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STATE CAPITAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Governor Paroles Prisoners On Thanksgiving Day. Cooper Loses Appeal.

(BY M. L. SHIPMON)

Raleigh, N. C., November 30—Suspension of activities incident to Thanksgiving caused the Capitol to develop little news during the week but other matters absorbed attention and furnished the highlights for the week usually furnished by the doings of official North Carolina. Chief among these were the celebration of the holiday, the escape from State Prison of Otto Wood of Greensboro, the pardon list of the Governor as a Thanksgiving gift, the action instituted by the Department of Public Welfare against N. C. Cranford in Stanly county, the decision of the Supreme Court in the case against Thomas E. Cooper and the close of the football season with Carolina's annual battle against Virginia.

Otto Wood, serving a sentence for murder from Greensboro, escaped from State Prison Tuesday by hiding in a piece of pipe culvert. The pipe had been loaded into a freight car which left the prison immediately and he was not missed for some time. Later his suit of stripes was found near the railroad track. Despite every effort of authorities he has thus far eluded recapture. Once before the man escaped and changed automobiles three times by holding up people but was recaptured in Virginia. A reward of \$250.00 has been offered for his recapture. He has a left hand cut off at the wrist.

Governor McLean exercised clemency on Thanksgiving by paroling fifteen prisoners. Some of these had been in a number of years one being the oldest in point of service in the prison. One was stone blind, having become so while serving time. The Governor said in issuing clemency list that those whose names were on it were the most part men who did not have money or influential friends to present their cases for consideration.

The decision of the Supreme Court in upholding the lower court means that Thomas E. Cooper, former wealthy bank official of Raleigh and Wilmington must serve eight years on the New Hanover roads. At present Cooper is serving a sentence in the Federal prison at Atlanta in connection with his conviction following failure of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington. The state road sentence is because of his actions in connection with the failure of the Liberty Savings Bank of Wilmington. The case has been hard fought, it having been before the courts nearly five years. Cooper will be free from Atlanta in a few months and will then have to serve the state sentence. His brother W. B. Cooper, former Lieutenant Governor, is now appealing a sentence from the Federal prison. His conviction was as an official of the Commercial National Bank.

Raleigh took holiday over Thanksgiving and the major part of the population went over to Chapel Hill to see Carolina and Virginia play to a 3-3 tie. By tying the Virginia team Carolina wins third place in the Southern football ranking this year. The team had previously annexed the State championship. The crowd at Thursday's game, 18,000 was said to be probably the greatest ever gathered in the State for such an event.

N. C. Cranford, supervisor of the Stanly county prison camp, must face a jury having been indicted for assaults on prisoners resulting in death. The case against Cranford was brought chiefly by pressure of Mrs. Kate Burr Johnston, Welfare Commissioner, who had investigated the matter. At least six deaths are charged against Cranford. He resigned his position the day he was indicted.

Pardon Commissioner Sink, making some observations about crime says that the youth of the State get mixed up in crimes because of their hatred of manual labor. He attributes a great deal of crime to the men not wanting to work, preferring dishonesty; R. O. Self of the Corporation Commission believes in the near future that trains

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This issue of the News carries a large volume of advertising. Perhaps there is more local advertising in it than ever appeared in any regular edition of a newspaper published in Carteret county. This is a sign of the times. A sign of the prosperity that is now making itself felt in this section and that many people think will continue in an increasing measure as the years go by. Beaufort merchants say they have the goods and the right prices and they are asking their fellow citizens to do business with them. We trust the readers of the News will scan these advertisements carefully and take advantage of the bargains offered by our enterprising merchants. The best time to buy Christmas goods and reasonable merchandise is right now.

BIG PORKER KILLED.

