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COURT PROCEDURE MAY BE CHANGED IN SEVERAL WAYS

Judicial Conference Favors Numerous Changes in Rules And Practice

JUSTICE BROGDEN QUALIFIES

(BY M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, January 4, 1926.—The meeting of the North Carolina Judicial Conference, The New Years reception at the Governor's Mansion, induction into office of the new Associate Justice, W. J. Brogden, announcement of 1926 highway program, completion of the new Meredith College and happenings of minor importance absorbed interest in the capital city during the last few days of the old year and the first four of the new. The extremely "cold snap" also contributed to the "gayety of the season" in more ways than one.

The Judicial Conference created by act of the General Assembly of 1925 held its second meeting here during the week with Chief Justice W. P. Stacey presiding and a majority of the judge and lawyer members answering to call the roll. Numerous changes in the rules of practice, judicial procedure and the judicial system generally were discussed, but final action was postponed to a future meeting scheduled for June of the present year. Both bench and bar expressed the wish to devise some means for the relief of the Supreme Court from appeals, abolition of the rotation of judges, restoration of the common law powers of judges in jury cases and an amendment to the State constitution to establish courts of jurisdiction concurrent with that of the Superior Court. A special committee is to work out these recommendations and report to the next meeting of the Conference.

Governor McLean held his second public reception at the Mansion on Friday evening that has occurred since he came into office nearly a year ago, and the first Mrs. McLean has been privileged to attend, she being ill at their home in Lumberton at the time her husband was inducted into office last January. The function on Friday evening was a brilliant affair in which many leading men and women of the State from distant towns and cities participated. The affair was entirely informal and the charming hostess succeeded admirably in making every one "feel at home."

A "goodly number" of friends from his home town came over to witness the ceremonies attending the induction into office of Willis J. Brogden, Durham lawyer, as associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court on Friday. The ceremonies were held in the Supreme Court room with Governor McLean sitting with the court. Mr. Brogden was presented to the court by Hon. Jones Fuller of the Durham bar, the oath of office being administered by the Chief Justice. Retiring Justice Varsar returns immediately to the practice of his profession in Lumberton.

The State Highway Commission announces its purpose of starting on the construction of 700 miles of roads early in the new year, 200 to be hard surfaced and 500 miles of top soil, the program, when completed, to represent an expenditure of approximately \$12,000,000. Added to this will be hundred of miles constructed through cooperation with counties that are taking advantage of the opportunity to secure the services of road experts by making loans to the State Highway Commission with the view to making important connections "while the going is good."

The new Meredith College is ready for the reception of students who have engaged rooms in the recently constructed edifice three miles west of Raleigh in which the spring term will be conducted. Heat and light, with other modern arrangements are in tact and the girls are likely to find their new surroundings in harmony with the spirit and progress of the times. The Carolina Power and Light Company promises to provide bus service between the College and the city proper.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING WAS QUIET

The meeting of the county board of Education held Monday had no features of very general interest. There was some discussion of the county wide uniform tax system for schools but no action of any sort was taken on the matter. Mr. M. L. Simmons of Newport was put on as school committeeman in place of Dr. R. C. Smith who had resigned. A number of bills were audited and a few other matters of routine nature transacted.

SEWER CONTRACT LET TO DENOYER

Low Bid For Sewer Work Was \$11,128. Appropriation Made For Firemen

Most of the time of the city board of commissioners was taken up Monday in considering bids for the new sewer work. The contract was finally awarded to D. M. Denoyer. All members of the board and the Mayor were present at the meeting. There were three bidders for the work and their bids were E. L. Davis \$11,940; Davis Construction Co. \$11,560; D. M. Denoyer \$11,128.

The contract is to lay certain sewers in certain streets in the eastern part of the town.

Messrs. D. M. Jones and Bryan Arthur came before the board and asked that an appropriation of \$200 be made for the Fire department. A motion was passed allowing the amount asked. Mr. Jones asked that he be allowed permission to put two 500 gallon tanks in front of his garage and to install a filling station. The permission was granted with the understanding that no injury would be done to the asphalt paving. Mrs. Hattie Parkin applied to be relieved of her 1925 taxes. A motion was passed allowing this relief. A motion was passed that some auto plates furnished by the Southern Stamp and Stationery Company be returned. The plates were not lettered properly.

