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## INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS HAVE BEEN VERY LARGE

Leaders Think That State's Deficit Will Be Wiped Out And That More Road Bonds Can Be Issued

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)  
RALEIGH, N. C., March 22—The swelling income collections, the meeting of the North Carolina Education Association, and other matters filled up a rather quiet week in Raleigh. Nothing of importance occurred in political circles though the pot is beginning to seethe and soon there may be something stirring.

The North Carolina Education Association held an important session at the Capital. The most important matter handled was the unanimous adoption of a legislative report to urge the eight months school term and to the politicians. Mr. Graham expressed the hope that by the end of the 1927 legislature the Governor and other political leaders and the legislature would be wholeheartedly behind the project. Secretary of State Everett speaking at a meeting at the same time the teachers were in session announced that he favored the eight months school term.

The revenue collections during the past week justified the prediction of Governor McLean that when they came in they would entirely wipe out the deficit of more than a million dollars existing in the State General Fund. More than four million dollars in income taxes has poured in to Commissioner Doughton's office and there are still large sums to be added. If the State can operate within the surplus of about two million dollars created by the income taxes for the next three months then Governor McLean will end his first fiscal year with a balanced budget—one of the major aims—and there may be a slight surplus. Commissioner Doughton is gleeful over the collections and the Governor is greatly gratified. Other leaders also are pleased and more than a half dozen have expressed the opinion that the State is financially sound and with the gradually increasing road taxes it is said that the legislature will be safe in issuing more bonds for road-building.

Three deaths occurred in the state during the week, taking away men who had been excellent citizens. William Hart, state highway commissioner and president of the State Fair died suddenly last Friday, at his home in Tarboro. He was a wealthy man and had contributed largely to the upbuilding of his section of the State. Judge G. H. Brown, for 16 years a member of the Supreme Court and prior to that time a Superior Court Judge died after a long life devoted to the service of North Carolina. Also former Corporation Commissioner E. C. Beddingfield passed away at the age of sixty-four. He was well and favorably known over the entire State.

Hoyle Sink of the Salary and Wage Commission has announced that that body will meet at Raleigh on March 24, this week, but only routine matters will be considered.

Governor McLean fired a gun in the political battle of this coming summer with the appointment of the State Board of Elections which will have supervisory powers over the elections. Judge Walter H. Neal of Laurinburg was re-appointed chairman of the Board while the other members appointed are William E. Brees of Brevard, T. Boddie Ward of Wilson, Clarence Call of Wilkesboro, and R. W. Herring of Fayetteville.

The Women's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church South completed its meeting here with the adoption of resolutions urging that the prohibition law be enforced and pledging themselves to work against any move for modification of the law.

If the farmer wants a fair return for his products then the economic situation under which he lives must be changed, declared Miss Elizabeth Kelly speaking before the State Parent Teacher Council meeting here.

Governor Gunter of Colorado called on Governor McLean during the week. Interest was manifested here in the meeting of the State Automotive Trade Association at Winston Salem and a number of dealers of this city attended the sessions. W. G. Womble, rate clerk of the Corporation.

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## HARKER'S ISLAND FERRY WILL BEGIN IN JULY

Captain Eugene Yeomans of Harker's Island was in town Monday and paid the News office a visit. He says the contract for the Harker's Island ferry boat has been let to Whitehurst and Rice of Beaufort and that he expects to be operating the ferry by July the first. The vessel will have a capacity for carrying eight cars and in the cabin there will be room for twenty passengers. The cost of the boat including engine will be around \$2500. Captain Yeomans says that on the day the ferry service begins Harker's Island is going to have a big celebration. It is expected that people who have never been on the Island before will be there that day and a big crowd is looked for.

## "PEEPING TOM" CASE DRAWS BIG CROWD

A considerable number of alleged offenders faced Mayor Thomas in police court last Monday afternoon and a large number of spectators were also present. The case that excited the most interest was that of Tuttle Robinson who was charged with having violated the "Peeping Tom" act. Robinson was arrested last Friday night near the residence of City School Superintendent R. L. Fritz. Two young ladies who were alone in the house heard some prowling around there and became frightened and left the house. They met several boys a short distance away to whom they told of the occurrence. The boys went back to the vicinity and found Robinson in a car that was parked near there. He denied that he was guilty of the peeping charge but the Mayor decided to hold him for Superior Court under a \$200 bond which he gave.

Lee Wigfall charged with having whiskey in his possession for purpose of sale was bound over to Superior Court under a \$300 bond. Charles Chadwick otherwise known as "Pickle Dick" on a charge of drunkenness was let off under a suspended judgment on payment of costs. Rosa Belle Pigott on a similar charge received the same sentence. John Robinson against whom there were three cases charging drunkenness had judgment suspended in two of them. In the other case he was fined \$50 and costs or alternative of 30 days on the streets. Ed Lynch letting dog run at large, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Willie Walton same charge, drew the same sentence. Edgar Simmons having a fight with Alvin Congleton, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Cases against Alvin Congleton fighting, and George Davis driving car without license continued to next Monday.

