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MANY MEETINGS HELD LAST WEEK IN CAPITAL CITY

Governor McLean Called Upon To Address A Number Of Meetings

TALKS TO NEWSPAPER MEN

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, January 18—The capital city of North Carolina has been host to a number of conventions and conferences of "one kind and another" the past week and the State's chief Executive has been in demand as a speaker here and elsewhere practically every day, having answered calls of ice cream manufacturers, State foresters, Y. M. C. A. workers at Fayetteville and editors at Chapel Hill. The Governor is making himself "useful as well as ornamental" and appears to relish the varied activities he is called upon to face from time to time. Frankly admitting his inability to fathom newspaper "peculiarities" the Governor courts a more intimate association with members of the Fourth Estate and the sympathetic cooperation of the press in putting over a program of progress in commonwealth development.

Addressing the State Newspaper Institute at Chapel Hill on Friday, the Governor expressed the wish for a closer fellowship with the press of the State and an earnest desire for the cooperation of "paper makers" in bringing important matters of public import to the attention of the public. He would have facts and not fiction touching matters of State presented and expressed a willingness to take the newspapers into his confidence with the view to prevention of hurtful publications relative to official proposals in the initial stage. Touching the State's fiscal affairs, the Governor pointed out that he found it advisable to proceed cautiously, hence his apparent inclination to withhold news while negotiations are in progress. He boasted of the State's ability to negotiate the sale of bonds and disapproved the idea hitherto advanced in certain quarters that North Carolina had repudiated honest obligations. His address was well received and is likely to result in a better understanding between himself and the press of the State.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows expects between the present time and May first to inaugurate an intensive drive for a membership double that at present. At an enthusiastic meeting held in Fayetteville during the week at the call of Grand Master David Gaster and at which representatives of 16 subordinate lodges in addition to the officers of the grand lodge were present, it was decided to inaugurate a drive at once. The representatives of the subordinate lodges were in hearty accord with the plan of the Grand Master to double the membership.

The auto license bureau, with the expectation that considerable money and time will be saved in the future, has installed 10 graphotypes to handle certain phases of the record work of the bureau. While the saving will not be effected immediately, the machines will make it possible to eliminate the branch license offices and to handle more efficiently the work of licensing autos during the rush period.

The grim toll of autos on North Carolina's "improved highways" is shown in a report issued by the Board of Health. Three hundred sixty-five persons lost their lives in auto accidents during 1925, 45 of these deaths being in the last month of the year, December. That the toll is steadily increasing is indicated when the figures show only 318 deaths from this cause in 1924.

The stir in the co-operative tobacco marketing association is likely to result in action against T. C. Watkins and R. R. Patterson, the two officials whom the Federal Trade Commission charges have been profiting privately from re-drying contracts. Clarence Poe, editor of Progressive Farmer, returning from Washington reports that suits against the two officials probably will be started at once.

Hugh M. Curran of the Agricultural Department is in favor of a plan of gradual highway beautification by club women cooperating in planting trees and shrubs. There were over 700 deaths in North Carolina in 1925 from violent causes, with the auto toll taking the leadership. The heads of the State Test Farms will return to their homes/benefitted by a conference held here during the week for improving their work. Judge T. B. Finley has been

FLORIDA WEATHER HERE.

A few cases were tried by Mayor teret county in the way of weather for the past few days. It rained Monday then cleared up and Tuesday and Wednesday have been delightful. It is still warm today. It has been more like May than January. Yesterday at about noon the thermometer stood at 71 in the shade. In the sun it was much warmer. No one needed an overcoat and some men were going about in their shirt sleeves. Some folks say the weather is too mild and that it will be followed by a cold spell as of course it may. Spring usually sets in hereabouts between the middle and last of February so it does not seem likely that there will be very much more cold weather although likely enough there will be a good deal of rain.

SOUTHBOUND YACHT HERE.

It is a little late for southbound yachts now but occasionally one comes along. The power house "Letso" came in the harbor yesterday and is staying here for a short time. The boat belongs to Mr. W. Master Mills of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are on board the Letso and are going to Miami, Florida.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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

Celia Parker to Paul Fenderson & wife part lot 88 new town, Beaufort, consideration \$40.

Jno. Forlaw and wife to Geo. J. Brooks and wife part lot 83 new town Beaufort, consideration, \$500.

Geo. J. Brooks and wife to C. R. Wheatly part lot 83 new town, Beaufort for consideration, \$265.

Howard Davis and wife to George Monroe 1-2 of no. 13 lot Beaufort for about \$500.

Geo. B. Monroe and wife to Fred Stewart 2 1-4 acres west side North River for about \$100.

