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## BRIDGE CONTRACT LET

### BRIDGE CONTRACT VIRTUALLY LET AT HEARING TUESDAY

Some Changes in Specifications To Be Made To Lower Cost

#### LONGEST BRIDGE IN STATE

The News learns from State Highway Commissioner C. R. Wheatly that to all intents and purposes the contract for the bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City was let at the meeting in Raleigh Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The contract was not formally signed but will be very shortly. A few changes in certain details are to be made in it which will lower the cost somewhat but in the main the specifications will stand as they were. There were five or six bids made on this bridge and also on the one over the Chowan river which was practically let at the same time. The plans for the Beaufort bridge call for a stone riprap on the fill and this item alone will cost a little over \$100,000 if built as specified. It may be thought that a part at least of the riprap will be dispensed with and thus a large saving made. It may be possible to make a few other changes that will reduce the cost of the structure.

#### Charlotte Firm Lowest Bidder

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 22.—Bids for the construction of the longest Highway Bridge ever built in North Carolina, that from Beaufort to Morehead City across Bogue Sound were opened by the State Highway Commission today. Low bidders for the work were Sanford and Brooks Company, Charlotte, S. C. \$504,076.72 for the superstructure and Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works, Roanoke, Va., \$138,450 for the superstructure. It was announced at the offices of the Commission late today. The bridge will be approximately 3,100 feet or more than one half mile in length. The award had not been officially made tonight.

#### POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Mayor Thomas had a rather full docket for trial Monday afternoon and a considerable crowd of spectators, defendants and witnesses was on hand. The docket was disposed of as follows:

Carlton Parkin, drunk and disorderly, \$25 and costs.

John Allen Thomas, fighting, \$10 and costs.

Carl Gabriel, disorderly conduct, judgment suspended on payment of costs, amounting to \$4.25.

Price Johnson, disorderly conduct, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Malcom Singleton, drunkenness, \$10 and costs amounting to \$19.70.

Len H. Springle, drunkenness, judgment suspended on payment of costs, amounting to \$5.60.

Eli Branch drunk and disorderly conduct; \$50 and costs or 30 days in jail.

The case against Charles Parker charged with being drunk and disorderly was continued at the request of his attorney M. Leslie Davis.

Floyd Robinson charged with being drunk and disorderly failed to appear. His bond of \$10 was forfeited and a capias issued for him.

#### TEACHERS GONE HOME TO SPEND HOLIDAYS

Except those who live here all of the teachers in the Beaufort Public School have gone home, or elsewhere, for the holidays. Those who have gone are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fritz and M. L. Rose to Lemon City, Florida. Miss Louise Fritz and Miss Katherine Seig have gone to Hickory, N. C., Miss Lucille Pond to Wakefield, Va., Miss Eliza Everett to Holland, Va., Miss Georgiana Bird to Thomasville, N. C., Misses Flora Brummitt and Lera Grady to Birmingham, Ala., Miss Nell Smith to Rockingham, N. C.

#### NEW HOTEL CORPORATION.

A charter was granted Monday in Raleigh by the Secretary of State to a new hotel corporation in Beaufort known as the Inlet Inn Incorporated. The incorporators were W. B. Blades of New Bern, W. A. Mace and George J. Brooks of Beaufort. The paid in capital was given as \$6000 with \$100,000 authorized. The News has not yet been able to learn any thing as to the purpose of the new hotel company but the supposition is that it has something to do with the reorganization of the Inlet hotel property which was sold under a foreclosure proceeding a few weeks ago.

### VARSER RESIGNS SUPREME COURT

W. J. Brogden of Durham Succeeds Judge Varsler Who Will Practice Law

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, December 22, 1925.—Associate Justice L. R. Varsler, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, "pulled one" on his associates, Governor McLean and the public "over Sunday," in handing his resignation to His Excellency. Even the Chief Justice was not aware of Justice Varsler's decision to retire until the resignation had been accepted and a successor named. "Quick as lightning," so to speak, Governor McLean called to the vacancy W. J. Brogden, prominent member of the Durham bar and his campaign manager in the primary contest with J. W. Bailey in 1924. The appointment is considered a very happy one and meets with general approval in the capital city and in administration circles. Justice Varsler returns to the practice in Lumberton and will be associated with Lawrence and Proctor, members of the late legal firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor.

