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STATE DEFICIT DOES NOT WORRY GOVERNOR McLEAN

Expects Large Collections in March And For The Next Few Months

NEW BERN AUTO TAX INVALID

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, March 15.—Collections of the state revenue department, the increasing size of the state deficit, interesting decisions by the Supreme Court and other matters absorbed attention at the Capital City this week. The Women's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South held a seven day convention here and interesting matters were handled by them. The Governor left this city twice to make addresses at High Point and Asheboro. Each time Raleigh was visited by a snowstorm, the only snowstorms this late in the year in a number of years. The State Revenue Department which had collected income taxes less than \$300,000 up to March 8, began at that time a steady increase with more than one hundred thousand dollars coming in daily. Commissioner Doughton confidently expects that when the March collections are tallied the income taxes for this year will exceed those of last year. Governor McLean also is counting on the revenue from incomes to reduce the size of the State deficit. Funded a year ago when the budgetary administration of Governor McLean began, the deficit during the past few months has again steadily accumulated until now it is \$1,238,687.15 this figure being on February 28. Governor McLean, pledged to keep expenditures within revenue is not worrying. He expects tax collections during the next three months to clean out the deficit and balance his budget, perhaps with a small surplus. The month of March probably will tell the tale for it usually is the heaviest collection month of the year.

The Supreme Court this week decided that the city tax of New Bern imposing an added \$5.00 tax on automobiles was invalid as being clearly a tax on auto owners. This case was of interest throughout the State for it was believed if ruled valid it would have presaged an orgy of city taxation of auto owners which would have been prohibitive. The Supreme Court evidently believes the auto owners carry enough of the tax burden. The issue is decided strictly on points of law.

The Women's Missionary Council brought hundreds of women from all sections of the South and foreign countries to Raleigh. For seven days they discussed their missions program and carried out an interesting program with a number of able speakers contributing their share. It was the first time the Council had met on Tar Heel soil in its nearly 40 years of existence.

The State Democratic Executive Committee met here during the week and after an exciting contest selected Raleigh for the State Convention over Durham. It was decided to hold the convention on April 29 with the county conventions a week earlier and the precinct meetings on April 27.

Another suit to dissolve the Tri State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association was started during the week this time in Federal court. The suit alleges fraud and misrepresentation and asks for dissolution of the Association. It will be heard on an injunction on March 22 at Fayetteville.

Governor McLean, after conferring with Department of Commerce heads, is confident the state will get a wave length for operation of its radio station. In the meantime the Wynn Radio Station of Raleigh has tendered its station to the Governor for use by the State. No decision has yet been made.

The meeting of Governor McLean with various women's organizations representatives during the week has not produced any results thus far but it is predicted the women will get the survey of women in industry in North Carolina which they are requesting. The Highway Commission is advertising 111 miles of roadway (Continued on page 14.)

CAPTAIN JOE WEEKS DIES.

Captain Joe Weeks died this morning at about ten o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn on Ann street. He sustained a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago from the effects of which he died. The funeral services are to take place Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home. Captain Weeks is survived by his daughter Mrs. Robert Dunn, a sister Mrs. Charles Fulcher of Wilmington, and a brother Mr. Henry Weeks of Beaufort.

SUPERIOR COURT ENDED SATURDAY

Biggest Civil Case Was That of Gillikin Against Ramsey And Ewell

In addition to the cases mentioned in the News last week several civil actions were disposed of in one way or another. One or two cases were non-suited or settled by some agreement among the litigants.

The hardest fought case of the week was that of E. P. and Andrew Gillikin against J. T. Ewell and I. E. Ramsey. The plaintiffs were represented in this action by attorneys A. D. Ward of New Bern and E. Walter Hill and M. Leslie Davis of Beaufort. Messrs. J. F. Duncan and C. R. Wheatly appeared for the defendants.

This case was a suit about 100 1-2 acres of land on the east side of North River. This tract was sold by the defendants with other lands amounting to some 6000 acres to Serpell and Dunning of Norfolk. The plaintiffs sued for \$10,000 and after a trial that lasted for practically two days the jury brought in a verdict for \$3552.50 and interest. Judge Nunn said he would set aside this verdict unless the plaintiffs appealed. An agreement was then reached whereby Messrs. Ramsey and Ewell were to pay the plaintiffs \$3000 and also to pay the costs.

Another case tried was that of Abner Willis against O. C. Willis for building a tug boat. The jury gave him a verdict of \$216 and interest. The case of Delaware Goulden against Charles S. Davis was settled by consent. The suit was about some land and the plaintiff is to get 49 acres of land. Court adjourned Saturday afternoon.

