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## PHILLIPS APPOINTED HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

**Governor McLean Appoints Lexington Lawyer To Head Department of Conservation and Development. Asheville Woman Asks Governor To Pardon Men Who Tried To Lynch Negro And Also to Save Negro From Chair**

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, December 14—The appointment of a head for the Department of Conservation and Development, the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture, the extraordinary plea of a woman for the Governor to save the life of her assailant, and two conventions attracted interest in Raleigh during the past week. Other news of interest was the capture of Otto Wood, the bids on road contracts for the early part of next year, the mistrial in the suit against the Raleigh ice companies and the word of the safe arrival at Cuba of the crew of the Cotapaxi, which was lost off the Florida coast.

Governor McLean appointed Wade H. Phillips of Lexington, former commander of the American Legion to be head of the Department of Conservation and Development. Mr. Phillips is a lawyer and 46 years old. Dr. Jasper Stuckey had been acting as head. The department has had three heads since the McLean administration began last January.

Commissioner of Agriculture Graham made his annual report to the Board of Agriculture, showing progress in the agricultural life of the state and in solving its problems. While the board meets every six months the report really embraced a period of a year. Mr. Graham finds that there are a number of problems still facing the farmers but hopes they will be worked out by all hands pulling together for the final successful result.

The plea of a woman assaulted by Alvin Mansel negro of Asheville that the Governor save the man from execution has aroused interest here. In order to get the negro and lynch him, a mob attacked the Buncombe county jail some time ago and several members of the mob were convicted and sentenced. The woman also pleads for them in her letter to Mr. McLean. At the direction of the Governor, Pardon Commissioner Sink has written the woman to ascertain the motive behind her unusual plea to save a negro who had committed the greatest crime possible against her. The Governor has not indicated what action he will take if any Mansel is scheduled to die in the electric chair January 13 but an appeal to the Supreme Court which is expected will automatically stay sentence.

The State Bottlers Association held a large and interesting convention in Raleigh during the week and a number of visitors were attracted to the Capital City. The Association elected Frank L. Johnson of Statesville as its next president. The State Literary and Historical Society and kindred organizations also held their convention during the week and a number of speakers of note were here to address the sessions. Judge T. M. Pittman was named as the new president of the organization. He is from Henderson.

Otto Wood, Greensboro murderer was returned to State Prison during the week after having been recaptured by Chief of Police Woodside of Mooresville. Chief Woodside received a reward of \$250 for the capture. Wood had been at large for nearly two weeks and this was his second jail break since being sentenced nearly two years ago.

The jury which handled the case of the State against four Raleigh ice companies in which a combination in restraint of trade was charged, was unable to agree after 24 hours deliberation and a mistrial was ordered. This is the second trial, the first having occurred in criminal court when the ice companies were acquitted. Attorney General Brummitt announces the State will press for an early retrial of the issues.

During the week State Highway Commission received low bids on 10 projects throughout the State totalling \$2,075,000 which was much lower than expected and estimated by Commission officials. The low bids will be certified and contracts awarded.

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## SOUTHGATE COMPANY APPLY TO ERECT A BUILDING

A special meeting of the board of city commissioners was held last Friday night at 8 o'clock. The meeting was held by request of J. J. Whitehurst representing the Southgate Packing Company for the purpose of making application to erect a building. The proposed structure, which is said will be a fish building, will be erected on the plot of ground on Front street known as the "catamaran" and is owned by the Southgate Company. The house will be 100 by 85 feet and will be iron on a wooden frame, concrete floor, metal roof and brick front. The application according to rule goes over for twenty days after which the board will act on it.

## GENERAL MIXUP ON JERICHO ROAD

**Participants in Free For All Fight Sunday Afternoon To Be Tried**

A case which may prove to have some sensational features is set for a hearing before magistrate M. R. Springle for Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the county court house. Warrants have been served by Chief of Police W. R. Longest on M. H. Hodges and Luke Davis charging them with an assault with a deadly weapon upon Dick Chadwick. It is reported that other warrants will be served upon several other parties who engaged in what seems to have been a free for all fight Sunday afternoon in which it is alleged that fists, sticks, a knife and the pistol all figured.