Captain George J. Brooks came before the board and asked that an appropriation be made for the purpose of advertising Beaufort. There was some discussion of the matter but no action was taken on it. A number of bills were audited and the board then adjourned subject to the call of the mayor.

DECEMBER PROVED TO BE RATHER STORMY PERIOD

December was a stormy month, rather wet and for one or two days quite cold. The rainfall for the month was 5.23 as against the average rainfall of 4.02 inches. The warmest day was on the 5th when the mercury went to 69 degrees and the lowest was on the 28th when it sank to 12 above zero. There were 10 cloudy days, 5 partly cloudy and 16 clear ones. The high and low temperature day by day follows:

	Max.	Min.
1	56	49
2	68	54
3	62	48
4	63	44
5	69	50
6	65	45
7	58	50
8	56	45
9	63	45
10	64	42
11	62	40
12	65	48
13	67	50
14	60	51
15	57	44
16	58	41
17	52	39
18	45	31
19	53	34
20	62	41
21	56	41
22	61	41
23	66	34
24	54	32
25	53	36
26	53	34
27	46	25
28	31	12
29	40	19
30	41	23
31	43	29

Captain and Mrs. George J. Brooks dined at Smithfield Tuesday.

STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From Various Parts of State

Shocked by reason of the disappearance of her husband Mrs. Louise Gilbert of Asheville died suddenly Tuesday. Grady L. Gilbert the husband disappeared last Saturday and the wife feared that some harm had come to him.

A Southern Railway train enroute from Columbia, S. C. to Asheville ran off the track last Friday morning. Four coaches and the engine were derailed but did not turn over. There were 75 passengers aboard none of whom was hurt.

Three men were killed in Lexington one day last week when a fire truck in which they were riding turned over at a street crossing. Three others on the truck were badly injured and two of them may die. A false alarm had been turned in and the firemen were answering the call when the accident occurred.

The Bank of Whitakers failed to open for business on Monday morning. The State Corporation Commission has taken charge of the bank which had a capital stock of \$50,000 and deposits of about \$200,000.

C. H. Hedgewood, Charles Sechrist and Bryon Gibson of High Point were arrested Saturday charged with having robbed the bank at Effland several weeks ago. Robert Riley cashier of the bank identified Hedgewood as one of the robbers but could not swear to the other two and they were turned loose.

Mystery surrounds the death of Preston Rodgers of Raleigh which occurred in Raleigh several days ago. The young man was shot and killed in his own home and it was reported that he had killed himself. The evidence at the coroner's trial showed that several men and women had taken part in a drinking party there that night. Several of the parties are held under bonds.

Robbers in Greensboro last Saturday morning before day broke into five wholesale houses and got about \$100. Two thousand dollars was in a safe which they failed to get. The robberies occurred in the center of the town almost and was a bold affair.

Federal officers last Saturday arrested A. T. Gilmer a negro merchant in Greensboro and found \$17,000 worth of narcotics in his possession. It is said that the dope was sent through the mails. Gilmer was held for Federal court under a bond of \$15,000.

Four times in a month robbers have entered the home of Reverend H. G. Barger in Greensboro. Bloodhounds were used twice to try to track the robbers but without success.

In a recent cold spell the steamer Trenton was locked up in the ice at Manteo for three days. On last Saturday the boat resumed her regular run between Elizabeth City and Manteo.

Heirs to the late James W. Cannon of Concord, a cotton mill millionaire, are trying to recover \$875,000 in taxes paid the Federal government. It is claimed that the taxes were improperly collected.

COTTON CROP REPORT.

The latest ginners' report shows that Carteret county produced 286 bales of cotton last year. This was a slight gain over the year before which was 249 bales. The State's crop for last year not all ginned yet, will go over a million bales.

NEW BERN MAN PREACHES AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Dr. Z. V. Parker of New Bern, N. C. will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening January 10th. Dr. Parker is a forceful and impressive speaker, and is becoming more and more recognized as one of the most consecrated Christian workers and evangelistic preachers in this part of the State.

NO TRACE YET OF ZEKE SALTER

Searching Parties Hunt In Vain For Lost Sea Level Man

No trace has yet been found of Mr. Zeke Salter who disappeared from his home near Sea Level about three weeks ago. A report was in circulation recently that his body had been discovered but the information that the News has gotten about the matter is that no one knows anything about the old man's whereabouts.