SNOW STORM VISITED BEAUFORT LAST SATURDAY

Just as Beaufort people had about reached the conclusion that the winter of 1925-26 would pass without a snow blizzard swept down out of the northwest and gave them a taste of what some other sections have been having rather frequently. The snow storm took place last Saturday afternoon which was the 13th, and also the last day of the ground hog's reign. The day began sunshiny and warm. By noon it had become dark and cloudy and a cold rain had started. Along about three o'clock the rain changed to snow and from then on until about nine o'clock it snowed furiously. The ground was wram though and a great deal of the snow melted. Where it drifted it was several inches deep but the weather observatory on Piver's Island says that three tenths of an inch was the actual depth of the snow. This was the first snow storm of any consequence since the early part of 1918 which was a very severe winter and furnished several snows and some very cold weather. Many small children in Beaufort had never seen a snow until Saturday and they and the older ones too enjoyed it thoroughly. The older folks though didn't care much for it and most of them stuck pretty closely to their firesides. By noon Sunday practically all of the snow was gone and now it is but a memory.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CALLED.

A meeting of the Republican county executive committee took place here last Saturday at noon. The meeting was held in the offices of Mr. Jas. Wallace Mason. The object of the meeting was to call a county convention of the Republican party. This convention will be held in Beaufort on Saturday April the 3rd.

LIVELY TIMES IN REAL ESTATE NOW

Some Large Transactions Made Recently. Interest Seems To Be Growing Steadily

The real estate boom that hit Carteret county some months ago seems to be gaining in volume as it goes along. Many trades are being made and some of them are large ones. Besides actual sales there is a good deal of trading in options going along. People looking around for opportunities are in Beaufort and Morehead City every day and many of them made trips to various parts of the county looking over the prospects. Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton and his assistant Mr. J. R. Jinnett are kept busy now recording papers and it seems likely that they will have to have more help. The biggest transaction in the last few days recorded by the Register of Deeds was that of E. H. Muncie to F. M. Simmons and others for 140 acres on Bogue Sound. Stamps attached to the paper indicate that a consideration of \$32,000 was involved in the transaction. There were several other good sized transactions recorded. The list recorded recently in full follows:

Lida P. Duffy to W. B. Blades tract near Morehead City for \$11,666.66. Elizabeth Duffy to W. B. Blades tract near Morehead City for \$5,883.34.

J. M. Willis and wife to Morehead Bluffs Hotel Co. 635 acres Morehead Township for \$100.

E. R. Mizell and wife to Lorenzo Dowdy 2 lots Morehead for \$200.

Louise M. Dowdy and husband to Martha A. Mizell 1 lot Morehead City for \$100.

Geo. R. Willis and wife to Luther Hamilton lots 1, 2 Block 69 Morehead City for \$5000.

Mrs. Rebecca L. Brown to Luther Hamilton tract Morehead City for \$500.

Mrs. Rebecca Brown to Luther Hamilton lot 5 block 82 Morehead City for \$500.

S. A. Chalk and wife to Fred I. Sutton 2 lots Morehead City for \$4000.

D. F. Guthrie Sr. and wife to Freeman Holloway 1 lot Morehead City for \$1400.

Pearl Brinson to Holt and Stallings 2 lots Morehead City for \$1000.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Freeman and Holloway 2 blocks Morehead City for \$100.

E. H. Muncie to F. M. Simmons et al 140 acres South Bogue Sound Morehead Township for \$1000 other consideration.

Bogue Development Corp to C. H. Freeman 2 lots Morehead City for \$100.

J. C. Thomas and wife to C. H. Freeman 1 lot Morehead City for \$10.

W. P. Freeman and wife to R. T. Wade et al lot 1 block 21 Morehead City for \$800.

E. W. Vick and wife to R. T. Wade et al 1-2 lot 16 block 24, Morehead City for \$1050.

H. P. Stallings et al to R. T. Wade et al lot 15 Morehead City for \$100, other considerations.

C. H. Freeman and wife to L. H. Honey lot 5 Block 107 for \$100 and other considerations.

Dean Herring and wife to Ella G. Nodal lot 115 Block 149 Morehead City for \$500.

W. B. Blades and wife to J. F. Patterson tract Morehead Township for \$875.

W. B. Blades et al to Luther Hamilton block 48 consisting of 16 lots, Morehead City for \$12000.

M. S. Lee and wife to W. P. Freeman lots 4, 5 block 147 Morehead City for \$3000.

B. E. Moore and wife to W. L. Dickinson lot 5 block 105 Morehead City for \$1000.

W. L. Arthur and wife to Stephens Lewis tract 12 acres more or less near Morehead City for \$150.

Geo. A. Barfoot and wife to Jennie Lee lot 5 block 147 Morehead City for \$1250.

Cleora Culpepper and wife to Jennie Lee lot 4 block 147 Morehead City for \$1250.