Institutions, municipalities, organizations and individual desiring war trophies may have their desires gratified by application to Governor McLean, who has had placed at his disposal a large list of them. The assortment includes guns weighing 11,000 pounds each. State institutions are to be given first choice.

A statement given out by Pardon Commissioner Sink shows that clemency has been extended to 298 prisoners since the Pardon Commissioner got into action last April. There have been 1275 applications for pardons and paroles, 480 were dismissed without action, 341 were considered and declined, making a total of 821 cases which failed of approval, 130 cases are now pending.

Transylvania is the latest county to vote for a minimum eight month school term and State Superintendent A. T. Allen "thanks God" and takes courage." Transylvania is the seventh in the State to take such action and Superintendent Allen is confident that the sentiment indicates similar action by many others in the near future.

#### FRANK LARSEN DIES SUDDENLY

Stricken with an attack of paralysis while at sea on a fishing boat Mr. Frank Larsen was brought back to Beaufort and died at his home on Orange street Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. Mr. Larsen was a deep sea fisherman and was a member of the crew of Captain Jesse Pagel. He had lived in Beaufort for about ten years and had won the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He was regarded as one of Beaufort's best citizens. Several years ago he married Miss Mollie Glancy who survives him. The funeral of Mr. Larsen was attended by the Charitable Brotherhood of which order he was a faithful member. Reverend L. B. Boney conducted the funeral services and the interment was in Ocean View cemetery.

#### AUTO ACCIDENT STOPPED DAVIS-HODGES TRIAL

The trial of M. H. Hodges and Luke Davis set for last Friday before Magistrate M. R. Springle did not take place. An automobile in which Mr. Davis and attorney Hugh Dortch of Goldsboro were coming to Beaufort turned over about five miles this side of New Bern and both of the men were injured. The car caught fire but two other men in it managed to get out and raised it so that Messrs. Davis and Dortch could get out. Davis was right seriously hurt and was taken to a hospital in New Bern. Dortch was bruised up pretty badly and went back to Goldsboro. The injured men say that a bus which they met failed to give them any road and that in turning out their car turned over.

The trial which was to have taken place last Friday grew out of a fight that took place on Jericho road on the Sunday previous. About a half dozen persons were mixed up in it in one way or another and the trial promised to be somewhat sensational. No date has yet been announced for the hearing.

#### GEORGE G. TAYLOR DIES.

Word was received in Beaufort Monday of the death of George G. Taylor which occurred Sunday at his home near Bogue. The News has not been able to learn the particulars in regard to Mr. Taylor's death but understands that he had been seriously sick for about two weeks. He is survived by his widow and several children. Mr. Taylor was one of the leading citizens of the western part of the county. He was a farmer and business man and once served on the board of county commissioners. Those who knew him regard his passing away as a distinct loss to the entire county.

#### PROPOSE CHANGES IN RAILROAD SCHEDULES

The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce and also those of Morehead City, New Bern, Kinston and Goldsboro have been asked to give their opinion of a proposed change in the Norfolk Southern passenger trains between Beaufort and Goldsboro. The trains affected are numbers 9 and 10, leaving Beaufort now at 4 P. M. and arriving here at 8 P. M. If the new schedule goes into effect number 9 would leave Beaufort at 3:30 P. M. and number 10 returning would arrive at 7:30 P. M. Persons who are interested are invited to express their views to the State Corporation Commission or Secretary Betts of the Chamber of Commerce.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

W. A. Mace and wife to W. L. Stancil interest in part lot and shoal Beaufort, consideration \$10.

Beaufort Banking and Trust Co. to Viola B. Gillikin 102 acres, Beaufort township for about \$8500.00.

Sadie Gary & Howland to Minnie Davis part lot Beaufort for about \$10.

Richard Willis to E. H. Gorlon tract near Morehead City, for about \$100.