Mr. Salter lived alone in his little home at the head of Nelson's Bay. He was between 75 and 80 years of age. He made his living partly by trapping and on the day that he was last seen had left his home as he often did to visit his traps. When the neighbors found that the old trapper had not returned home they made a search for him and have kept it up off and on ever since. One day 35 men explored the woods and swamps without any success. His traps were found and in one a captured raccoon awaited his fate. A few people say they fear the old man was murdered by some one. He is said to have had a little money and some think that maybe the desire to get this accounts for Mr. Salter's disappearance. Other folks though say they do not believe that any one mean enough to do such a deed lived in that neighborhood. Any way the old man is gone and so far his disappearance is shrouded in mystery. He is survived by his son Lonnie Salter who is in the State tuberculosis sanatorium. Mrs. Kathrine Salter who lives in Beaufort and the missing man were married some five or six years ago but have not lived together for several years.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds since last week:

R. L. Davis to Euse and Duncan part lot 88 old town, Beaufort for about \$1105.

N. F. Eure et al to Chas. B. Parker et al part lot 88 old town, Beaufort for \$10.

W. L. Stancil Trustee to Inlet Inn Inc. Inlet Inn property, Beaufort for \$1.00.

J. F. Duncan trustee to W. L. Stancil trustee Inlet Inn hotel property for about \$15,625.

J. F. Duncan et al to H. D. Paul tract adjoining D. M. Denoyer for \$500 and other considerations.

Lemuel H. Rose to Worden Lewis and wife 193 feet in Sealevel for about \$10.

W. H. Freeman and wife to W. P. and C. H. Freeman lot 14 Block 9, lot 13 block 78, Morehead City for about \$1000.

S. H. Mullen and wife to Ben O. Jones, South half of lots 6 and 7 block 23 Morehead City for \$100 and other considerations.

Geraldine Oaksmith to Stanly Oaksmith 180 acres Eogue Sund for about \$2700.

F. R. Bell to S. A. Chalk 100 acres near Wildwood for about \$3500.

R. T. Willis to G. W. Bonner and wife tract Morehead City for about \$3975.

A. L. Hamilton, Comm. to R. B. Morris trustee lot 15 block 110, Morehead City, for about \$43.

A. B. Morris trustee to W. R. Webb and wife lot 15 block 110 Morehead City for about \$75.

D. F. Adams and wife to W. H. Bell et al 8 1-10 acres Newport Township for \$10 and other consideration.

Angelina T. Willis to Jones A. Lewis 5-12 acres Harkers Island for \$10.

Joe H. Lewis and wife to Sam W. Salter 5-12 acres Harkers Island for \$2.00.

Dave Adams to Lola Smith lot 4 Block 94 Morehead City for about \$950.

W. S. Chadwick to E. B. Whitehurst et al 50 acres Smyrna township for about \$500.

Luvania Loothe to E. J. Taylor 3 1-2 acres White Oak township for about \$60.

Mr. John Guthrie of Bogue was a visitor here Monday.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Only one case was tried by Mayor Thomas in police court Monday afternoon. This was the case against William Rhodes charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon Eli Branch. He is said to have cut Branch with a knife. Both men are colored. The case against C. T. Eubanks charged with driving on a sidewalk was continued.

BRIDGE CONTRACT IS NOW SETTLED

Final Details Arranged. Some Changes Made To Make Cost Lower

All the details of the Beaufort-Morehead City bridge contract were arranged in Raleigh last Saturday and the contract has been signed and is now in full force. Work on the structure is to start in a very short time, possibly this month, and it is to be finished in 300 working days. This means of course that allowances are made for Sundays, holidays and bad weather. Under favorable conditions it is thought by some experienced persons that the bridge will be nearly finished by February the first 1927 and that it will certainly be done by June the first of that year.

As stated in the News two weeks ago the lowest bidders on the bridge were the Sanford and Brooks Company of Charleston, S. C. for the substructure and the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works for the superstructure. The Charleston concern's bid was \$504,076.72 and the Roanoke company's bid was \$138,450. This cost is in addition to the fill which will be built by the county. As the total cost of the bridge was higher than anticipated by the Highway Commission it was found necessary to make a few changes to reduce the expense. A stone riprap along the fill which was to cost about \$100,000 will be left off. There will also be a reduction in the number of light standards which will make a difference of several thousand dollars. In other respects there will be no change of any consequence and the bridge when completed will be the most expensive and probably the finest in North Carolina. Dr. C. L. Duncan who has the contract for the earth fill informs the News that good progress is being made on his dredge which is being built in Baltimore. It will likely be finished about the middle of February and work on the fill may be expected to start around March the first.