H. E. Whitehurst to D. M. DeNoyer 1 lot in Beaufort, consideration, \$10.

C. Y. Ramsay and wife to L. J. Noe (Continued on page five)

PEOPLE CONSIDER SCHOOL QUESTION

Tal'g High School Off Accredited List Starts Up Discussion And Action

There is a possibility that Beaufort's high school will be restored to the State's accredited list, from which it was removed a few weeks ago. The committee that went to Raleigh from Beaufort and conferred with the authorities there Wednesday returned somewhat encouraged at the prospect. They obtained a conditional promise that the school would be put back on the list.

The committee that went to Raleigh was appointed at a meeting of school trustees held last Friday evening and was composed of J. F. Duncan, W. A. Mace, A. D. O'Brien, U. E. Swann, W. H. Taylor and C. R. Wheatly. This committee had a conference with Dr. J. Henry Highsmith and Mr. J. J. Blair and was told that if the town of Beaufort would take action by June the first looking to providing adequate school facilities here that the graduating class of this year would be put on the accredited list. If some such action is not taken the school will not be put on the accredited list, which means that graduates cannot enter college without standing examinations for entrance.

The trip to Raleigh was an outgrowth of the citizens' meeting held in the county courthouse last Thursday night on call of the Mayor. Although the weather was unfavorable there was a good attendance at this meeting and judging from the expressions of many who were present sentiment is strong in the community for erecting a new school building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. F. Duncan who asked Mr. U. E. Swann to preside over it. The chairman then called upon Mr. Duncan to explain the object of the meeting which he did. He said it was to discuss the school situation in Beaufort and wanted every one present to have a share in the discussion. The chairman then called on every person present to say something and a good many responded to the invitation.

County Superintendent J. H. Workman was the first speaker. He spoke briefly on the plan of consolidating the Beaufort school with the county system. He stated that there are five small schools near Beaufort that might be consolidated into a special district with the town. He showed that such an arrangement probably would be advantageous to both the county and the town schools. County Auditor W. L. Stencil said he favored the county wide plan. Mrs. W. V. B. Potter favored improvements but did not like the county wide suggestion. Miss Lucille Pond said that Beaufort needs a new school building very badly. Miss Margaret Dill said the thing of most interest to her was getting the school on the accredited list and she hoped that immediate action would be taken. Captain Buck Parkin favored improving the town school facilities as soon as possible. Superintendent R. L. Fritz thought the county plan a good idea but the most important thing now is to get back on the accredited list. Reverend L. B. Boney was heartily in favor of doing something to improve the town's school facilities. Mr. Fred Hooper said the town needed better facilities. Mr. Ed Potter said he was very much in favor of doing something to improve the town's school facilities. Mr. W. P. Smith said he believed in good schools. Mr. T. W. Brinson thought the improvements ought to be carried out. Mr. R. E. Chaplain said he favored more schools, bigger schools and better schools. Mr. Seth Gibbs said he thought a bond issue for an annex could be carried out but not one for a new building. Mr. C. R. Wheatly said the thing of importance now is to get back on the accredited list. Mr. R. E. Wheatly said it was a shame and a disgrace not to be on the accredited list. Others who spoke in favor of doing something to relieve the school situation here were: S. H. Haywood, L. M. Rose, Mrs. Hugh Overstreet, Hugh Hill, G. W. Duncan, F. F. Loftin, H. Overstreet, Dr. T. C. Britt, W. H. Bailey, G. J. Brooks, Reverend E. Frank Lee, W.

POLICE CASES CONTINUED.

There were no trials in police court Monday afternoon. This was due to the fact that Mayor Thomas who has been sick with influenza for about ten days was unable to be present. There were seven cases on the docket awaiting trial and these with any others that may come up will be tried next Monday afternoon.

DREDGE NEVEREST HAS BEGUN WORK

Throwing Up Embankment At The Rate of 150 Cubic Yards Per Hour

The task of building the longest and costliest bridge in North Carolina is now definitely under way. With the arrival of the dredge boat "Neverest" on Thursday the 11th, it then became possible to start actual operations. Friday afternoon, after the pipes had been put in place, a stream of water, mud and sand began to pour out and has kept it up ever since except for the lay-off on Sunday. The dredge is averaging 150 cubic yards of material an hour, or 3600 yards every 24 hours. Three crews of men working eight hours each keep the work going on all the time.

The length of the fill on the east side of the river is 5704 feet. On the west side it runs from the Atlantic hotel to the end of the point a distance of about 3000 feet. It is estimated that to do this filling job will require about five months. The embankment is to be 125 feet wide at the base, and 30 feet wide at the top and 8 feet above mean low water. The distance from the eastern shore line to the western is two and one tenth miles. Sanford and Brooks, who have the contract for the concrete work, are going ahead making concrete piles and have made up a considerable stock of them. Test piles were driven Monday to learn something of the character of the river bottom.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday night in the office of Drs. Maxwell, Hyde and Hendrix. In the absence of President Wiley H. Taylor, Vice-president J. A. Hornaday Jr. presided over the meeting. Reports of various committees were heard and several matters pertaining to the improvements of this city and section were discussed. Secretary J. P. Betts was instructed to write Senator Simmons and Congressman Abernethy to find out if any funds are available for making a turning basin and breakwater in Beaufort harbor.