## YOUNG MAN IS KILLED IN SODATOL EXPLOSION

Mt. Olive, March 20—Saturday morning about 10 o'clock in a field about one-half mile from Calypso, three miles south of here, Frank Kornegay, a young white man about 25 years of age, was instantly killed when several sticks of sodatol that he had in a bucket exploded. He and Deams Sloan were blowing stumps with the explosive.

Sloan was making preparations for the placing of the sticks of sodatol and Kornegay was placing and lighting them. He had just placed one under a stump when those in the bucket, from some unknown cause, exploded, blowing off the top of his head, shattering his right arm to the elbow, blowing away his right leg from near the hip to the ankle, and puncturing his abdomen. He was blown about 20 feet from where he was standing at the time of the explosion. He was unmarried but is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Messrs W. L. Rawlings, T. H. Holmes, R. M. Powell and John Slaughter of Goldsboro were visitors here today stopping at the Davis House.

## REAL ESTATE SELLING WELL

Selling All Over The County And Especially In Morehead City

Real estate activity in Carteret county shows no signs of diminishing. Many deeds are being recorded and besides this first payments and options are being taken on a great deal of property. One or two large deals are now said to be brewing which will come to light in a short time. The following deeds have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in the past few days:

G. A. Lupton and wife to M. P. Jerkins part lot 123 old town, Beaufort for \$315.

C. K. Howe and wife to Lillian W. Hendrix 40 acres Cape Lookout for about \$10.

Eunice E. Roe et al to John F. Hamilton tract Hunting Quarter township for about \$100.

C. S. Willis and wife to Leonda B. Mason one acre in Atlantic for about \$100.

Ira Pelletier and wife to A. B. Willis 1 1-2 acres Morehead Township for about \$1200.

Lorena Dowdy Hasbert to Mrs. K. E. Spencer 4 lots in Morehead City for about \$100.

W. P. Freeman and wife to H. C. Waldrop 1 lot in Morehead City for about \$4000.

Cecilia F. Willis and husband to Waldrop and wife 5 lots in Morehead Mrs. K. E. Spencer 2 lots Morehead G. A. Caton and wife to H. C. City for about \$100.

E. H. Gorham and wife to W. P. Freeman 2 lots Morehead for about \$3000.

W. O. Biggs and wife to W. D. LaRogue 2 lots Morehead City for about \$4000.

Charles Keg and wife to Henry Monroe 2 lots Morehead City, no consideration shown.

Cora Davis to Julia Dudley and husband 1 lot Morehead City for \$1.00.

R. M. Weeks et al to Geo. M. Hilton 150 acres White Oak township for consideration \$100.

## NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM LOCATES IN BEAUFORT

The real estate boom which struck Carteret county some weeks ago is bringing in real estate dealers to both Beaufort and Morehead City. The latest to arrive in Beaufort is the North American Land Company. Dr. W. M. McKeny and Mr. S. A. Eure of Ayden are the principal members of the firm. They have secured quarters in one of the W. S. Chadwick buildings on the south side of Front street and will open up offices there. The new firm has acquired a fine tract of 140 acres on Jarrott's Bay near Smyrna and are thinking of using it for the purpose of establishing a colony of Summer residents there. In addition to developing resort property the firm also does an auction business in town lots and farm lands. One of the other of the concern will be in Beaufort constantly from now on.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A golden anniversary was celebrated Sunday March 21, 1926 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dickinson.

They were married March 21, 1876 at the home of her grand mother, Mrs. R. D. Springle, by the Reverend J. L. Guthrie. The anniversary was celebrated by a big dinner. The guests consisted of her children, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Styron, Mr and Mrs John Dickinson and Lewis Dickinson, also their grand children and great grand children. There was about seventy-five in all. All report a happy day, and wishing the old couple many more happy years.

Written by her grand-daughter, Miss Annie Styron of Beaufort, N. C.

Miss Annie Morton of the N. C. Teachers' College spent the week-end here with her mother Mrs. D. W. Morton.

## SCHOOL MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

Citizens Called Together To Consider School Matter—Letter From Dr. Highsmith

Another mass meeting to consider the school question is to be held tomorrow (Friday) evening. The call for the meeting has been issued by Mayor Thomas. It will take place in the county court room at 7:30 o'clock and the school situation in all its phases will be discussed at that time. Mr. John J. Blair of the State Department of Education is expected to be present and take part in the discussion.