BEAUFORT DRUG COMPANY HAS NEW OWNERS

An important business change in Beaufort went into effect here Monday. This was the transfer of the drug firm known as the Beaufort Drug Company to Mr. R. W. Jernigan and Dr. E. B. Whitehurst. Dr. C. L. Duncan was the sole owner of the business which was founded in 1902 and which has for many years enjoyed a large patronage. The new owners of the business are active and progressive young men and the general impression seems to be that they will make a success of their venture. They have leased the store room now occupied by the drug store, for several years and will continue in business at this stand.

BRIDGE ENGINEERS HERE.

In anticipation of starting the work soon on the big bridge across Newport River the Highway Commission has sent a force of engineers here. Mr. T. H. Boggs who is in charge arrived several days ago and has opened an office in the third floor of Dr. C. L. Duncan's building at the corner of Front and Turner streets. Associated with Mr. Boggs are Messrs. J. B. Jinnett, R. E. L. Odom and M. T. Smithwick. The contractors have not opened offices here yet but have been invited to do so and have said they would send representatives here to look the field over at an early date.

In remote rural districts in Norway the bride dons the native dress of her district and rides to the church ceremony on a pony.

COUNTY BOARD ADVANCES FUNDS FOR BRIDGE WORK

Additional Sum of \$80,000 Will Be Advanced To Highway Commission

FERRY COMMITTEE REPORTS

The board of county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday adopted a motion to enter into an agreement with the State Highway Commission to furnish that body \$80,000 in addition to funds already provided for building the bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City. The sum of \$310,000 has been furnished by the county already and the county has also agreed to pay for constructing the fill. The resolution states that the State, Federal and county funds already provided are not enough to build the bridge and that as it is "a public necessity for people of Carteret county" the extra money is to be advanced. All members of the board were present at the meeting Monday.

Th Harkers Island ferry committee composed of G. W. Huntley, H. C. Taylor and G. H. Whitehurst, made its report to the board. The report recommends that a ferry boat owned by the operator and large enough to carry three automobiles be operated making four round trips daily. That a toll of 25 cents each way be charged for cars 50 cents for one ton trucks. Additional passengers to pay 10 cents per passenger. Bids to be advertised for a five year contract and suitable bond required. The county to furnish dock and approaches to ferry. The manner was deferred until the February meeting for action.

The report of the jury in the matter of a road dispute between David Merrill and J. C. Merrill was received and accepted and the cost assessed against the petitioner. An appeal was taken by attorney M. Leslie Davis representing J. C. Merrill. The jury to lay out the road was composed of I. W. Russell, S. C. Gibbs, C. D. Pusifoy, W. G. Dudley, D. E. Langdale. The jury gave J. C. Merrill \$10 for damages in running the road over his land.

The board passed a motion authorizing the board and county engineer to make a tour of the road recently built by the East Coast Land Company in an agreement with the county. A motion was passed fixing the valuation of the Ocean Beach hotel property at \$60,000. A motion was passed to pay the Joe Styron crew for three days work building dipping vats. The Clerk of the Court was instructed to have the county line between Carteret and Hyde counties marked in the sound so Portsmouth hunters can tell where the line is. In the event of the failure of Braun, Borworth and Company to take the bonds they contracted for recently the clerk was instructed to re-advertise them. A number of bills were audited after which the board adjourned.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last Thursday:

George Davis and Mary Davis, Davis, N. C. Gust Ellison and Mattie Lee Congleton, Beaufort. Alphonso H. Jones and Alma I. Davis, Morehead City. Arnold Murphy and Thelma Murphy, Davis. James H. James and Nellie Fisher, Wildwood. Clem Smith and Mamie Kittrell, Bogue, N. C. Richard H. Clark Charlotte and Wilma Rose Podrie Beaufort. Ivey M. Gaskill and Bertie Lewis Harkers Island.

RECENT MARRIAGES.

The following marriages have been solemnized last week and this by Rev. L. B. Boney, pastor of the First Baptist church. December 31, Mr. Arnold Murphy of Davis and Miss Thelma Murphy of Davis.

On Wednesday the 6th, Mr. Gust Ellison of Beaufort and Miss Mattie Lee Congleton of Beaufort were united in marriage.

Mr. H. K. Fort of Philadelphia was here Monday on a business trip.