration, \$10.

Laura G. Davis to C. R. Wheatly all interest in Hall land Beaufort Township, consideration, \$3000.

Bogue Development Corp. to S. A. Chalk lot 6 block 61, Morehead City, consideration \$50.

Ben J. Willis and wife to N. R. Webb et al tract on Calico Creek Morehead Township, consideration \$100.

R. T. Willis and wife to Julius Nelson lots 5 block 3, Morehead City, consideration \$150.

Chauncey Willis and wife to Ivey Willis and wife tract Smyrna Township, consideration love and affection

AGED LADY PASSES AWAY.

On Wednesday at 12 o'clock midday Mrs. Elizabeth Chaplain died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Sallie Russell with whom she had been living recently. Mrs. Chaplain had been sick for about twelve months, due mostly to her advanced age. On October the 5th she was 81 years of age. She is survived by two sons Deputy Sheriff R. E. Chaplain and Mr. John Chaplain, a daughter Mrs. Russell and a large number of grandchildren.

Mrs. Chaplain had many friends in Beaufort. She was a woman of fine character and highly regarded by all who knew her. She was a devout member of Ann Street Methodist church and Reverend E. Frank Lee pastor of that church will conduct the funeral services. Mrs. Chaplain also belonged to Rebekah lodge of the Odd Fellows order and also to the Masonic Eastern Star. Representatives from these two lodges will assist in the funeral exercises. The interment will be in St. Paul's cemetery. The funeral will be at the Methodist church at two o'clock.

Italians in France have quadrupled since 1912.

N-S RAILROAD MAY UNDERTAKE BIG IMPROVEMENTS

Reported in Raleigh That Duke Interests Have Acquired Control of Norfolk Southern

MAY ELECTRIFY ROAD

In a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer there appeared an article by Mr. Brock Barkley, their Raleigh correspondent, that may be of interest to readers of the News. Mr. Barkley predicts great things for the Norfolk Southern. His article reads as follows:

RALEIGH, Nov. 19—The Norfolk Southern railroad, under new management and adequately financed, has plans in the making for a mammoth program of development and expansion, looking to the extension of its lines into industrial areas of both Carolinas and the eventual electrification of the entire system.

It was learned today upon dependable authority that the road, which changed hands recently is now under the control of the Duke interests, and that they plan the expenditure of a vast sum the amount not disclosed, on the present system and the acquisition of new lines.

The road now serves a great area of eastern North Carolina and has its main line running from Norfolk through Raleigh to Charlotte. Development plans are understood to contemplate physical connection with the Piedmont and Northern electric line, controlled by the Duke interests (which runs from Charlotte to Gastonia and into the textile region of South Carolina, and involve the movement for the construction of an electric railroad from Charlotte to Winston-Salem.

The Norfolk Southern may become a bidder for the Atlantic and Yadkin, running from Sanford thru Greensboro to Mt. Airy. If that road is sold under receivership, as is now expected. It was indicated that a decision as to bidding on this road is not yet definite, but is being seriously considered. Its acquisition would enable the Norfolk Southern to reach Greensboro and the territory beyond by connecting with the Atlantic and Yadkin at Sanford.

If the movement for the construction of an electric line from Charlotte to Winston-Salem, through Concord, Salisbury, Lexington and High Point is carried through, as it is now believed it will, the Norfolk Southern thereby would reach the furniture and tobacco manufacturing centers. And its connection with the Piedmont and Northern would give access to the greater part of the textile territory of both Carolinas.

The eventual electrification of the entire system with the power furnished by the hydro-electric developments under the control of the Duke interests is understood to be embodied in the plans.

Improve Present System

The proposed development program carries also plans for the improvement of the road bed of the present system to permit a more adequate and satisfactory passenger and freight services.

The mileage of the Norfolk Southern present system in North Carolina is 818. In addition to its main line running from Norfolk to Charlotte, it has lines leading from Washington, N. C. to New Bern and from Raleigh to Fayetteville. If the plans in the making are carried through to completion and the new management is reported to be determined upon that course, they would serve to constitute one of the greatest industrial programs of recent years in the state. Piedmont North and South Carolina would materially benefit, and eastern Carolina would be given a development enterprise of inestimable value.

BIRTH OF SON.

On Monday November 16th a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Moon at the Morehead City hospital. Mrs. Moon was formerly Miss Dorothy Jones of Beaufort.

Germany has more than four million goats, goat cheese being a favorite dish there.

THANKSGIVING.

The News is observing Thanks giving day by taking a half holiday. By working some at night sufficient time was gained to get out the paper and to take the half day off. We feel that our thanks are due a kindly Providence which has permitted us to come safely through another year and for the opportunity granted us to have been, we hope, of some service to our people. The people of Carteret county have, in the main, prospered this year. Favorable seasons have produced bountiful crops and the waters of the sea have also yielded a goodly harvest. No epidemics of disease have afflicted us and the forces of nature have done us good rather than harm. For these and the many other blessings that have been granted us may we all be duly thankful.