J. W. Smith and wife to E. H. Smith 1-2 acre Cedar Island for about \$5.

C. W. Willis and wife to Glenn Willis 2 acres in Atlantic for about \$50.

L. F. Smith to P. R. Taylor lot 9, block 33 Morehead City for about \$1000.

C. N. Hobbs and wife to J. T. Hellister et al lots 2, 3, 4, 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15; and 16 block 116, Morehead City for about \$1300.

Henry Jones and wife to Zakoniah Sayer and wife lot 10, block 108 Morehead City for about \$175.

Della Smith to Amos Dudley lot 8, 1-2 of lots 9 and 10, Morehead City for about \$225.

MRS. JAMES S. CAFFREY DIES.

Just a short time before the News went to press information was received that Mrs. James S. Caffrey had died from a stroke of paralysis which she suffered Monday. Mrs. Caffrey had been unconscious since the attack and her death had been expected at almost any moment. Mrs. Caffrey is survived by her husband, two sons James and Dan and five daughters Mrs. John Dill, Mrs. C. K. Howe, Mrs. Earl Schneider, Miss Estelle and Miss Fanny.

Miss Lydia Parkin left Tuesday afternoon for Asheville where she has entered a sanatorium for treatment. She was accompanied by Mrs. Mattie Respass.

CHOWAN BRIDGE FINE STRUCTURE

Equipment And Materials On The Way. Work Starts Soon

(Albemarle Observer)

"No time will be lost in getting started on the construction of the Chowan River bridge," stated Mr. S. B. Brooks, of Sanford and Brooks Co. the contractors who recently completed the Charleston, S. C. bridge project.

In evidence of this Mr. Street, the superintendent, who will have charge of the construction, stated Thursday morning that the equipment was rolling and some of the material will get here the latter part of next week. In the meantime an office will be built and the yard cleaned up on the site of the old Northern Southern yard, preparatory to the arrival of the four or five foremen and the employment of sixty men.

It is the purpose of Supt. Street to drive test piles on the bridge site a week from Monday, by which time the floating equipment and the pile drivers will have arrived.

The concrete piles will be made on the yard in Edenton and lightered to the bridge. There will be a camp established near "Emperor" for the men who are to work on the bridge.

The sand for the concrete work has been purchased from the Lawrence Sand and Gravel Co., Garysburg, N. C. The cement from the Virginia Portland Cement Corp., and the creosoted lumber from the Creosote Co., of Norfolk.

To give a rough idea of the magnitude of the construction of the Chowan bridge we might give a few figures.

The length of the bridge is approximately 1 1-2 miles.

The 200 feet swing span will be operated by electric motors.

Fifteen hundred and twenty cubic yards of cement will be laid.

Reinforced steel will require 1,019,179 pounds.

Structural steel in the draw will take 207,500 pounds.

Treated lumber, 1,462,002 feet.

Untreated lumber 70,355 feet.

Treated lumber piles, 124.

Untreated lumber piles, 56.

Concrete piles, 1186.

Asphalt wearing surface, 152,195 square yards.

MR. & MRS. HIGGINS TO LEAVE.

Mr. Elmer Higgins, who has been engaged for about a year here in the investigation of the mullet fisheries and other work, has received a promotion and will leave for Washington, D. C. in a few days. Mr. Higgins has been assigned to the head of an important department in the Bureau of Fisheries. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have made many friends in Beaufort who will regret to see them leave. Mr. J. L. Towers of Washington D. C. arrived last week and will be the assistant of Superintendent Hildebrand at the Biological Station on Piver's Island.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following permits to wed have been issued by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week:

Rufus P. Oglesby and Verona Roberts, Morehead City.

Chas. P. Sparrow and Mabel Chadwick Beaufort.

Thurman Lawrence and Nola Gillikin, Otway.

Mr. N. G. Bartlett of Kinston was a business visitor here Monday.

MAY DEVELOP WASTE LANDS

State Now Free From Tick Quarantine. May Raise Live Stock On Idle Lands

(E. W. Gaither, District Agent)

The ten Counties between Pamlico Sound and the South Carolina State line, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret Craven; Columbus; Jones; New Hanover; Onslow; Pender and Pamlico, have a total land area of four million one hundred and forty three thousand acres; of this, four hundred and sixteen thousand seven hundred and forty one acres are classed as improved farm land, one hundred and thirty three thousand nine hundred and seventy three acres of which are not under cultivation.

Three hundred and twelve thousand, seven hundred and sixty nine acres or 7.55 percent of the total were under cultivation in 1924.

This area, the last of South Eastern North Carolina's pine timber resources, is now almost exhausted.

Most of the land has been owned by individuals in large tracts and the major part of the farming has been done by these land owners as a sort of side line to timber operations. During recent years the farms have been more or less supported by the sale of timber as a reserve or bank account. The farming has, in the main, been done in a more or less primitive manner. Small tracts have been cleared here and there and cultivation has been done with antiquated implements and with the maximum of hand labor. Most of the live stock has been of the scrub variety poorly bred, poorly managed and poorly fed. These animals have been forced to live a sort of "root-hog-or-die" existence and have made very meager returns to their owners.

