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## ROAD BOND ISSUE WILL BE ENACTED DOUGHTON THINKS

### Collecting Over A Million A Month From Gasoline And License Taxes

#### STATE HAS 377,049 AUTOS

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., March 8—An unusually large increase in auto revenues leading to a prediction of another "Good Roads" bond issue, the decision of Dr. Chase to remain at the University as its president, an important decision by the Supreme Court affecting the coast cities, the further discussion of a projected survey of women in industry in North Carolina and other matters of lesser importance absorbed the attention of the Capital the past week.

Governor Rufe Doughton, commissioner of Revenue, is optimistic regarding another road bond issue to bring the total to 100 million dollars. He believes the next legislature, on the basis of the showing made collecting auto receipts, will authorize such an issue. The department has collected in gas and license taxes during the past eleven months \$11,572,040.95 which was an increase of practically three million dollars over the same eleven months of the preceding year. The increase of the gas tax from three to four cents in part accounts for the increase.

Dr. H. W. Chase met with the trustees of the University of North Carolina and after they had unanimously endorsed his administration and urged him not to accept the post as president of the University of Oregon, he decided to retain his present position. The trustees adopted a resolution thanking him for his decision.

The State Supreme Court handed down an important decision during the week. It ruled in a case brought from Wilmington that wharves are not public necessities and thus invalidated a \$100,000 expenditure of public funds planned by the City of Wilmington for the improvement of its docking facilities.

The Baptist Women's Union has gone on record as favoring retirement of the million dollar bond issue with which the new Meredith College was built. The Union, meeting here this week, decided to memorialize the State Convention at Wilmington in 1926 to this effect with recommendation that the bond issue be disposed of by a campaign by 1930.

The rural schools of North Carolina are still 20 years behind those of the city. It is pointed out by the State Department of Public Instruction. Governor McLean during the week appointed a commission authorized by the 1925 legislature to make a survey of the educational system of North Carolina and report back to the Governor. The commission was appointed by the last legislature after a fight had been waged on certain phases of the school laws particularly the equalization fund law.

The hearing held this week on proposed sleeping coach buses between Raleigh and Charlotte and Raleigh and Wilmington resulted in the Corporation Commission reserving its decision. One line proposes the night sleeping coaches while the others oppose them because "they are not needed by the public." The decision will be announced later.

The hearing on Western Union's request for increased rates in the State will not take place for another two months. It was to have been held this week but was postponed so as additional figures could be obtained.

The silver services of the discarded battleship North Carolina is back in the State on loan from the Navy Department and will grace the table of the Governor's mansion until further notice. Governor McLean in a drive for increase of dairying activities in the State spoke at Lumberton during the week. The cotton growers Association launched a campaign a campaign for a full sign-up at the end of the present year when the present co-op contract expires.

The city this last week entertained 700 high school students at the first

## ELEVEN BUILDINGS ARE BEING BUILT

Durham, N. C., March 8—With the approach of spring, building activity on the Duke university campus is getting under way with a new impetus. Hundreds of workmen are now busy on the \$4,000,000 unit of eleven buildings for the women's college. Three will be ready for occupancy by next September.

## MALARIA STATION NOW AT EDENTON

### Will Study The Subject Of Malaria And How To Control The Disease

(By State Board of Health)

Raleigh, March 5—The station for field studies of malaria maintained since 1923 at Leesburg, Ga., has been transferred from that place to Edenton, N. C. The transfer was effected this week, the site in this State having been selected on invitation of the State Board of Health which is interested in the results of the investigations, and which is lending all possible cooperation.

The purpose of the station is the investigation of all public health phases of malaria, but especially the prosecution of studies whose results may facilitate and simplify malaria control. The station itself does not engage in malaria control work. Special studies will be made of the intensity of malaria in the seaboard counties, and the biology of the transmitting anopheline mosquitoes will be studied in great detail.

Another phase of the work of the station is that of supplying a training center at which employees of health departments, state, county or municipal, and of the International Health Board, as well as those preparing themselves for public health positions, are given a practical insight into the public health phases of malaria. During past years from fifteen to twenty thousand students have yearly spent from one to six months at the station.

The station was established in 1923 in Georgia under the direction of Dr. S. T. Darling, who last year was killed in an automobile accident in Palestine. When the transfer of the station was determined upon, Edenton was selected as headquarters because of its convenient situation in relation to the areas in which the studies can most successfully be prosecuted, and the facilities which are available at that place. The station and field investigations are directed by Dr. Mark F. Boyd, who is assisted in the field and laboratory work by a number of capable assistants.