DRAWBRIDGE MAY NOT BE MOVED

Dirt Fill on Highway Bridge To Be Lengthened 500 Feet

The question of requiring the Norfolk Southern Railroad to move its drawbridge on the Morehead City side 900 feet farther east was considered at a public hearing in Morehead City Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Major Oscar Kuentz, U. S. district engineer presided over the meeting. Commissioner C. R. Wheatly and engineers Craven and Snowden representing the State Highway Commission were present. Attorney J. F. Duncan presented a petition signed by a considerable number of boat owners asking that the drawbridge be not moved. The claim was made that the present location is as good as any and therefore to move it would be an expense for nothing. The matter will be left to the discretion of the U. S. Chief of Engineers in Washington, D. C., but those present gathered the impression that Major Kuentz will report in favor of allowing the bridge to stay where it is. The State Highway bridge will be 30 feet to the south of the railroad.

Notices have been sent out recently by Major Oscar O. Kuentz with reference to another proposed change in the bridge to be built between Beaufort and Morehead City. The original plan was to build a causeway 4650 feet long and two draw bridges. The State Highway Commission desires to make the causeway 510 feet longer on the Beaufort side which will do away with that much trestle. The Engineer desires persons who may have objection to the proposed change to state the same in writing to his office at Wilmington. The News understands that the date for letting the contract for the State Highway bridge has been moved up from the 8th of December to the 22nd. It seems that the Highway Commission desires to let the contract for this bridge and also one over the Chowan River at the same time and that the plans for the latter are not quite ready yet.

SUPERIOR COURT SOON.

A one week's term of Superior Court will be held in Beaufort beginning December the 7th. The term is for the trial of civil cases and Judge W. M. Bond will preside. No cases of special interest have been set for trial and the court may not last all of the week.

FIRE AT ASPHALT PLANT.

Wednesday afternoon at about 3:30 a fire occurred at the asphalt plant on the northeast side of town that brought the fire department out in a hurry. Some asphalt on the ground caught and started a blaze in a small dwelling occupied by colored people nearby. The firemen extinguished the blaze though before much damage was done.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

On Monday the 23rd, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jones at their home on Front street. The child has been named Katherine Louise.

POTATO YIELD IS LARGE THIS YEAR

Some Carteret Growers Get More Than 300 Bushels To The Acre

Carteret county lands as a rule are especially adapted to growing sweet potatoes and usually make good yields. This year they have been very prolific and some astonishingly large yields have been produced.

The News would like to know what Carteret potato growers are getting this season from their lands and would gladly publish any information secured. Perhaps one of the best crops raised in the county this year was that of the Gibbs brothers who live near Beaufort. From two acres of land they got 41,000 pounds which at 60 lbs. to the bushel, the weight used here is estimating, would be 341 bushels to the acre. Hancock and Huntley also raised a large crop of potatoes and got a splendid yield. On one acre they made 365 bushels. Manly Springle who farms on the New Bern road a few miles out from Beaufort dug 375 barrels from four acres of land. All of the yields mentioned were grown on lands that made a good crop of white potatoes last Spring.

According to figures of the State Department of Agriculture the average of sweet potatoes this year in the State is indicated at 88 bushels to the acre. Carteret county probably never makes as low an average as that and this year will go far above the State average. It is reported that due to the severe drouth the sweet potato crop in the piedmont and western sections is short. On the contrary in the eastern part of the State the crop seems to be better than usual. Prices have been fairly good so far and local growers are hoping that later on they will be better still.

BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING.

At three o'clock on Monday afternoon November the 23rd. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hudgins, on Ann street, Beaufort, Miss Frances Virginia Hudgins was united in marriage to Mr. Casimir P. Andrews. Present to witness the nuptials were a number of near relatives and intimate friends. The ceremony occurred in the parlor which was most pleasing in its appointments and decorative effect. The improvised altar was of ferns and cut flowers, and the daylight was subdued by the drawn shades, and the light that remained was appropriately suffused with the soft glow of burning candles. The whole scene was an ensemble of simplicity and of rare good taste.

Rev. E. Frank Lee, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church, and pastor of the young couple, faced them at the altar, and said the words that made them man and wife. A beautiful ring service was used by the minister, which added impressiveness to the ceremony.

The bride wore a suit of black satin back crepe with hat to match, and carried a corsage of lovely white roses. She looked very pretty and unafraid as she made her solemn promise.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins, and has lived in Beaufort all her life, and has a large number of friends.

Mr. Andrews's home was in Wisconsin until a few years ago. For two years he has been employed by a large developing company at the open grounds in the eastern part of Carteret county. Just recently he has taken a position with the Davis Construction Co. that is occupied with road construction in the vicinity of Davis. He is also popular, and has made many friends since residing in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will be away for about ten days on their honeymoon touring the Piedmont and western part of the State. After that they will make their home in Beaufort. The felicitations of their friends are warmly extended to them.

It cost the states of the Union twice as much for education in 1923 as in 1918.