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## PREFER TUNNEL TO A BRIDGE FOR CAPE FEAR RIVER

### Cost of Bridge Much Greater Than Tunnel Engineers Estimate

### GOVERNOR TAKES A HUNT

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, January 11—Nothing outstanding, "up-standing," or "out-landish" has transpired in administration circles the past week. Governor McLean has been hard at work on matters of state, except for one day's outing with Capt. John A. Nelson, Fisheries Commissioner, in the eastern waters. A number of appointments have been announced, a few paroles granted and many rejected. Chairman Frank Page talked of the proposed bridge across the Cape Fear at Wilmington; a conference of demonstration agents was held at State College; State health officers meet for routine matters; Secretary of State Everett "comes back" to his office and other news items "bob up" here and there in and around the Capitol.

Accompanied by Chairman Frank Page of the State Highway Commission, Alexander McLean of Lumberton, brother of the Governor, Martin F. Gillen, of New York, and Ben Dixon McNeill, Raleigh, Governor McLean spent a day with Mr. Jesse Davis and Capt. John A. Nelson at the Davis hunting lodge near Beaufort shooting ducks. The Governor intended going direct from there to sign \$20,125,000 of State bonds in New York city for the sale of which negotiations were closed some weeks ago, but this trip was deferred on account of the illness of the State Treasurer, and for other reasons, until later in the month.

Former State Senator George A. Holderness, of Tarboro, reires from membership on the Salary and Wage Commission and is succeeded by Ernest V. Webb, of Kinston, and Maj. W. A. Erwin, succeeds W. J. Brogden now Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, as trustee of the North Carolina College for Negroes located at Durham. Senator Holderness goes to Richmond to become vice-president of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. His successor on the Salary and Wage Commission is said to be especially qualified for the duties of the position to which he has been called by the Governor, while Major Erwin never lets anything drag, with which he is connected.

In the opinion of Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway Commission, a circular tunnel under the Cape Fear River at Wilmington would be preferable to a bridge across the river at the point desired by the city authorities. The General Assembly authorized a bond issue of \$1,000,000 which is half a million short of the estimated cost of a bridge. Cost of the tunnel is placed at one million. The Commissioner has ordered a survey of both propositions which may prove the wiser. Engineers differ as to the cost of putting up the steel spans for a bridge and also as to whether the foundation will be of sufficient strength to bear the weight of the huge supporters that will be necessary to make the structure "safe and secure."

From Tuesday until Saturday the home demonstration agents of the State Agricultural Experiment Service have been in action at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering laying plans for the year's work. Farm life in all its phases was discussed by speakers of note from far and near. The meeting is conceded, by Prof. I. O. Schaub, dean of the School of Agriculture, to have been the most helpful and most important of any similar gathering at the College in a long period of years.

The suggestion of Governor McLean concerning a State owned radio plant has received the endorsement of the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra and the appointment of a committee to confer with His Excellency relative to developments of the plan; the Governor tells a New York investment concern that the State does not care to secure postponement of hear-

## WEATHER HAS BEEN VERY GOOD RECENTLY

Beaufort people have been reading in the newspapers recently about snow and ice in Raleigh, Greensboro, Asheville and elsewhere but they have not seen any themselves. Other than a few flakes which some people claim to have seen there has been no snow in Beaufort this winter. A little crust of ice has formed a few times in shallow water but nothing that would hold up anybody's weight. For the last two or three days the weather has been clear and beautiful and on Wednesday very few people found it necessary to wear overcoats. Winter is not gone yet though, and there may be some severe weather yet. In about four or five weeks from now truckers expect to be planting their potatoes unless the weather is unusually bad.

## MANY ACCIDENTS HAPPEN SUNDAY

### Several Beaufort People Hurt In Wreck On New Bern Highway Sunday Afternoon

Last Sunday seems to have been a hard luck day for autoists in Carteret county. Some four or five accidents took place in the county that day but the News has not been able to get the details of all of them.

The most serious accident perhaps was that which happened to the new Chrysler car of Mr. C. E. Graham on the New Bern highway about three miles from town Sunday afternoon. Those in the car besides Mr. Graham were Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Dickinson, Mrs. Olive Gauss and Mrs. Robert Hudgins and little son Robert Jr. Mrs. Gauss was driving the car when the accident occurred. The accident was due to the fact that the road was soft on account of recent rains which caused the car to skid. It left the road, jumped a ditch, hit a stump and was smashed up considerably. The occupants of the car, except the child, were all hurt more or less.

They were brought to town by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gardner and their injuries attended to by Drs. Maxwell and Whitehurst.