The largest hog killed in these parts, the News has heard of in some time, was slaughtered Monday by Mr. J. S. Whitehurst of Beaufort. The animal which was a cross between a Poland China and Berkshire weighed 800 pounds. He was about two years old.

will operate between Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro to accommodate an ever increasing traffic; a \$25,000 fire last week destroyed the barn of the State Blind Institute here, five calves and one cow perishing; the Associated Charities sent out 170 baskets to needy persons in Raleigh on Thanksgiving; D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the State Sunday School Association reports great increase in interest in Sunday School work; The Governor lauded the James B. Duke at a memorial service at Durham as one who had contributed greatly to present and future life of State; State Superintendent Allen says all good schools will follow Byrn Mawr in permitting girls to smoke; school heads here say NAY to it; Doctor Cooper thinks birth control would reduce charity work, etc.

It is announced by the Banking Department of the Corporation Commission that the present resources of the State banks are more than eighteen million dollars greater than they were a year ago which is taken to indicate a rapid growth of the State's financial institutions. Combined resources of State and National banks in the State at present, according to the Commission, are, \$494,698,915; an increase of twenty one million "since this time last year".

Prof. N. C. Newbold, director of the bureau of negro education, reports that Steven C. Kirishnaya, of Madras, India is here studying educational methods. Also, Archdeacon Mathers, a Church of England educator in Eganda, East Africa has been here "taking lessons" in North Carolina's educational system. The latest foreign arrival on a similar mission is Father Harry Buck, an Anglican church educator, whose work lies in Rhodesia.

The State is suing the Massachusetts Bonding and Surety Company for \$5,000 on the bond of J. P. Morgan, local manager of the State's cotton warehouse at Benson. The amount involved is \$896.32 which the State stands to lose by the acts of Morgan in the event the bonding company can not be held liable. The suit was brought by the office of the Attorney General and the Corporation Commission and names State Treasurer Lacy as plaintiff.

Director I. O. Schaub, of the Agriculture Extension of State College was elected chairman of the extension section of the American Association of Land Grant Colleges during the session of that organization held in Chicago last week. This is considered a distance recognition of extension work in North Carolina and the associates of Director Schaub feel an especial pride in the signal honor that has come to him. He is a native of Stokes county, this state, and is one of the youngest men in point of service in the United States.

Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway Commission, has been telling Raleigh civic clubs about some

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(International Photo.)

(Underwood & Underwood Photo.)

NOVEMBER RAINS RATHER HEAVY

Average Rainfall Considerably Exceeded. Some Right Cold Days Too

According to U. S. Weather Observer Charles Hatsell's report for November there was a rainfall of 3.89 inches for November. This exceeds the average for the month which is 2.35 inches. There were 18 clear days, 7 cloudy and 5 partly cloudy ones. The lowest temperature was on the 27th when the mercury dropped to 29 degrees. Five days during the month it rose to 72 degrees. The record for 28 days is as follows:

	Max.	Min.
3.	62	55
4.	65	55
5.	66	51
6.	61	47
7.	70	53
8.	71	51
9.	72	58
10.	71	63
11.	72	44
12.	58	70
13.	72	44
14.	70	60
15.	72	51
16.	72	51
17.	72	51
18.	65	48
19.	51	37
20.	51	35
21.	65	41
22.	61	52
23.	51	48
24.	63	41
25.	57	40
26.	45	29
27.	58	34
28.	51	48

WEST INDIAN STORM REACHES CAROLINA COAST

The West Indian storm that did considerable damage to several Florida cities, reached the Carolina coast Tuesday afternoon and made things lively for about twenty four hours.

The wind started here with a strong northeaster that brought all the fish boats back as fast as they could get in the harbor. The wind stayed in the northeast all night and early in the morning hauled east and then southeast. There were two high tides but not so high as some that have been seen here before. No water came up in Front street as has been the case on some occasions. So far as the News has heard no damage of any consequence was done to boats or property on shore by the storm. The principal loss hereabouts was caused by stopping the fishermen from their work.

SUCCESSFUL POTATO GROWING

Speaking of raising potatoes Mr. M. C. Dickinson, a Beaufort township farmer, did pretty well this year. On a quarter of an acre of land he raised 16 barrels of white potatoes, which he sold for \$72. He then planted sweets on the same plot and dug therefrom 80 bushels which he sold for a dollar a bushel. This was done in less than nine months. Four hundred pounds of fertilizer was used on the two crops.

STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Throughout North Carolina

The mansion of the late J. B. Duke in Charlotte, will be sold shortly at public auction. This is one of the finest residences in North Carolina. Mr. Duke also owned residences in New Jersey and New York.

Two female inmates of the State Hospital at Raleigh ran away from the institution Sunday night. They said they walked all night and hid in bushes when they saw cars coming. They reached their destination about eight miles below Smithfield Monday at noon. They were then taken back to Raleigh.

Two million dollars worth of highway contracts are to be let in Raleigh next Tuesday. This will bring the State's investment in roads up to about \$20,000,000 for the year. On December the 22nd, there will be another letting. At this time two large bridge contracts are supposed to be let.

A somewhat unusually wedding occurred in Winston-Salem last Saturday when Judge A. M. Stack and Mrs. M. B. Brittain were married. They are both middle aged people. In their youth they were sweethearts but were separated and each married another. They met by accident not long ago and soon their former love affair was renewed.

Charles Snyder of Greensboro was found dead on the railroad tracks in that City Saturday morning, his body having been cut into by a freight train. It appears that he had been struck on the head by some one and his body put on the track.

Reverend J. W. Wellons of Elon College will be 100 years old on January the first. He expects to preach his anniversary sermon at the college on that day. For his age Dr. Wellons is in very good health.

There are sixteen electric lines that supply power to rural homes in Cleveland county. It is estimated that 25,000 people are served with electric.

Raleigh doctors have raised their prices for visits from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for the first visit. Second visits will cost \$v.00. Physical examination cost \$5.00 each. Durham physicians have also raised their prices considerably.

A young woman in Winston-Salem broke off her engagement in order to work on a newspaper. She said that she desired to make a career for herself.

A bronze tablet has been erected in New Bern to the memory of James Davis first State printer. It is claimed that Mr. Davis had the first printing press and published the first newspaper in North Carolina.

Judge Isaac M. Meekins in Federal Court at Raleigh Monday warned prohibition officers against reckless shooting. He said they had no right to shoot at cars or at persons trying to escape.

NEW ROAD STANDS TEST OF STORM

The storm Tuesday and Wednesday produced rather high tides as the winds were easterly, and tested the new road out near North River. The fill over the marsh at Fulcher's Creek and the road for some distance beyond there all stood the test very well. Mr. C. K. Howe of the county's engineering force and a News man drove out and inspected the road Wednesday afternoon and found it in very good shape. The old road was under water at Fulcher's Creek but the new part was all clear of water. In order to get the water away from the right of way along the road some ditches need opening and some work on the shoulders needs to be done. It was a matter of only a few minutes drive from Beaufort to North River bridge Wednesday. If the road had been as it was six months ago it would have been impassible during the storm.

POPULATION INCREASES IN CARTERET COUNTY

The News is in receipt of vital statistics for Carteret county for the months of September and October. This information is furnished the News by Dr. F. M. Register, Director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, at Raleigh. Beaufort led the county in births. The report in full reads as follows:

Town	SEPTEMBER			Still Births
	B.	D.		
Beaufort	12	5	1	
M. City	10	7	-	
Newport	1	1	-	
Township				
Beaufort	2	2	1	
Harkers Island	1	2	-	
Harlowe	2	2	-	
Hunting Quarter:				
Division of				
Davis	-	1	-	
Stacey—Report no births & no Deaths				
Sea Level &				
—Atlantic	8	1	1	
Merrimon—No Report.				
Morehead	6	-	-	
Newport	6	4	-	
Portsmouth—No registrar.				
Smyrna—Report no births and no deaths				
Straits	1	-	-	
White Oak	2	3	-	
TOTAL	51	28	2	