## FEW CASES TRIED IN POLICE COURT MONDAY

Spectators in police court Monday afternoon were looking forward with considerable interest to a trial which was scheduled to take place, but did not realize their expectations. This was the case in which three young men were charged with having attacked Mr. George Norcom in his place of business on Broad street a week or so ago. Two of the alleged principals, Fred Sundstrom and Pete Smith were conspicuous by their absence. George Simpson, a young man from the North River section charged with having been in the party was charged with an assault on Mr. Norcom also on Mrs. Norcom. The latter warrant however was withdrawn on request of Mr. Norcom. On the charge of assaulting Mr. Norcom Simpson pleaded not guilty, saying that he was in the row but did not do any of the fighting. He was let off with the costs.

Tom Sadler charged with having been drunk and disorderly and assaulting a woman, to wit his mother-in-law Mrs. Lizzie Guthrie was let off with a fine of \$25 and costs or 30 days on the streets. Sam A. Thomas charged with drunkenness was assessed \$25 and costs.

## SPRING ONIONS.

Mr. Henry Smith who is a farmer on the County Home farm brought to the local market on last Monday a load of spring onions. Mr. Smith states that the onions are about 10 days ahead of the usual time.

## SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION NOW

### Criminal Docket Light. Some Civil Cases Have Been Con- tinued To Next Term

Superior court in session here this week, has not been a very extensive affair. Lack of criminal cases, the real estate boom and the "flu" have almost put out of business. The criminal docket was short and finished the first day. Some civil matters have been disposed of but no trials of much importance have been conducted. Several cases have been continued. Judge Romulus A. Nunn of New Bern is holding the court, his first term here, having exchanged with Judge W. A. Devin. Court convened at 11 o'clock Monday morning and after the usual formalities Judge Nunn delivered his charge to the grand jury. The Judge went into fundamentals of the subject. He showed how the government originated from the people and that they had the sole right to change it. Secret political societies are unlawful and should not be tolerated. The constitution guarantees religious freedom. In spite of some defects the jury system is a bulwark of our liberties. He explained in an interesting manner the origin of the jury system in England. He also impressed upon the jurors the duties and responsibilities of their office and urged upon them to discharge their obligations without fear or favor to any one. W. F. Taylor of Bogue was chosen foreman of the grand jury and D. L. Godwin of Beaufort was appointed special officer in charge.

The criminal cases acted upon are given below:

Effie Beachum, violating the prohibition law, called and failed, nisi sci fa, capias and continued, judgment absolute.

Albert Johnson same as above, Martin Foy same as above.

J. S. Smith charged with giving worthless check, motion by defendant to quash bill allowed. State took an appeal.

Sam Oden, resisting officer, jury verdict guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Simon Gatling, receiving stolen goods. Charged to trespass. Defendant to pay \$40 for goods and costs.

Eddie Lee Collins, violating prohibition law. Nolo Contendere, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Trial law, continued to June term.

A divorce case was tried this morning that of Nannie E. Bates against Harry Bates. The plaintiff secured a divorce. The civil action of Abner Willis against O. C. Willis is on trial today. There are several cases set for trial which maybe reached this week.

## EXCURSION STEAMER HERE.

The excursion steamer Nancy Lee from Elizabeth City bound to Miami, Florida arrived in the harbor several days ago and is waiting for a chance to go to sea. The vessel is light draft and not well suited for ocean voyages, that is if any storms should be encountered. A tug from Wilmington came for the vessel Wednesday but by mistake went to Morehead City and returned to sea without taking the steamer.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR SECURED

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Mrs. I. H. Boggs who has recently moved to Beaufort and who is directing the band at St. Paul's School, has been secured to direct the choir at the First Baptist church and the Baptist people and members of the congregation are delighted with the outlook for better music in their services.

## BEAUFORT GIRL ENTERS POLLOCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss Victoria Boney, a member of the senior class of Beaufort High School, has gone to Pollockville and entered the school at that place. Reverend L. B. Boney her father, formerly lived in Pollockville and was pastor of a church there. The young lady left Beaufort because the high school here is not on the accredited list.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George D. Styron a son March 5th. William Derwood.

## BUSINESS GOOD IN REAL ESTATE

### Activity Continues. Morehead Township Leads In Sale Of Lots

Probably more real estate is changing hands now in Carteret county than ever before in its history. Not a day passes that a number of deals are not consummated. Some of them are small, maybe single town lot, but others are of considerable magnitude. Besides the deeds that are recorded at the county courthouse a good deal of trading goes on in the form of options. There is more activity in Morehead township than anywhere else in the county, but business is going on all over the county more or less and some say that it is just beginning. Deeds recently recorded by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton are as follows:

M. F. Nelson and wife to Bogue Development Corp. lot 7 block 7 Morehead City for \$3000.

J. F. Duncan et al to Mrs. S. S. Willis 2 lots Morehead City for \$900.

J. M. Willis et wife to Lewis T. Willis lot 7 Block 7 Morehead City for \$1000 and other considerations. Sarah C. Arendell to Luther Hamilton 8 lots Morehead City for \$1000.