Mrs. Dickinson was probably the most seriously hurt of any of those in the wrecked car. Two fingers on the left hand, the ring and middle finger, were so injured that they had to be amputated at the first joint. She also sustained a laceration about an inch and a half long above the eye and also a laceration on one of her lower limbs. Mrs. Robert Hudgins had a laceration over her left eye, a sprained ankle and slight injury to a lower limb. Mr. Gauss sustained bruises on his lower limbs. Mr. Graham had a superficial injury to the extent that it required several stitches and was bruised up considerably. Mr. Dickinson was bruised some but not seriously hurt.

Another accident Sunday occurred when a Ford and a Star car had a collision on the North River road a few miles from town. Jack Eubanks and several other young men were in the Ford car which was badly torn up. Shad Davis a colored man was driving the Star which was not damaged very much. None of the persons in the cars were hurt. Another car in which were Wilbur and Bridges Sabiston ran into a ditch just out of the town limits. They were not hurt and the car was not hurt either very much. The News heard that there were one or two accidents in the eastern part of the county but did not get the particulars of these.

### NEW BUSINESS STARTS HERE.

A new business firm has started in Beaufort. An advertisement of the firm, which is the C. G. Gaskill Brokerage Company, appears in this issue of the News. The office of the concern will be in the C. L. Duncan building. Mr. C. G. Gaskill who will be the manager of the new business will continue his other business at Straits where he has lived for many years. The brokerage firm here will deal in produce, fertilizers and possibly other articles.

## STATE NEWS

### Items of Interest From Various Parts of State

The lifeless body of Samuel Jones, white aged 24, of Grantham township, Wayne county was found lying in the road Monday. Physicians who examined the body said death was due to alcohol and exposure to the cold.

Morris H. Silverstein of Gastonia is being sued for \$104,000 on account of an automobile accident. Last September his car collided with another car and resulted in the death of Mrs. A. A. McLean, injuries to Mrs. A. A. McLean Jr., and A. A. McLean Sr. The claim is that Silverstein was driving recklessly.

The Virginia Electric and Power Company has made a proposition to buy the city electric light plant at Rocky Mount. The board has taken the matter under advisement. The company owns a power plant at Roanoke Rapids, N. C. and plants in various Virginia cities.

John James, 47 year old Durham man, was accidentally shot and almost instantly killed by his six year old nephew last Saturday. The boy picked up a gun and while playing with it loaded the trigger and shot his uncle.

John Dawkins, a Negro who murdered a laundryman in Winston-Salem some months ago, was electrocuted at the State penitentiary last Friday. Just a few minutes before he died the man confessed the murder.

Two persons were injured Sunday afternoon when the passenger train on the A. & Y. road turned over near Walnut Cove. D. S. Strader the fireman was badly hurt and taken to a hospital in Greensboro where he died the next day. J. D. Powers engineer on the train sustained slight injuries.

Over \$4000 were raised in two hours at Sanford last Thursday for stock in an oil well. Drillers who have been at Havelock came there and are organizing a company to sink a well. The estimated cost is \$20,000 and work is expected to start soon.

Vander Sedberry of High Point, age about 25, took poison Sunday and is in a critical condition. The young man swallowed some bichloride of mercury tablets. His parents think the reason he did it was because of disappointment in a love affair.

According to a report of the State Commissioner of Labor and Printing Wilmington led six other cities in the number of persons placed in employment during 1925. The Wilmington office found jobs for 7,418 persons and Asheville was second with 6,846 people employed.

Mrs. Francis Frerecks of Salisbury has donated \$16,000 for the endowment fund of Thompson Orphanage at age at Charlotte. The announcement was made at a meeting of the board of trustees last Saturday.

A considerable snow fall took place in piedmont and western Carolina last Thursday night. Depths of from two to three inches were reported and ice thick enough to skate on was formed in ponds and streams.

### POLICE COURT NEWS.

Mayor Thomas had only one case for trial before him Monday afternoon. This was the case of Tillman Bryan, colored, charged with having assaulted Jesse Wilson with a deadly weapon, to wit a bottle. Wilson's wife and sister-in-law testified that Bryan knocked Wilson down, took a shot gun, which was empty, away from him and then "cussed" him out and left. The row took place Saturday at about two o'clock at the home of the Wilsons near the city power plant. The Mayor reserved his judgment in the case. Attorney E. Walter Hill who appeared for Bryan succeeded in getting him out of jail on a \$100 bond.