The fight occurred on what is known as the Jericho road, a short distance from town and the North River road. The News has heard some statements in regard to the affair but as the case has not been tried will wait for the testimony of witnesses to disclose what took place. It seems that besides the principals in the affray that several bystanders became involved in it and that there was a pretty lively time for all concerned for a while. It will be remembered by readers of the News that two of the men mentioned, Messrs. Davis and Chadwick had a fight last summer over at the ocean beach. Attorney E. Walter Hill of Beaufort has been retained as counsel for Mr. Hodges and Attorney Hugh Dortch of Goldsboro will appear for Mr. Davis. Others involved in the fight may be represented by attorneys at the hearing. The News understands that the following have been subpoenaed as witnesses: T. M. Thomas Jr., Ed. Chadwick, Dick Chadwick, Sam Gibbs, Oscar Garner, Mrs. Luke Davis.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER SECURED FOR BEAUFORT SCHOOL

Superintendent Fitzg is already beginning to make his preparations for the commencement exercises of Beaufort Public School. Professor Harold D. Meyer of the University of North Carolina has been secured to deliver the commencement address and he is reputed to be a speaker of unusual ability. Professor Meyer is the head of the School of Public Welfare at the university and it is supposed that his subject will be something in keeping with the work which he is doing. Superintendent Fritz is also now trying to secure a noted minister to deliver the sermon to the graduates. The date of the commencement has not been definitely determined as yet but it will probably begin the 6th of June.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Leslie Rose and Christine Willis, Harker's Island.

## REAL ESTATE IS SELLING FREELY

**Hancock-Huntley Store Building Sold, I E Ramsey Buys Several Tracts**

The activity in real estate which has been going on in Carteret county for several months is not decreasing but on the contrary seems to be gaining steadily. The largest deal recorded by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton this week is that of S. P. Hancock and others to F. M. Simmons and others. This sale is for the three story wooden building now occupied by the wholesale grocery firm of Hancock-Huntley Company. This concern is going to erect a building in the eastern part of town near the city power plant. Another sale of real estate, deed for which had not been recorded at this writing, is that by A. W. Daniels to I. N. Moore. This sale is for the building and lot on Front street owned by Mr. Daniels. The following is a list of transfers recently recorded:

S. P. Hancock et al to F. M. Simmons et al lot Beaufort for about \$5,000. and other considerations (deed contained \$20. stamps) (\$20,000).

J. A. Randolph to I. E. Ramsey, 25 1-2 acres Beaufort Township for about \$150.

F. R. Seeley to I. E. Ramsey 1-4 acre, Beaufort Township for about \$75.

J. W. Mason, Comm. to F. L. Bank of Columbia 175 acres Beaufort Township for about \$3560.10.

M. P. Jerkins and wife to Lizzie A. Lupton lot 123 old town, Beaufort, consideration \$300.

Paul R. Rhodes and wife to I. E. Ramsey tract near Beaufort for about \$500.

Lewis Davis et al to I. E. Ramsey two tracts near Beaufort for about \$200.

G. V. Lareson and wife to John W. Stewart 1-3 interest in tract in Hunting Quarter township, for about \$100.

Lonnie Smith et al to John W. Hamilton, Jr. 93 1-2 acres Hunting Quarter township for \$10 and other considerations.

John W. Hamilton and wife to R. B. Chadwick 93 1-2 acres for \$10. and other consideration.

C. H. Freeman and wife to Lonnie O'Neal lot 1 block 61, Morehead City for \$450.

## MENHADEN FISHERMEN ARE STILL DOING WELL

Luck is still favoring the menhaden fishermen or rather they have been taking full advantage of their opportunities. The biggest load of fish that ever crossed Beaufort bar, 738,000 fish, was brought in Monday by Captain Buck Parkins in the Perkins, the largest boat in the fleet. The same day the Balster, Captain Jack Parkins in command, caught 518,000 fish. On Wednesday the Parkins got 650,000 more and Captain Ned Lewis in the W. A. Mace brought in 450,000. The News was not able to get the figures on all of the boats but understands that practically all of them have done very well this week. Last week the biggest catches for the week were made by Captain Bonner Willis and Captain Ned Lewis who got a little over a million each. Although the weather is thick and unfavorable all of the boats went to sea this morning to try their luck again. The fishermen say the time to catch the fat backs is while they are in this vicinity. A few weeks more they will all be gone to parts unknown.

## WRECKAGE DRIFTS ASHORE.

The patrolman of Fort Macon Coast Guard Station discovered a piece of wreckage on the ocean beach Sunday night that seems to have belonged to some vessel lost in a recent storm. The wreckage was a part of the hull of some vessel and seemed to be new construction. It was about twelve feet long and eight feet wide. There was nothing on it to indicate what vessel it came from.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ford and family spent last Saturday afternoon in Morehead City with relatives.

