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STATUS OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY IS BEING DISCUSSED

Governor McLean Has Not Decided to Order Investigation of Conditions Yet

WHO KILLED YOUNG RODGERS?

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C. March 1.—Announcement of "Bob" Reynolds candidacy for the United States Senate against Senator Lee S. Overman, the arguments for and against a survey of women in industry in North Carolina, the sudden emergence into the limelight again of the Rodgers killing at Christmas and a number of other matters absorbed the attention of the Capital this week. Administration circles brought forth no outstanding news, the developments around the capital with the administration as a common center were sufficient to hold interest.

R. R. Reynolds, Asheville attorney, announced for the Senate to succeed Lee Overman whose term expires this year. Reynolds frankly stated he was soliciting votes and would do his best if elected but would take a licking with good grace if he had to. Since Overman will make a run for the office, it appears the major election of June will be contested.

The child Welfare Commission and the State Federation of Labor divided attention with Governor McLean this week in the proposed survey of working conditions of women in industry. The Governor issued and then reiterated twice a statement that he would not order a survey of the status of women workers until facts were presented to him showing that there were violations of law with respect to their treatment. The president of the State Federation of Labor asked the Governor to order a survey and alleged "exploitation of women in industry was at its height in North Carolina." The Child Welfare Commission declared an investigation was not within its scope. At the end of the week the status of the matter was unchanged and the prospect of a survey appeared dim unless the Governor received actual facts involving specific cases on which to base an order for a survey.

Three Women Suspected

"Who killed Preston Rodgers?" a question which agitated Raleigh during January may soon be answered or at least it again will be a question uppermost in the minds of the people. The Wake county grand jury presented to the solicitor Saturday a presentment against three women who were present when the boy was mysteriously killed at his mother's home on December 31. These three women had been acquitted of guilt by the coroner's jury but it is understood new evidence was presented to the grand jury on which it based its presentment. Under the law the Solicitor will now draw bills of indictment and present them to the grand jury this week and it will be up to that body to decide whether the formal indictments will be returned in which case the women would go on trial at the term of criminal court which opened here this week. The women named were Mrs. Preston Rodgers, the boy's mother; Mrs. Bonnie Baste, a beauty shop proprietor and Lolita Clarke, a cousin of the boy. The killing took place after a "wild party" at the home of Mrs. Rodgers.

Chiefs of Police and sheriffs of the State were criticized in the report of Deputy Warden Honeycutt of State Prison made public during the week. The deputy warden said the law required the sheriffs and chiefs to fingerprint prisoners and file fingerprints with the Prison Bureau of identification but only six had kept the law.

Rex L. Farmer of Wilson and Otis W. Duke of Greensboro will not practice law in North Carolina. The Supreme Court barred them from practice after they had passed the mental examination. The ground for barring them was that they were not of sufficient good character for admission to the profession. The opinion was the most far reaching of its kind ever handed down for it set moral limits within which prospective attorneys must hold themselves and it

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MR. JOHN A. ROYALL WILL BUILD RESIDENCE SOON

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Royall former residents of Beaufort arrived Sunday and are spending a few days here stopping at the Davis House. Mr. Royall formerly held extensive interests in real estate in the county. The property on Bogue Banks now owned by Mrs. Hoffman and Mr. H. K. Fort was sold to them by Mr. Royall several years ago. When he sold the banks property he reserved several islands in Bogue Sound and he is going to erect a handsome residence on one of these for the use of his family. The Royalls are well known and popular in this section and their friends are pleased to have them come back to Carteret county.

BOARD SETTLES FERRY QUESTION

Straits Route Adopted. Yeoman and Son Get The Contract At \$1400 per Year

The Harker's Island ferry question was settled by the board of county commissioners at their meeting Monday. Not however in accordance with the wishes of the citizens of the Island as expressed by their delegation which was present Monday. Messrs Charles S. Davis, C. M. Gaskill and Charles Hancock represented the Islanders and requested that the ferry route be via Crane Island to Marshallberg. The board decided that this route would be too costly and otherwise impracticable so a motion was passed that the route be from Harker's Point to Guy Chadwick's Point near Straits.

A contract for the operation of the ferry was let to Eugene Yeoman and Son of Harker's Island at a salary of \$1400 per year. A contract is to be entered into and a bond of \$3500 will be required of the contractors for the faithful performance of their agreement. The ferry is to start within thirty days after the contractors have been notified that the docks are completed.