Owing to the fact that there are no good native grasses and to the expense of the Texas Fever Cattle Tick and the Federal quarantine against the movement of cattle from these Counties, it has been impossible to breed up the native cattle or to import better stock, consequently very little has been accomplished in the production of live stock.

During the past five years the Extension Service of State College has been at work on the introduction of some good pasture grasses which have proven exceptionally well adapted to all conditions of the section and have demonstrated that they are permanent, cheap and very productive.

On the first of January, 1926, the last County in the State was released from quarantine by the Federal Government, officially announcing that the last County is now free from Texas Fever Cattle Ticks.

During these five years considerable headway has been made in the introduction of better methods and better swine and poultry into this section. It has been demonstrated that we can compete very successfully with the corn belt in the production of commercial swine.

It has also been thoroughly demonstrated that the farm flock of from fifty to two hundred hens can be made to pay a handsome profit.

The combination of these demonstrations has laid a solid foundation for the development of a profitable live stock industry, based on the present farm unit.

The construction of hard surfaced roads to the County seats of these Counties has created a new transportation system an delimitated the factor of isolation which has been the chief draw back to the development and progress of the people. The desire for better schools and better conditions in the country has caused the raising of taxes and land values to the point where there is a real necessity for more profitable use of the natural resources, land, timber and labor.

It has become apparent that the land owners and timber users are beginning to take considerable interest in the problem of idle timber land. The concentration of all of these factors has brought about an entirely new set of conditions and there is a real necessity for some sort of concerted action in the development of a program to meet these conditions and to direct the development along the most practical and safe lines.

In recognition of these problems, arrangements have been made by the Extension Service of State College and the State and Federal Forestry Division for holding a series of three two-day meetings, in Bladen, Onslow and Jones Counties, for the purpose of discussing these problems and to determine whether or not there is sufficient interest in the working out of a long time program and policies to warrant a more in-

IMPROVEMENTS MADE ALONG WATER FRONT

As a result of work which has been in progress for several days the beach along the water front from Queen street to the end of Front street is much improved in appearance. Chief of Police W. R. Longest with a force of men and boys and three teams, has had the work in charge. The sand which was heaped against the sea wall has been leveled down and an effort will be made to hold it in place by getting a growth of grass started. Southwest winds blowing the sand in the street and filling up the drain pipes cause a good deal of trouble. It is hoped that the work that has been done will prevent this in future. Chief Longest says that no dumping of tin cans or other trash will be permitted along the water front hereafter. The beach is used extensively in summer by children who play there and by many persons who go in bathing and it is desired to make it as attractive and presentable as possible.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW OFFICIALS

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday evening in the office of Dr. C. S. Maxwell. Reports of retiring officers and committees were heard and the officials for the current year were elected. The report of secretary-treasurer, J. P. Betts showed that while no large sum of money had been collected during the year that considerable work had been done and a small balance remained in the treasury. The advertising committee reported that a canvass for funds had been made recently and something over \$100 had been secured for the purpose of getting out some advertising matter for the town and county.

The election of officers resulted in the following persons being chosen to manage the organization's affairs: President, Wiley H. Taylor, first vice-president J. A. Hornaday Jr., second vice-president W. G. Mebane, secretary-treasurer J. P. Betts. The directors elected are U. E. Swann, R. P. Jernigan, E. L. Davis, W. G. Mebane, F. R. Seeley, D. M. Jones, W. H. Taylor, J. A. Hornaday Jr.; W. P. Smith, C. S. Maxwell, R. B. Wheatly, Hugh Overstreet; W. T. Davis, Joseph House, J. P. Betts. The next meeting of the board of directors will be on the third Tuesday in February. At this time standing committees will be appointed and other business transacted.

SUPERIOR COURT WILL START NEXT MONDAY

A one week's term of Superior Court will convene in Beaufort Monday. Judge Albion W. Dunn of Greenville, who has never held court here before will preside over it. The first three days of court have been assigned to the trial of criminal cases and the rest of the week will be consumed by the civil docket. Most of the criminal cases are those involving violations of the prohibition laws. Several were brought over from the last term of court. A number of civil cases have been set for trial.

SCALLOP SEASON OPENS.

The scallop season began Monday and a good many fishermen went out in the sounds and rivers looking for them. The News has not been able to get a full report of the results so far but understands that scallops seem to be fairly plentiful. It may be though that while at first a good many scallops may be taken that the supply will not last very long. At any rate no one seems to expect the catch this season to be as good as it usually is.

CATCHING A FEW SHAD.