## NEW BERN MAN DRIVES IN RIVER

### J. W. Biddle Loses Life Just As Mitchell Willis and Nephew Lost Theirs.

New Bern, Jan. 9.—J. W. Biddle, local farmer and business man, was drowned in Trent River here shortly after 7 o'clock tonight when he drove his automobile overboard at the foot of Craven Street. There were no eye-witnesses to the accident.

The crew of a boat docked near the spot heard the car plunge into the water and summoned aid. Fifteen minutes later, James Lee Stewart dragged the body from the car. Efforts to revive the man failed.

Mr. Biddle lost his life at the same spot where Mitchell Willis and his 4-year-old nephew were drowned in a similar manner last summer. A Craven jury recently awarded the estate of Willis \$8,000 damages against the city of New Bern for the loss of his life, and a second suit over the child's death is pending. The coroner is investigating Biddle's death.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week:

C. S. Maxwell and wife to C. R. Wheatly interest in tract, Beaufort Township, no consideration shown.

B. C. Way et al to I. E. Ramsey 100 acres Hall land near Beaufort, for consideration of \$1500.

John J. Day to Pennsylvania Lupton tract Cedar Island township, for consideration of \$5.

Robt. S. Hill et al to Maxwell and Mason 3 tract Cedar Island township and Hog Island for about \$700.

Barnes Smith to Dave Adams lot 4 block 94 Morehead City for about \$800.

Sadie C. Webb to Sherman Jones part lot Morehead City, for about \$250.

F. C. Bell to I. J. Lewis 35 acres near Hull Swamp Morehead Township for about \$1000.

Nathan L. Piner and wife to Carlton Piner and wife lot 7 block 98 Morehead City, consideration \$800.

L. C. Carroll mortgage to Bogue Development Co. 15 1-8 acres near Morehead City for about \$2000.

Geo. W. Piner to L. P. Kennedy lot 10 block 1 Morehead City for about \$1000.

N. C. Lockheart to W. B. Piner 1-2 acre near Camp Glenn for about \$400.

W. Ashbury and wife to E. Ashbury 25 lots Asbury Park, Morehead township for about \$10.00

Henry Simmons and wife to H. K. Simmons 1 acre, Newport township for about \$735.

Sadie E. Mann to Lula E. Tolson tract Newport township for about \$10.

H. P. Whitehurst et al to Carolina Coastal Estate, 360 acres along Bogue Sound for \$10 and other valuable considerations.

E. J. Beeton and wife to Rachel S. Hill 1-12 interest tract White Oak township for about \$900.

E. J. Beeton and wife to E. N. Dickinson 1-12 interest in tract White Oak township for about \$250.

C. S. Maxwell and wife to Newby White and White 400 acres more or less Merrimon township for \$500, and other valuable considerations.

E. H. Meadows Jr. to John H. Jones 100 acres Merrimon township for about \$1500.

### BEAUFOR BARGAIN STORE CLOSED UP WEDNESDAY

The merchantile establishment known as the Beaufort Bargain Store was closed up yesterday and the keys turned over to Sheriff Wade. This was done as the result of a suit brought by Shakey Doha against E. K. Ieuyopp. Attorneys George Willis of New Bern represented the plaintiff in the suit which was tried before Justice of the Peace H. D. Norcom. A judgment of \$600 was given the plaintiff. An inventory of the stock of goods was made and was found to amount to \$550.86. Last summer the Leader run by the same people went into the hands of a receiver but opened up after a short time.

## BEAUFORT BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company took place Tuesday afternoon. The former board of directors were all re-elected and some other business attended to. Reports of the officials showed that the bank had last year one of the most successful years in its history. It was stated that the business conditions in this section are better than they have been for several years and the bank's stockholders and officers are expecting the year 1926 to be as good or even better than last year's. As shown in an advertisement elsewhere in the News the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company had resources of \$602,638.67 on December the 31st.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS MAKE GOOD START

### A Few Changes Made In Teaching Staff. Will Have Music Contests

The County Schools have started off nicely since the holidays and there are only three changes in the teaching personnel.

Mr. Troy Morris, principal at Harker's Island has been succeeded by Mr. C. M. Gaskill. Mr. Gaskill has had this work before and understands the situation so there should be no time lost as a result of the change.

Miss Helen Bailey, teacher of History in the Smyrna High School, was unable to return after the holidays. She is succeeded by Miss Beulah Fitzgerald from Virginia. Miss Edna Lynn, Home Economics teacher at Smyrna High School, resigned on account of her mother's illness. Miss Lucy Mae Brim from Georgia will take charge of the Home Economics Department. Miss Fitzgerald and Miss Brim come highly recommended and should be able to carry on the work very satisfactorily.