Tom Dixon and wife to E. H. Gorham 2 acres more or less between Morehead City and Camp Glenn for \$100 and other considerations.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Tom Dixon and wife 5 tracts Morehead City for \$100.

Luther Hamilton and wife to W. B. Blades lots 1, 2, 3 block 38 lots 4, 5 block 36, lots 2 block 34 Morehead City for \$8000.

C. H. Freeman et al to A. I. Gans et al lot 16 block 113 Morehead City for \$600 and other considerations.

Ocean Lumber Co. to Carteret Fish and Oil Co. 2 tracts near Morehead City for \$5000.

Armstead Burnell and wife to W. I. Groves et al lots 1, 2, 16 Block 145 Morehead City for \$1000, and other considerations.

T. D. Warren et al to A. I. Groves et al lots 14, 15, block 111 Morehead City for \$100 O. V. C.

W. L. Brogden and wife to O. I. Groves et al lots 14, 15, 16, Block 39 for \$1000 and other valuable considerations, Morehead City.

Geo. J. Brooks et wife to Luther Hamilton lots 6, 7 block 34 lots 1, 2, 6, 7, block 36 Morehead City for \$500, and other valuable considerations.

Kate T. Harris Gordian to Luther Hamilton lot 5 block 23 Morehead City for \$250.

M. R. Geffroy and wife to Bogue Development Corp 8 lots Block M. City for \$550.

Dolly Lewis et al to Hugh Lewis 5 lots Morehead City for \$400.

John D. Styron to F. M. Simmons 1 lot Morehead City for \$1800.

N. O. Wade to J. W. Black lot 14 block 31 Morehead City for \$350.

O. D. Bell and wife to J. W. Black lot 1, 2, block 31 Morehead City for \$250.

J. C. Helms and wife to A. I. Groves lots 6, 7 Block 25 Morehead City for \$1750.

David F. Adams and wife to Elijah Adams 2 1-2 acres near Newport for \$200.

J. W. Gastill et al to E. B. Whitehurst tract Beaufort Township, for \$500 and other consideration.

John A. W. Goodwin and wife to E. B. Whitehurst et al part lot 18 and 19 Beaufort township for about \$1000.

John H. Salter and wife to Sadie Jones Dey part lot Beaufort for \$1300.

Beaufort Realty Corp to J. Frank Wilkes lots 22, 23, 24, 25 West Beaufort for \$145.

Beaufort Realty Corp to J. Frank Wilkes lot 21 block 55 West Beaufort for about \$480.

Wilkes lot 21 block 55 West Beaufort. Sabra F. Styron et al to Charlie Willis and wife 1 acre Atlantic for \$50.

Jordan Willis et al to Joseph Styron tract near Davis for \$20.

Joseph W. Hill and wife to Leonda B. Mason 1 acre home place J. W. Hill Atlantic for \$400.

W. H. Blades et al to Geo. J. Brooks lots 6, 7, block 34; lots 1, 2, 6, 7, block 36; Morehead City for \$10.

Emily Dixon to Kirby Salter 5

## NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

The following named books have been added to the library collection: "Kneel to The Prettiest" by Berta Ruck, "Shepards," "God's Stepchildren," by Sarah Gertrude Millin, "Mary Glen" by the same author, "A Man Under Authority" by Sarah Dell "Alabaster Lamp" by Margaret Turnbull, "The Bronz Hand" by Carolyn Wells, "The House of Dreams Come True," "The Moon Out of Reach" by Margaret Pedler, "The Shorn Lamb" by Emma Speed, "Two Little Women" by Carolyn Wells.

## BOARD WILL LET PAVING CONTRACT

### Five Blocks On Broad Street Will be Paved Very Soon

At a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the town of Beaufort held Monday evening at eight o'clock the decision was reached to do some more street paving. Those present were commissioners Maxwell, Noe, Smith and Whitehurst. The street to be paved is Broad street from Turner to Live Oak.