## STATE NEWS

**Items of Interest From Various Parts of State**

Announcement has been made of a gift of \$750,000 to Kittrell College Kittrell, N. C. by B. N. Duke. Mr. Duke had previously given large sums to this college. The money will be used for new buildings. Kittrell College is an individual school for colored students and will be one of the largest in the country.

A portrait of the Earl of Craven, one of the Lords Proprietors is being painted and will be placed in the county court house in New Bern. The portrait will be paid for by the Craven county committee of the Colonial Dames of America. When completed unveiling ceremonies will take place.

William M. White a prominent citizen of Gastonia was killed Sunday when struck by a car driven by Marygell and Lemuel Johnson, colored, of King's Mountain. The man and woman were held under bonds of \$5000 and \$3000 each charged with murder.

Stepping off the running board of a Ford car George McDowell 18 year old youth of Monroe, was struck by another Ford car and killed last Saturday. T. A. Norris of Charlotte driver of the other car was arrested and put in jail. The young man killed had started on a hunting trip.

Ten years after he had disappeared from his home at St. Petersburg, Florida, T. D. DeVaughn discovered that he had inherited a fortune. DeVaughn was found in High Point, N. C. where he had been living for several months. By the death of his wife, which occurred recently he inherited considerable property.

The population of the city of Gastonia increased in six years from 12,871 to 20,594 according to a survey made there recently. Gastonia is the center of a big cotton manufacturing district.

The Cannon Manufacturing Company has decided to build another large cotton mill at Kannapolis. The mill will have fifty thousand spindles and will cost about two million dollars. The mill will be 600 feet long, 100 feet wide and three stories high.

The opening of the Morrison bridge across the Pee Dee river near Rockingham took place Wednesday. Fogmer Governor Morrison made the principal speech of the day. Thousands of people attended the affair and had a big feast of barbecue and other eatables. The bridge is made of concrete and cost about \$300,000.

George Franklin a gigantic blacksmith of Charlotte was almost killed a few days ago by his wife who hit him several times with an ax. He is still alive at last reports. His wife is in jail. She says she hit her husband in self defense.

The U. S. Senate has confirmed the nomination of John J. Parker to be a Circuit Court judge. Frank A. Linney nominated for U. S. district attorney has been given a favorable report by the committee, also Brownlow Jackson for marshal of the western district of North Carolina.

Tourist traffic in North Carolina showed a big decrease in November as compared with October. In the sixth district 11,100 foreign cars were counted in one day in October. General traffic is about normal and there has been an increase in truck transportation.

B. F. Liverman of Alliance committed suicide Monday by cutting his throat with a razor. He was about 45 years old and leaves a wife and daughter. Ill health is thought to have been the cause of the suicide.

Automobile accidents in North Carolina during the month of November took a toll of 46 lives, according to figures given out by the State board of Health. Fire in the same month caused the death of 37 persons and accidental gun shots killed 14 others.

## SHOP NOW.

Beaufort merchants this year seem to have an unusually good stock of holiday merchandise and they are displaying and advertising it more than ever before. Some of the window displays on Front street would do credit to a much larger town. There are good stocks of groceries, hardware, furniture, ladies goods, men's goods, shoes, jewelry, toys, confectionery, perfumes and novelties of many kinds. Readers of the News would do well to peruse the advertising columns of this newspaper, make up their lists of what they need and do their purchasing immediately. It is not a good plan to put off until the last moment making your Christmas purchases. Now is the time to do your shopping.

## COUNTY BONDS BRING PREMINM

**Twenty Bidders For Bond Issue- Use Proceeds For Road Building**

As advertised in the News the sale of Carteret county road and bridge bonds took place Tuesday at noon in the room of the board of county commissioners. All members of the board were present. The bond issue which was for \$700,000, brought a premium of \$5,669. They were bought by a syndicate composed of Braun-Wosworth and Company and Russell F. Hall of Toledo, O., and Pruden and Company and Morris Mathes and Company of Chicago. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 5 1-2 per cent and are serial bonds. The proceeds of the sale have been used partly already for building roads and the News understands that the remainder will be used in the same way. About twenty bidders were on hand for the sale. It was found that if the bonds were issued bearing a five per cent interest charge that they could not be sold at par and so all bids on that basis were rejected.

The board passed a motion to pay E. C. Campen and S. T. Merrill the amount of damages recommended by the State Highway Commission. A motion was passed to lend \$19,000 to the County Board of Education to build a teacherage in Atlantic, Harker's Island and Newport.