Committees for the year as appointed by President Taylor were announced. They are as follows:

Education: J. A. Hornaday Jr., W. H. Taylor, W. G. Mebane, Harbor and Waterways: Joseph House, C. S. Maxwell, R. B. Wheatly. Streets and Highways: W. P. Smith, F. R. Seeley, D. M. Jones, Advertising: R. W. Jernigan, W. T. Davis, E. L. Davis. Hotels and Entertainment: W. G. Mebane, F. R. Seeley, U. E. Swann. Agriculture: C. S. Maxwell, W. P. Smith, Hugh Overstreet. Industries and Manufacturers: F. R. Seeley, U. E. Swann, E. L. Davis. Membership: J. A. Hornaday Jr., J. P. Betts, R. W. Jernigan, Public Health: C. S. Maxwell, Joseph House, W. T. Davis. Finance: W. H. Taylor, J. A. Hornaday Jr., W. G. Mebane. The membership committee reported that a number of new members had been added recently and that they hope to get still more in the near future.

A. Mace, Joseph House, W. G. Mebane. A committee was then appointed to look into the situation and report at some later date. The committee is composed of J. F. Duncan, Reverend Mr. Lee, C. R. Wheatly, N. F. Eure, Joseph House, Mr. J. J. Blair of the State Department of Education is to be here next week for a conference with the school board and others interested in the matter of improving conditions here.

SCHOOL FOLKS HOLD MEETINGS

School Principals Have Enjoyable Affair at Inlet Inn Teachers' Conference Held Saturday

To meetings of county educators were held here last week. One was the meetings Friday evening of school principals and the other was that on Saturday of the county teachers. There was a good attendance at both meetings.

The meeting held at the Inlet Inn was a conference of the school leaders for the purpose of discussing various problems pertaining to their work. Besides the business part of the occasion the social side was much enjoyed. A fine supper was served by the hotel management, and besides the speeches made there was much informal discussion of a general nature. Those who attended the affair were: Messrs. W. H. Taylor and D. W. Mason of the Board of Education Mr. H. C. Banks, Smyrna; Miss Meriel Groves, Atlantic; Mr. C. W. Grant, Davis; Mr. R. L. Fritz, Beaufort; H. L. Joslyn, Morehead City; Mr. Robertson, Morehead City; Mr. M. S. Rose, Beaufort; Mr. C. F. Carroll, Newport; Miss Bertha Coletrane, Atlantic; Miss Margaret Gustin, County Supervisor, Mr. J. H. Workman, Superintendent. The next meeting is to be held in Morehead City.

At the meeting of the county teachers Saturday more than ninety percent were present. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend L. B. Boney pastor of the First Baptist church. Dr. T. C. Britt, County Health Officer, gave a talk on health and explained how the teachers of the county schools could assist in health work. Superintendent J. H. Workman made some explanations as to records and reports. Miss Gustin, County Supervisor, announced the dates for the seventh grade standardized tests and explained the nature of the tests to be used in the county commencement program.

In the afternoon teachers in the elementary grades discussed the teaching of reading and the high school teachers discussed instruction in mathematics and Latin.

After the departmental meetings representatives of the various Parent-Teachers Association met with the teachers and a County Council was formed. This was done under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Lincoln of Morehead City who is district president of the N. C. State Parent-Teachers Association. When the meeting began the sun was shining brightly but it ended in a rain and snow storm.

PLANTING CREPE MYRTLES SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT

The Garden Club is greatly encouraged by the response of so many people in supporting the planting of crepe myrtle trees to beautify our town. Two hundred have been planted which is a very good showing for the first year in a place of this size. Our thanks are due to the kind help of Mr. Hugh Overstreet, the labor given by the town Commissioners, and to the ladies who canvassed and collected the money for the trees. The Commissioners granted to the Garden Club \$50.00 at their last meeting, which sum will be used for work of a like kind to be done later.

It is most important that the trees planted should be staked and we ask that those not already protected should have four stout stakes to each plant, driven in firmly, and extending above the ground between 2 and 3 feet. This is as important as as planting crepe myrtles.

The Garden Club will meet Friday March 26th, at 3 o'clock at the Rest Room. All committees that have not reported, please do so at this meeting.

A. B. LAY
Chairman Garden Club

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Only one permit to wed has been issued by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last week, that of W. P. Noe, Beaufort and Dolly Irene Sadler, Blades, N. C.