### State Music Memory Contests

Some of the Carteret County Schools are getting ready to begin work on the selections used in the State Music Memory Contest.

The contest is fostered by the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, assisted by Miss Hattie Parrott and is limited to schools operating under the seventh grades inclusive are eligible for the contest, also high school students. The same selections are used for the elementary and high schools but the grading of scores will be done separately and the results will be treated as separate contests.

The purpose of the contest is to give the children "an early appreciation which will ever be a joy to them"

Twenty five numbers have been selected for the contest and they may all be secured on Victor records.

Last year Craven County won the prize but Carteret County has a splendid opportunity to win this year for practically all of the larger schools have Victrolas and entering the contest will not make extra work but will add interest to the regular work for it will furnish interesting and valuable material for English compositions and Memory Exercises.

### Gives Standardized Test

Miss Margaret Gustin, County Supervisor gave Standardized Tests before the holidays to the first four grades in the Newport Consolidated School.

The results of these tests plus the teachers' judgment will be used as a basis for reclassifying the two, two hundred children in these grades. The purpose of this classification is to put each child where he will be able to do his best.

### THE BANK OF BEAUFORT HOLDS ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

The Bank of Beaufort started an innovation in Beaufort in its stockholders' meeting Monday. Instead of a strictly business affair a very pleasant social feature was added. This consisted in the serving of a nice lunch by the ladies of the Community Club and speech-making by several of those present. The meeting was held on the mezzanine floor and was largely attended. All of the old board of directors and officials were re-elected for the ensuing year.

## SCALLOP FISHING WILL START SOON

### Investigation Shows That Scallops Are Scarce. Season Opens on 18th.

(By Bureau of Fisheries)

As is generally known in this locality, late in the summer of 1924 following exceptional rains, a very heavy mortality occurred among North Carolina scallops. Fortunately certain areas where these bivalves abounded were scarcely, if at all, affected and excellent catches were made during the open season of 1924-25 over limited areas. Early in the summer of 1925 it was found that scallops were very scarce. In July the Fisheries Commission Board requested aid from the Bureau of Fisheries with the result that Mr. James S. Gutsell of the Beaufort Laboratory was assigned to a study of the scallop problem.

During the summer and early fall, various trips over former scalloping areas in Core Sound, Back Sound and Bogue Sound were made by Mr. Gutsell and Captain Tom Nelson of the Fisheries Commission Board. During these searches for scallops, so very few, small or large, were found that the Board thought it best to close the scallop season indefinitely and, doubtless very reluctantly, took such action.

In Massachusetts it has been pretty clearly shown that only a small percentage of adult scallops live through the winter to spawn the following spring or summer. Although occasionally old scallops are to be found locally in the summer, Mr. Gutsell saw nothing to indicate that the situation in this regard is different in North Carolina from that in Massachusetts. This corresponds in a general way with the belief of scallopers that few adult scallops will live into the next summer. Accordingly, when occasion offered, representation was made to Commissioner Nelson and Chairman Dixon that, as soon as scallop spawning was substantially completed, the season might be opened without danger to the scallop industry and with whatever benefit to the scallopers the apparently limited quantities of scallops could supply.

To the surprise of the investigator, in mid December the scallops were still far from through spawning. Thus the effort of the usual open season in December would have been to prevent considerable scallop spawning. Even now some scallops contain considerable quantities of spawn. However, of those examined the proportion is so small that it seems longer important to keep the season closed. Accordingly Mr. Gutsell has recommended to the board that the season be opened and understands action is being taken opening the season on January 18th. Mr. Gutsell has also asked that the small area of scallop flats immediately west and south of the Laboratory be kept closed for the purpose of study. Especially in view of his efforts toward an open season, he hopes that this closing will be respected. Let cooperation prevail to the benefit of all.

In the summer, scallops were to be found in considerable numbers on Oyster Shoal, above the Morehead draw, and in November on the flats south of Town Marsh. Very few were found off Morehead City. Up Bogue Sound the most were found about Bird Island Marsh some distance beyond Salter's Path.

It is possible that, if the season is opened, scallops will be found more widely distributed and in larger numbers than appeared to be the case in the summer and early fall.

One hopeful sign is the increased, though still small, numbers of seed scallops to be found.

The report of Cashier Hornaday showed that the bank's business for the year just ended was the best in its history of 26 years. During the year the bank's resources increased \$82,171.12. Dividends of 8 per cent were paid to the stockholders and \$1000 was added to the reserve fund. The stockholders of the bank expressed themselves as being greatly gratified at the progress made and are enthusiastic as to the outlook for the future.