The board adopted a motion to the effect that no persons would be relieved of their taxes on real or personal property except as provided by law. A motion was passed to pay the costs of the plumbing in the offices of the County Health Department.

Mr. John Howard Mason of Stacy was given permission to move a house across the highway. Mr. F. L. Bell of Wildwood asked that the valuation of his farm be reduced. Chairman Woodland is to investigate the matter and report later. A motion was passed authorizing the payment of \$2.50 per day for 30 days to Mr. J. H. French for injuries received while in the employ of the county. A motion was passed instructing the sheriff and clerk to get prices on steel cells for the county jail. On recommendation of Dr. Dendinger of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and appropriation of \$500 was made to conduct a campaign for freeing the cattle in the county from tuberculosis. A motion was passed instructing the clerk to notify the East Coast Land Company that the road built by them was not according to contract and therefore could not be accepted at this time. A motion was passed adopting the causeway from foot of Turner street to the other end at West Beaufort and authorizing the same to be hard surfaced. A number of bills were audited.

LECTURE ON MORMONISM.

On Sunday next a sermon on "Mormonism" is to be delivered at the First Baptist church by Mrs. Lulu Loveland Shepard. The speaker travels under the auspices of the Nation Reform Association of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has spoken in a great many cities and towns throughout the country and is said to be a very fluent and entertaining talker.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following permits to wed have been issued by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week: Newton H. McCain and Annie M. Cannon, Newport. W. J. Felton, Newport and Lizzie Van, Beaufort.

MOREHEAD CITY ITEMS OF NEWS

(By Mrs. George Henderson) Morehead City, N. C. Mar 3rd—DEATH OF MRS. DIXON

The funeral services were held over the remains of Mrs. Joseph Dixon last Friday at 3 o'clock on Bridge street conducted by the Reverend Mr. Holden, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church assisted by the Reverend Mr. Crain.

Mrs. Dixon who has been ill for the past several months was at the hospital at Washington for treatment when her death occurred last Wednesday, February 24th. She was 54 years old.

Besides her husband she leaves the following children: Messrs. Bertie, Guy, Arthur, John, Benjamin, Ronald, Richard and one daughter Miss Lucy. Three brothers Messrs. John, Theodore, and Dave Salter, four sisters: Miss Melissa Salter, Mesdames. Sophronia Gilgo, Mary B. Willis, and Sabra Robinson.

Entertain for Bride Elect.

Mrs. Harvey Hamilton entertained at cards last Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at her home on Atendell street, in honor of Miss Margaret Thornton whose approaching marriage to Mr. Paul Gray Throgdon of Greensboro takes place in New Bern on Saturday March 6th.

Bridge was the game played at which there were six tables. The hostess presented a lovely satin gift book called "Our Wedding Day" as souvenir of the occasion. The high score prize an embroidered towel was won by Mrs. George Thompson. The low score prize, a black trump holder was presented to Mrs. E. A. Council.

At the close of the game an ice course was served which carried out a color scheme of pink, the ices being, pink hearts in the center of which was perched a dainty cupid. Pink sweet peas were used as souvenirs.

Stag Party

Mr. Harvey Hamilton was the genial host Friday evening from 8:30 to 10:30 at a stag party, the occasion being his birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing bridge and set back. During the course of the game fruit punch was served.

There were about 24 guests who enjoyed Mr. Hamilton's hospitality. Before departing a chicken salad course was served.

The following New Bernians were visitors here Sunday: Al Newberry, W. M. Pinnix, Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts and daughter, Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stith and Miss Mary Stith, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Godfrey, Mr and Mrs Marvin Lewis.

Messrs T. D. Warren, Dr. Parker and Colonel Barker of New Bern spent a few hours in the city last Thursday.

Dr. George W. Lay of Beaufort held the regular Lenten services Thursday afternoon at 4:30 at St. Andrews Mission.

Mrs. George Henderson, Sr. Mrs. John Dunn, and Mrs. W. H. Cooke of New Bern motored here last Friday and spent a few hours.

Mesdames. W. B. Blanford and N. W. James of New Bern spent the day here last Saturday.

FIRE THREATENS HOME OF CAPTAIN W. K. HINNANT

Quick work on the part of the local fire company probably prevented the destruction of the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hinnant on Ann street Wednesday morning at about ten o'clock. The fire started on the kitchen roof and probably was caused from the flue. The blaze was getting a good start when the truck arrived but it was the work of but a few minutes to put a stop to it. The damage is estimated to be around two hundred dollars.