A. H. Webb and wife to Suddie Fennes part lot Morehead City, for about \$275.00.

C. R. Mann Mortgagee to A. L. Wilson 18 1-4 acres Newport for consideration of \$1.

A. L. Wilson and wife to C. R. Mann 18 acres near Newport for consideration of \$10.

K. R. Garner to F. L. and J. L. Garner 1-2 acres near Newport for about \$400

W. E. Fodrie and wife to G. S. Bell 3 1-2 acres near Newport for about \$137.75.

J. Dewey Stewart et al to I. E. Remsey 4 tracts in Straits township for \$12,000.00.

S. P. Hancock and wife to O. A. Lewis 8 acres Straits township, for consideration of \$10.

### BARGE HAMMOND HAS CLOSE CALL

Beaufort Men Rescue Barge With Valuable Cargo From Breakers

The barge Hammond of New York bound for Palm Beach, Florida and loaded with a cargo of furniture lies in Beaufort harbor after a terrific fight recently with stormy seas.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock towed by the tug Waban of Charleston, S. C. the barge crossed Beaufort bar and started on her journey south. That afternoon near Bald Head when trying to get around Frying Pan shoals the two vessels got caught in a strong southeast gale that sprang up suddenly and for a time were in great danger. They laid to for four hours and then returned to Beaufort bar. With the weather still rough the barge and tug crossed the bar at one o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Unfortunately at this time the towing hawser parted and the tug was compelled to leave the barge which went into the breakers. The super-cargo and another man on the barge were rescued with considerable difficulty by the Fort Macon Coast Guard crew. Seeing that the barge was in distress several boats from Beaufort and Morehead City went out and attempted to get a line on her. Captain Ned Lewis with his forty foot motor boat Billy and Gordon finally succeeded after considerable hard work and undergoing the risk of being capsized finally did the trick. Two men leaped from the motor boat as she passed near the barge and then made fast the line. The hawser was then secured and the Hammond rescued from her dangerous position in the breakers. Those in the boat with Captain Lewis were Harry, Buck and Herbert Parkin, Jack Sewell and Graham Whitehurst.

The value of the barge's cargo has been estimated at various sums, one being as high as \$70,000. The super-cargo stated to the coast guard men that the cargo was worth \$30,000 and the barge \$4000. At any rate the value is great enough to allow the rescuing party a considerable sum for salvage. The cargo and the vessel were insured.

#### SURVEY TO BE MADE IN BOGUE SOUND

The News is in receipt of a copy of a letter sent by Major G. R. Young to Congressman Abernethy in regard to a survey in Bogue Sound. It seems that the survey is to find out what it would cost to dredge out a channel six feet deep and 75 feet wide. The letter reads as follows:

"Hon. Charles L. Abernethy, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Abernethy:

Reference is had to our previous correspondence on the subject of a proposed improved channel extending west from Morehead City. The district engineer has made a further preliminary investigation of the case and submitted a report, as a result of which the Chief of Engineers has this date directed that he extend the survey previously ordered to include estimates of cost for a 6 foot channel 75 feet wide by a suitable route. Supplementary report has not been formally considered by the Board, and the Department is not prepared at this time to commit itself to a view as to the desirability of this additional work. The Chief of Engineers however felt it desirable to obtain cost estimates, and has therefore immediately directed the extension of the survey as stated above in order to save time.

Nothing further can of course be done until the complete report of survey is obtained. I shall be glad to keep you informed of the status of the case.

Very truly yours,  
C. R. YOUNG,  
Major, Corps of Engineers, Resident Member of the Board.

#### CHRISTMAS ROSES.

Beaufort people can have all the roses they want for Christmas by simply raising them and some of them do it. It is not at all unusual to see roses in bloom outdoors here on Christmas and even later. This season there are a number of places in town where roses may be seen in bloom and other flowers also, such as petunias and chrysanthemums. One of the finest displays in town is that at the home of Mrs. Billy Holmes Garner on Turner Street. This is a large rose bush that covers a large part of the house and has on it a number of beautiful buds and full blown roses. It is a sight well worth seeing and has attracted a good deal of attention.

### NORWOOD GUILTY OF BANK FRAUDS

Federal Jury Convicts Former Prominent Business Man And Politician

Greensboro, N. C. Dec. 19.—Verdict of guilty on three of six counts in the felony indictment against J. D. Norwood, former chairman of the directorate of the People's National Bank of Salisbury, was returned in United States district court of western North Carolina by a jury at 10:15 o'clock and Judge H. H. Watkins, of Anderson, S. C., imposed a sentence of three years in the federal penitentiary upon the defendant, who gave notice of appeal and who was released under an appearance bond of \$15,000.

Norwood, who is former chairman of the North Carolina Democratic committee, and who has resided in Birmingham, Ala., since the bank crashed in Salisbury, N. C., in June 1923, sat with arms folded when the verdict was rendered.