Town	OCTOBER			Still Births
	B.	D.		
Beaufort	9	-	1	
Morehead City	10	1	1	
Newport	-	2	-	
Township				
Beaufort	-	-	-	
Harkers Island	3	-	-	
Harlowe	3	-	-	
Hunting Quarter:				
Division of				
Davis	2	-	-	
Stacey	2	-	-	
Sea Level &				
Atlantic	4	1	-	
Merrimon	7	-	-	
Morehead	4	3	-	
Newport	2	-	-	
Portsmouth—No registrar				
Smyrna	2	1	-	
Straits	4	-	1	
White Oak	2	-	1	
TOTAL	54	8	4	

BURGLAR ATTEMPTS TO ENTER SADLER HOME

Some person attempted to get into the home of Mr. Thomas Sadler about four o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Sadler, who is mate on the Charles S. Wallace, had just left to go to sea with the boat. Mrs. Sadler and her mother were awakened by a slight noise and saw a negro man trying to get through a window in Mrs. Sadler's room. They made a noise and he fled. Mr. Sadler had a considerable sum of money in his possession the day before the occurrence and it is thought the man knew this and was trying to steal the money. The burglar was not recognized and there is no clue as to his identity.

New York once received its water supply through a pine log water main and a log 14 inches in diameter from its first water main of 1799 was dug up in a perfect state of preservation on July 27, 1923.

EASTERNERS PLAN INDUSTRIAL TOUR

Will Visit Manufacturing Towns In Piedmont Section In January

Kinston, N. C. Nov. 30th.—The first real Industrial Tour ever attempted, as a section in Eastern Carolina, is set to begin January 12, and run four days. This movement is being sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, with headquarters at Kinston. The purpose of the tour, as stated by the officials of the organization, is to acquaint the people of Eastern North Carolina with the great industrial section of Piedmont North Carolina. It will be an educational trip, pure and simple, according to the announcement coming out from headquarters.

The trip will begin Tuesday morning January 12th, and will end Friday afternoon or night. The towns to be visited will probably include Raleigh, Durham, Burlington; High Point; Greensboro; Winston Salem;

Charlotte; Salisbury; Rockingham and other points of interest. Eastern North Carolina is beginning to think as never before in industrial terms. It is the belief of those who have given the matter more or less thought, that there is room in Eastern North Carolina is beginning to industries more than there are here. "While the industries are moving Southward, we want to get our share" Secretary Bartlett stated recently in a meeting at Benson. Two things we need now, Bartlett continued, are Publicity and Power. Both are within our reach. The mere fact that capital is interested in developing our power resources, makes it easy to see that there are real possibilities ahead. This industrial tour will give our people an opportunity, according to the officials of the sectional organization, to make investigations for themselves along industrial lines. Towns that are interested in making this trip may get all the information by writing to the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

C. H. STEWART DIES SUDDENLY

Many people in Beaufort and the county were greatly shocked when they heard that Mr. C. H. Stewart of Gloucester had died suddenly in Edenton Sunday. He had been in Edenton for some days on a visit to his son Charles and was stricken while in church with a heart attack. Mr. Stewart's body was brought to Beaufort Monday night and then taken to Gloucester for burial the following day. Mr. Stewart is survived by two sons Charles and Walter and a daughter Mrs. D. W. Gwynn. The deceased was one of the most highly respected citizens of the county and his death is regarded as a distinct loss to this section.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Three cases were tried by Mayor Thomas in his court Monday afternoon, Michael Whitley Jr., whose car turned over on Front street Saturday night, plead guilty to speeding. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs. William Nixon, driver of Kafer's truck, a New Bern concern, was convicted of selling bread here without a license. He was required to get a license and judgment was suspended on payment of costs. Arthur Stewart riding a bicycle on sidewalk, was let off with the costs amounting to \$3.

SHRIMPERS DO WELL.

The fatback fishermen are not the only ones who have been making money recently. These shrimpers have also been doing very well for the past week or so. Messrs. Bryan Arthur, Fred Hooper, Hol Masen; Rueben and Tom Grace Willis and others have made some nice catches of shrimp recently until the storm broke them up. The shrimp caught are the large ocean shrimp and they bring right good prices. Some of the boats that were out Monday made about \$50 which was split between the two men in the boat.