Mr. A. S. Marrow of Scotland Neck has accepted a position with the Beaufort Drug Co.

NEW POWER PLANT IS ABOUT READY

Equipment Is Thoroughly Modern. Ample Power Now For Beaufort's Needs.

Beaufort's new power plant is now about completed and in a few days it will be operating on regular schedule. Superintendent Hardy Lewis says it is one of the best plants in the State or for that matter in any state, the size of the town considered. The building that houses the machinery is a good one and has room enough to add another power unit when the demands are sufficient to justify the extra installation. A concrete floor is to be added and some painting and other details are to be done before the building is finished.

The new power plants consists of two units, one of 240 horse power and the other 120 horse power. The larger one is to be used at night and the other in the day time. The machinery was furnished by the Fairbanks-Morse Company and a representative of the company Mr. E. W. Vandyke is here installing the switchboards. The engines burn crude oil and it is thought that a big saving, possibly one half, will be made by stopping the use of coal as fuel. The annual coal bill has been running around \$10,000. Besides the saving in coal the machinery will be easier to operate as there will be no furnaces to feed. The oil is in a 16,000 gallon tank near the plant and is fed by pipes to the engines. On Wednesday night the new equipment was run for a few hours and was found to be satisfactory. In a few days it will be in operation and the old equipment will be sold as soon as a purchaser can be found.

The Water and Light Commission is having meters put in all over town, both electric and water meters. Many are in use now and the others will be installed as fast as possible. The meter system means that much electricity and water that are now wasted will be conserved. As soon as the building and other work is finished Superintendent Lewis intends to clean up the grounds around the plant and make attractive looking place of it. He says Beaufort now has a power plant that will meet her needs for many years to come.

FEBRUARY WEATHER WAS A GENERAL MIXTURE

February weather in this section was a mixture of wet and dry, warm and cold. There were 17 clear days, 4 cloudy and 7 partly cloudy ones. The wind blew from the southwest 10 days, the northeast 3 days, the southeast 6 days, the east one day, the north one day, the northwest 6 days and the west one day. The total rainfall for the month was 4.83 inches; the average for the month is 3.86 inches. The coldest weather was on the 11th and 12th when the mercury dropped to 27 above zero. There were several days when the thermometer recorded 60 or higher, the warmest day was 65 on the 23rd. Temperature figures for the month are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
1	56	46
2	55	38
3	60	43
4	58	39
5	59	36
6	54	31
7	63	40
8	62	39
9	59	39
10	51	31
11	47	27
12	50	27
13	51	39
14	57	48
15	60	50
16	58	40
17	59	35
18	60	50
19	60	50
20	59	33
21	59	46
22	61	59
23	65	44
24	52	33
25	61	41
26	61	48
27	59	40
28	52	30

Mr. S. J. Weller of Kinston was registered at the Inlet Inn Wednesday.

POLICE COURT WAS RATHER SHORT MONDAY

Echoes of a rather celebrated dance that took place in the eastern part of town a week or so ago were heard again in police court Monday afternoon. The evidence sufficient to convict any one was lacking though. Raymond Springle pleaded not guilty to the charge of drunk and disorderly and Reuben Whitehurst did the same on the charge of cursing and fighting. The cases were dismissed. Floyd Robinson admitted having been drunk in the court on a previous Monday. Mayor Thomas at first said he was going to give him 30 days on the streets but finally decided to cut it down to the costs with the understanding that if he got drunk again he would get the 30 days. There were no other cases.

TOWN ASSISTS TREE PLANTING

Makes Appropriation For Setting Out Trees. Ladies Visit The Board

All members of the city board and the Mayor were present at the meeting Monday at the city hall. A number of matters were considered and acted upon by the board although there was nothing of unusual importance.

A committee of ladies representing the Community Club were present and asked the board to appropriate \$50 for the purpose of planting trees along the streets. There was some discussion and the motion was adopted.

A motion was passed allowing the County Board of Health to occupy the second floor of the city hall. The town is to have a partition made on the east end. A motion was passed to put a telephone in the residence of Chief of Police Longest. A motion was passed that a warrant be issued for the Norfolk Southern Railroad for not fixing street crossings.