"A debt to society was created by this bank failure, and it had to be paid," said Judge Watkins after the verdict was received. The judge said the verdict was not unexpected by him.

Clyde Hoey, Walter H. Woodson and James Simpson, the latter of Birmingham appealed to the judge for leniency.

Judge Watkins then sentenced Norwood to three years in the Atlanta prison imposing one year on each count. The first count involved a \$19,000 note of the Midwood Realty Company for \$19,000, the second concerned a trade acceptance drawn by the Newton Mills for \$27,715 on the Nancy Mills, and the third count a trade acceptance of \$28,042.18 by the Newton Mills on the Standard Mills. All of these transactions took place on February 16, 1922 and were made through the Peoples bank.

The jury voted 12 to 0 on the first three counts, voting guilty and voted unanimously for not guilty on the last three counts which involved the \$83,000 check drawn by the Mecklenburg Mills, Inc.

Judge Watkins ordered continued the other cases pending against Norwood and M. L. Jackson, the latter a director.

District Attorney Frank A. Linney informed a reporter for the International News Service after the verdict that if the appeal of Norwood to the circuit court of appeals was denied that in all probability the other cases against Norwood and Jackson would be dismissed.

Judge Watkins instructed a verdict of not guilty as to J. K. Doughton, former president of the bank, earlier in the afternoon.

#### BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Eure at their home on Ann Street Sunday morning a daughter. The infant has been named Dorothy Pittman.

### TWELVE EXECUTED IN STATE DURING THE PAST YEAR

New Record For Taking Life. State Employees Get One Week Holiday

#### WYATT GETS EIGHT MONTHS

(By M. L. SHIPMAN.)

Raleigh, December 21.—The action of the Salary and Wage Commission in reducing state holidays, the verdict in the Wyatt trial, the record of electrocutions for the past year and the successful sale of more than twenty millions of state bonds were matters of interest in the Capital City last week. In addition Raleigh people heard with regret of the death of Judge Oliver H. Allen of Kinston who sat on the Superior Court bench for a quarter century. The action of the State Fair committee of the Chamber of Commerce in recommending removal of the Fair to another section of the city also was of interest.

The Salary and Wage Commission decided that employees would only have one instead of two weeks holiday. This came after the Attorney General had ruled the Commission had no right to eliminate legal holidays from the schedule of holidays for the employees. The ruling was made public Saturday morning and not sufficient time has elapsed for the sentiment to be felt but a safe prediction is that the Salary and Wage Commission may find itself fighting for existence before the next legislature if its members do not decide to act more like men and less like children. The Commission had a hard job and has succeeded in making it harder.

The verdict of Judge Garland Midyette that Jesse Wyatt must serve not less than eight months nor more than 18 months in the state prison was given out Friday. Wyatt was convicted of killing Stephen Holt of Smithfield when he fired on the lawyer thinking he was a rum runner. Holt was returning from a term of court in Raleigh. Wyatt's long and honorable record as an officer of the Raleigh police force saved him from a heavier punishment and it was felt that the decision of Judge Midyette would constitute sufficient punishment under the circumstances. It is probable that an appeal will be taken to Governor McLean to stay the beginning of the sentence from January 2, the date set by the court till after Wyatt's wife gives birth to their eighth child, a couple of months hence.

North Carolina set a new record for taking life during the past year. Twelve men died in the electric chair. Prior to this time there had not been but nine executions in any one calendar year. Since the electric chair replaced the gallows fifteen years ago there have been 85 executions by the new method.

The State during the week sold \$20,125,000 in bonds at a new high interest rate and at an excellent price. Governor McLean was exceedingly gratified for the sale bore testimony, he believes, to the confidence placed in his administration by New York bankers who have followed the "deficit" fight closely and know the status of North Carolina's finances. Treasurer Lacy also was pleased with the sale. The bonds were for highway and school work.

The death of Judge Oliver H. Allen at Kinston was a matter of regret in Raleigh where he was well known. He had been one of the most active of Superior Court judges until three years ago when he retired. He had two sons living in Raleigh, both well known in business circles and himself was born in Wake seventy five years ago.

The tobacco co-operative association mailed out \$1,500,000 to members in Western North Carolina and Virginia during the week, this being in part payment for the 1924 (Continued on page four)