## MAIL YOUR PACKAGES.

The postoffice people in Beaufort, and everywhere else in the United States are urging people to send their parcels post packages away at the earliest possible moment. They say that packages that are not sent until a day or so before Christmas will not reach their destination until after Christmas. There will be no deliveries of packages on Christmas day. For the next week or ten days the mails will be glutted with an enormous quantity of packages, postal cards and letters and the postal authorities say they do not want people to be disappointed about getting their mail. They ask you therefore to do your mailing early.

## ORGAN RECITAL WILL BE GIVEN NEW YEAR'S EVE

Dr. Hubert M. Poteat for years director of the well known Wake Forest Glee Club will give an organ recital and concert here in Ann Street Methodist church Thursday P. M. December 31st. This well known musician comes on the invitation of the local Music club. This will be a rare treat to Beaufort and we take this means of inviting everybody to avail themselves of this splendid opportunity. As this is a community affair and we have to pay for the performance we shall take a silver oxering at the door just to meet expense.

MRS. BUELL COOK, chm.

Mr. Ernest Woolard who has been in Southport and Wilmington for the past several months is here visiting relatives.

## MANY EXHIBITS AT FLOWER SHOW

**Prizes Given For Best Exhibits Sixty Eight Entries Were Made**

The Fall Flower Show held by the Community Club on November 12th was most creditable to the flower growers of Beaufort. They were unusually beautiful and very fine potted plants shown and the event was a great success for every stand point. Thanks are due to those who made the arrangements, to those who took their flowers and plants and entered them for prizes, to the merchants who kindly provided prizes, for the use of the room for the show, and to the Ways and Means Committee whose effective work added a goodly sum to the club treasury. It was very difficult for the judges to award the prizes but after many comparisons the following ladies were the fortunate winners:

1. Finest Single Rose—Mrs. A. D. O'Bryan
2. Finest Dahlia—Mrs. Maude Garner.
3. Finest White Chrysanthemums—Mrs. J. H. Ives
4. Finest Colored Chrysanthemums—Mrs. Dave Whitehurst.
5. Finest assortment of chrysanthemums—Mrs. M. Leslie Davis
6. Most Artistic Arrangement of Chrysanthemums—Mrs. Bayard Taylor.
7. Finest Garden Flowers—Mrs. E. Higgins (Marigolds)
8. Most Artistic Arrangement of Garden Flowers—Mrs. M. Leslie Davis.
9. Finest Blooming Potted Plant—Mrs. D. W. Whitehurst
10. Finest Fern—Mrs. Chas. Skarren
11. Finest Collection of Ferns—Mrs. Chas. Skarren
12. Finest Coleus—Mrs. Dave Whitehurst.
13. Finest Begonia—Mrs. F. R. Seeley
14. Finest Collection of Coleus and Begonias—Mrs. Chas. Hatsell
15. Finest Flower not listed white carnation—Mrs. J. H. Ives

There were 68 entries and several beautiful vases of chrysanthemums from Mrs. U. E. Swann and Mrs. B. Taylor and Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Dave Whitehurst not receiving prizes.

Those giving prizes are as follows: J. H. Patter Jr.; The Neal Shoppe; Beaufort Banking and Trust Company; Bank of Beaufort; Mr. Hugh Jones; Guthrie Drug Store; Beaufort Bargain Store; W. H. Bailey; E. A. Bell; D. V. Nelson; Duncan & Willis Co.; C. V. Hill.

ANNA B. LAY,

Chairman Garden Club

## OIL COMPANY'S PLANT IS ABOUT FINISHED

The Standard Oil Company's filling station at the foot of Turner street is about completed and is already in use. The plant consists of four large tanks surrounded by a brick wall and a one story brick building, also the necessary apparatus for supplying boats and cars with gasoline and oil. The company has had two nice light standards erected, one on Front street and the other on Turner street and the building has a row of electric lights under its eaves which gives it an attractive appearance at night. The lot on which the oil company built is one of the best in Beaufort and the News has heard a good many people express themselves as regretting that the company did not erect a larger and more imposing structure.

## HAVE PRINTING DONE NOW.

Persons who wish to have any job printing done will please be kind enough to get their orders in promptly. The office will be closed next Friday and Saturday and those who have any jobs that cannot be postponed until the following week should send them in at once. The News office will be open for business as usual on Monday, the 28th, and the News will appear on its regular day of publication that week.

Mr. R. E. Homesly of Raleigh was a guest of the Inlet Inn Wednesday.