Petitions, which had been in circulation for several days, were presented to the board signed by a majority of the land owners in the section affected. Property owners on the western end of the street from Turner street to the water would not sign up for the paving and so nothing will be done about this for the present at least. A resolution was adopted by the board ordering the paving to be done. City engineer Brooks was instructed to get up specifications and plans for the paving to be reported to a later meeting of the board. The Norfolk-Southern Railroad is expected to pay a certain part of the costs. The board adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

## STATE NEWS

### Items of Interest From Various Parts of State

Thousands of persons viewed the body of a bandit in Greensboro Tuesday. The man was killed the night before by L. E. Maness a street car conductor who shot him through the head. On a belt worn by the dead man was the name Bill Romich. He came to Greensboro from Norfolk. He and another man attempted to rob the trolley car.

H. L. Carter and Irene Miller, two young people of Hickory, were badly injured when a passenger train struck the touring car they were riding in. Carter's left leg was cut off below the knee and the girl sustained a fractured skull.

J. Quincy Derrick died in the hospital at Monroe Tuesday as a result of injuries sustained when his car ran into a telephone pole. Ed. Helms who was with Derrick says that both men were drunk and he did not know which one was doing the driving.

The fourth fatality from automobile accidents in ten days occurred by Smithfield Tuesday. Joseph Edwin Johnson, three year old boy ran in front of a car driven by J. W. Floors of Burlington and was killed. The child's mother was present when the accident happened.

According to the statement of Howard Barr, a convict in the Tennessee penitentiary, W. L. Graydon of Asheville is not guilty of a crime for which he was convicted and sentenced to seven years. Barr says he robbed the store in Asheville and not Graydon.

acres Hunting Quarter Township consideration of \$25.

Maude Colburn to Harvey Hamilton 2 3-4 acres Morehead City for \$16 and other valuable considerations.

B. M. Willis to W. P. Freeman lot 6, 9, and 13 Morehead City for \$1000 and other considerations.

J. F. Duncan et al to Mrs. R. H. Dowdy 2 lots Morehead City for \$600

## SCHOOL QUESTION COMES UP AGAIN

### Mass Meeting Called For To- night To Consider What Is Best To Be Done.

The school question promises to be a topic of general interest again in Beaufort. Defeated by a large majority last year the proposition to issue bonds for a new building has come to the front again. Those who are backing the undertaking say that the times are propitious now for carrying the election for more school facilities. A mass meeting of citizens called for tonight is to consider the question. A proclamation issued by Mayor Thomas calling the meeting reads as follows:

**PROCLAMATION**  
Whereas the Board of Commissioners of the town of Beaufort, North Carolina, in session March 4th, 1926, duly passed a resolution, unanimously requesting the Mayor of Beaufort, to proclaim a mass-meeting of the citizens of Beaufort, at an immediately early date, for discussion, consideration and action appropriate on remedy for existing school conditions in Beaufort and vicinity:

Whereas the people of Beaufort are vitally interested in this measure and sincerely interested in taking all proper steps to co-operate with the authorities:

Now, therefore, I T. M. Thomas Jr., Mayor of Beaufort, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday March 11th, 1926, 7:30 P. M. o'clock, as the time and the Court-house, in Beaufort, as the place, for the meeting of all persons interested in this vital question.

All forward-looking citizens are urged to be present at the time and place set, and to actively participate in the proceedings.

Done, at the City Hall, in Town of Beaufort, N. C., this March 5th, 1926.

Mayor of Beaufort, North Carolina

T. M. THOMAS, JR.

## THE SCHOOL SITUATION

To the Public:

During the school year of 1924-25 the trustees of Beaufort Graded School were warned by the State Department that the Beaufort High School was on the accredited list on probation and that if something was not done to provide more room and better equipment, this privilege would be withdrawn. This information was repeatedly given the public.

Realizing that the school was facing a serious situation, the trustees requested the County Commissioners to call an election on a bond issue for a new building. At the same time, the warnings of the State Department were emphasized through the local paper and otherwise. The trustees and school faculty did every thing they could reasonably be expected to do to get the people to realize the seriousness of the problem and to vote for the relief of the children. Several members of the Board and faculty contributed money from their own personal pockets to pay for advertising matter in order to give the facts to the public. All of us know the results of the election.

The task of the trustees was then to try to keep the school on the probation list another year, and we were lead to believe that this would be done until a short time before Christmas when we received the definite statement from the State Department that it could not be done under existing conditions. The trustees immediately made every reasonable effort, as fast as possible with their limited finances, to meet the requirements. Finally, realizing that this could not be done, we urgently requested some member of the State Department to come to Beaufort and go into the matter at first hand. On March 3rd, Dr. Highsmith met with the trustees. The problems were gone into thoroughly with him. His answer for the State Department was that only a new building could reinstate the school.

In order to keep the school on the accredited list as long as possible, the trustees have been extremely careful to make every dollar count

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