The request of Mrs. Sallie Mason that she be relieved of taxes on her real estate was considered and not granted. The board took the position that the property was her's only life time and that the J. H. Mason estate should pay the taxes. A motion was passed allowing Jas. L. Taylor two thirds of the cost of an automobile tire in place of one damaged on one of the streets. Express agent Seth Gibbs asked to be allowed to extend the wooden platform used for express sixteen feet farther east. The request was granted. H. M. Marshall was relieved of his taxes for 1924. A motion was passed instructing the city engineer to survey and establish the corner of Moore and Cedar streets. Attorney C. R. Wheatly asked for a reduction on the valuation of property owned by Hancock and Huntly on Live Oak street. This was on the ground that when the new road was built it took up a part of their land. Matter was referred to the street committee. Dr. George Davis asked to be allowed to remove a tree in front of his place as it is in the way of his driveway. Referred to City Engineer Brooks. A considerable number of bills were audited.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The county Board of Education met as usual on the first Monday. The board discussed school conditions and prospects a good deal but did not transact much business. No decision was reached in regard to having a parade at county commencement. The old school building at Wildwood was sold for \$200 and some bills were audited.

PLANTING CREPE MYRTLES.

An effort to beautify the streets of Beaufort by planting crepe myrtle trees has been made this week. The work was done under the auspices of the civics department of the Community Club. County Agent Hugh Overstreet helped with the job of planting the trees. The shrubs cost 35 cents each and about 100 of them were planted.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Willis at their home on Queen street Monday morning.

MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED NOW IN REAL ESTATE

All Sorts of Rumors Are Going The Rounds About Realty Sales

REGISTER'S OFFICE BUSY

Interest in real estate is mounting higher and higher in Carteret county almost every day. All kinds of stories are afloat about big deals being made, options taken and offers refused and all the rest of the sort of talk that goes with real estate booms. Some of the conservative type of business men discount the big talk considerably but all admit that a good deal of property is changing hands and that prices have advanced and my go higher yet. Some say that if prices are jumped up too much that it will have a bad effect on the real development of this section. They say that real investors, not speculators, will hesitate to buy if prices are unreasonably high and that after all it is not the speculator but the real investor who establishes values.

At the office of Register of Deeds a lot of activity in looking up titles and recording papers is going on. Some transactions recently recorded are as follows:

U. E. Swann and wife to J. L. Hamilton et al 5 lots Hammocks property, consideration of \$100

R. L. Atkins and wife to W. H. Rose and wife 1 lot Beaufort for about \$1500

Alvah Hamilton and wife to A. S. Groves et al lot 10 block 33 Morehead City for \$600

Thos. Lewis and wife to C. F. Freeman lot 5 block 107 Morehead City, consideration not shown.

Florence Oglesby et al Maude Colburn, Camp Glenn 2 3-4 acres for \$325.

Mrs. Florence Oglesby to Molly Colburn 1-2 acre Camp Glenn for about \$50.

E. H. Gorham and wife to C. S. Wallace et al lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 block 120 Morehead City for about \$100.

T. D. Webb and wife to Charles B. Lewis 1 lot Morehead City for about \$45.

Chas. B. Lewis and wife to Walter P. Freeman 1 lot Morehead City for about \$500.

Eric Wallison to Alvah Hamilton 1 lot Morehead City for about \$1597.42.

Gilbert Willis and wife to J. L. Roberts Jr. et al 1 lot Morehead City for about \$200.

G. S. Willis and wife to Lorena Dowdy 3 lots Morehead City for about \$100.

Fenley Lewis and wife to H. W. Hibbs 2 tracts Newport Township for about \$2000.

W. W. Roberts and wife to W. J. Henderson 2 lots town of Newport for about \$325.

LARGE SCHOONER ARRIVES CAPE LOOKOUT DISABLED

The four masted schooner Virginia Dare of New York commanded by Captain B. C. Torry came into Cape Lookout Saturday with distress signals flying. The vessel encountered a bad southwest storm last Thursday night and while in the vicinity of Cape Lookout she broke her rudder and sprang a leak. When boarded by the Cape Lookout Coast Guard crew she was found in a dangerous condition and they put her on the beach. The captain and crew were all taken ashore without injury. The vessel was loaded with garbage and was bound from Carteret, N. J. to Charleston, S. C. At last reports nothing had been done in the way of salvaging the vessel or cargo.

VALUABLE FARM SOLD.

The farm owned until recently by Mr. J. Nelson Smith near North River was sold under foreclosure proceedings Saturday. It was bid in for the Federal Land Bank at the price of \$10,750. There were between seven and eight hundred acres of land in the farm.

Mr. Harry Lipman of New Bern was in town today stopping at the Davis House.