While not in full swing yet the shad season has opened and some are on the local market. A few came to the fish house here last week and also a small quantity have been received this week. These fish were caught in Neuse river. It is too early yet to tell whether the shad season will be a good one or not.

tensive campaign looking toward a solution of the idle land problem.

These meetings will be divided into two sections, of Forestry and Live Stock. The Forestry Section will hold meetings at Elizabethtown on Tuesday, January 26th; Jacksonville, Wednesday, January 27th; Trenton Thursday January 28th. The Live-Stock Section will hold meetings at Elizabethtown Wednesday, January 27th; Jacksonville, Thursday, January 28th and Trenton Friday, January 29th. These meetings will begin at ten o'clock A. M. and run until four o'clock p. m.

COASTAL FOLKS MAKE PLANS TO BOOST THE EAST

Business And Professional Men Meet In New Bern For Conference

J. HAMPTON MOORE PRESENT

The district meeting held in New Bern last Friday night proved to be an interesting occasion and may produce good results for this section of the State. The meeting was held under the auspices of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce and people from the adjoining counties were invited to be present and some of them were.

The event was the regular annual meeting of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce but its main object as outlined by Secretary Moffitt and President Iatta was to arouse interest among the people of this section in the possibilities here and to take steps to advertise and aid in the development thereof. The tenor of all the speeches made was in this direction.

The New Bern body has undertaken to raise an advertising campaign fund of \$15,000 and after a short canvass has already secured \$5000 of that amount.

The principal address at the meeting was made by Mr. J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia, president of the Deeper Waterways Association, former congressman and former mayor of the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Armstrong another prominent Philadelphian was also present and made a short but interesting speech. These gentlemen were highly complimentary in their references to this section and the people who live here. They both predicted a great development hereabouts in the next few years. Mr. Moore also showed the great advantage to this section in the opening up of the inland waterway system and said this work must go on until it reached from Maine to Florida. Congressman Abernethy introduced the two Philadelphians in a happy style and incidentally gave this country a boost as he has done on many occasions. Highway Commissioner C. R. Wheatly made a speech which aroused much enthusiasm. He discussed the status and the prospects of the highway system in the State and the second district in particular. W. G. Mebane, representing the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce spoke of the necessity of both individual and co-operative effort on the part of the people of this section and pledged the support of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce to aid in the development of the coastal section. The board of directors for the ensuing year were elected and reports made by several committees.

A very popular feature of the affair was the fine supper served by the ladies of Christ church in whose parish house the meeting took place. Two delightful solos were sung by Mrs. Bryan Duffy accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Abernethy Jr. and this part of the entertainment drew great applause. All in all The New Bern Chamber of Commerce is certainly entitled to great credit for the fine style in which its annual meeting was conducted.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

A few cases were tried by Mayor Thomas Monday afternoon. Jim Chadwick charged with disorderly conduct was let off with the costs under suspended judgment. C. T. Eubanks, driving car on sidewalk judgment suspended on payment of costs. Sutton Davis, operating a car without State license was let off with the costs amounting to \$3.90. Len Springle pleaded guilty to having been drunk and was fined \$15 and costs. Jesse Wilson was tried last Friday afternoon on the charge of having whiskey in his possession and was held for Superior court under a \$200 bond. Tillman Bryan was who was tried a week ago on the charge of an assault on Jesse Wilson was also held for Superior Court.

MRS. ROBERT WILLIS HAS ARM BROKEN

Mrs. Robert Willis of Davis was brought to Beaufort Wednesday morning to be treated for a broken arm and other injuries which she sustained by reason of a fall. Her left wrist was broken and shoulder sprained. She was taken to the office of Dr. C. S. Maxwell and received attention after which she was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Davis.

CARTERET COUNTY VITAL STATISTICS SHOW POPULATION IS INCREASING

The following is a report of birth and death certificates received from various towns and townships in Carteret County for November and December, 1925, together with the total number received for the year.

Towns	Nov.		Dec.		Total (Including Stillbirths)
	B.	D.	B.	D.	
Beaufort	6	4	8	3	91 40 (4 S. B.)
Morehead City	9	6	16	6	118 64 9 "
Newport	*	*	1	1	19 11 2 "
Townships					
Beaufort	5	3	-	2	26 16 1 "
Harkers Island	3	1	2	-	29 7 3 "
Harlowe	0	0	1	1	11 5 "
Hunting Quarter					
Division—Davis	0	0	0	0	8 5 8 "
Stacy	*	*	-	2	5 5 "
Sea Level	*	*	*	*	21 7 "
Merrimon	*	*	3	-	17 7 "
Morehead	5	1	3	1	50 13 2 "
Newport	*	*	2	-	22 9 2 "
Portsmouth—No registrar					
Smyrna	2	-	-	1	20 7 "
Straits	1	1	3	1	25 6 1 "
White Oak	1	1	3	-	32 11 1 "

No report received for month.

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