The matter of restoring the High School to the State's accredited list seems to have been settled temporarily at least. As stated in the News last week a committee of citizens went to Raleigh and had a conference with the officials about the matter and obtained a promise that the school would be restored under certain conditions. Since then a letter has been received from Dr. J. J. Highsmith which explains the situation. The letter is as follows:

March 17, 1926

Mr. J. F. Duncan  
Mr. C. R. Wheatly  
Mr. W. H. T aylor  
Mr. E. U. Swann  
Mr. W. A. Mace  
Mr. A. D. O'Brien  
Beaufort, N. C.  
Gentlemen:—

Agreeable to suggestion I take pleasure in stating the conclusion arrived at in the conference which was held with Mr. Blair and me this morning. The following agreement was reached:

If satisfactory arrangement is made to provide adequately for the Beaufort High School by June 1, 1926, the high school will be placed upon the accredited list for the session 1925-26 and to remain on the accredited list thereafter so long as the requirements are met. Satisfactory arrangement for the high school means that the necessary financial arrangement must be made for building and equipment. It means also that whatever financial arrangement is necessary whether by loans, bonds or otherwise will be made with the voting of a sufficient tax rate to guarantee that plans agreed upon will be executed.

This agreement provides that Mr. U. E. Swann, W. A. Mace and A. D. O'Brien representing the Board of Trustees of the Beaufort Graded School, W. H. Taylor, Chairman of the County Board of Education of Carteret County and C. R. Wheatly and J. F. Duncan, appointed at a mass meeting recently held in Beaufort, together with Mr. John J. Blair State Director of School House Planning, shall determine what provision shall be made in order to carry out the intent and purpose of this agreement. The plans shall have been definitely set forth and agreed upon by June 1, 1926, in order that the Beaufort High School may be given accredited rating.

With ever good wish for the largest measure of success in your undertaking and with a desire to render every possible assistance, I am,

Cordially yours,  
J. Henry Highsmith  
State High School Supervisor.

## GROUP COMMENCEMENTS DRAWING LARGE CROWDS

The group center commencements of the Carteret county public schools are going ahead according to schedule. The first one was held in Atlantic Monday and was a big success from every standpoint. The attendance was large, the contests were interesting and the exhibits of work by the pupils were creditable. At Smyrna on Wednesday a crowd estimated at a thousand or more was present. The same program that obtained at Atlantic was carried through with much success. The winners in the various contests that are being held will come to Beaufort for the final commencement on the 9th of April. A commencement is to be held at the Newport school on Friday and at White Oak on next Tuesday, where the same program that took place at Atlantic and Smyrna will be carried through.

## BEAUFORT'S ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN WILL BE STARTED NEXT MONTH

A Fund of About \$3000 Has Been Raised To Boost The Town. Will Advertise In Leading Dailies

## ADVERTISING EASTERN CAROLINA CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce has awarded contract to the Greensboro Advertising Company of Greensboro, N. C. to advertise the entire Eastern Section of the State, comprising forty-six (46) counties.

This advertising will be in the nature of Newspaper, Trade Journals and Booklets for follow-up work.

Representatives of the Greensboro Advertising Company will soon be in this section gathering industrial and agricultural data to be used in this advertising campaign. Weekly bulletins will be issued in all newspapers for the duration of this campaign.

W. F. ROBERTSON

## WEST BEAUFORT IMPROVEMENTS.

A consignment of red maples has been received this week and are being planted along the streets of West Beaufort. Mr. C. W. Hodges who owns several lots there has had some shrubbery and trees planted on them.

## PERMITS TO WED.

Marriage licenses issued recently are as follows:

John Paruly, Conway, S. C. and Sylvester Chatam, Beaufort, Ernest Smith, Reidsville, Va. and Neva B. Gaskill, Beaufort.

N. W. Potter, New York and Pauline Newberry, Newport, N. C.

## NICE OFFICE FITTED UP.

The second floor of the Bank of Beaufort building has been fitted up for office purposes and will be occupied by Messrs. J. F. Duncan, C. R. Wheatly and George J. Brooks. The rooms are well arranged and will be very convenient and comfortable, particularly in summer when the south winds are blowing. Mr. Duncan is already occupying his new rooms and the others will move in a few days.

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The Parent-Teacher's Association held its regular meeting at the graded school of the evening of March 16, at 7:30.

The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. U. E. Swann after which the audience poened in singing America.

The subject for the evening was "Health Habits." The program committee consisted of Mrs. Hugh Overstreet, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Stubbs and Miss Swann. The program as follows:

Reading—"Keeping the Child Healthy" read by Mrs. Haywood.

Health Drill—Children from Miss Everett's room.

Reading—"What the Parent-Teacher's Associations are doing for the children" read by Mrs. Swann.

Health Song—Children from third grade.

Address by Dr. Britt, County Health Officer. The business meeting followed the program.

It was voted that our Association join the state and national P. T. A. It was also voted to purchase scales for the school to aid Dr. Britt in his work. Donations were asked to help pay for the scales and the Miss Arrington's class got the two dollar attendance prize.

The April meeting will be the last meeting for the school year and at that meeting officers will be elected for the coming year.

The subject for the April meeting will be "Better Homes." The program committee will be Mrs. Edd Potter, chairman; Mrs. Chas. Hatzel and Miss Brummitt.

Mrs. S. F. Hildebrand,  
Chairman of Publicity Com.

Messrs. William St. Onge and Earl Robinson of Westerly, Rhode Island, arrived last week on a visit to the family of Mayor T. M. Thomas Jr.

Mr. U. E. Swann went to New Bern Wednesday on a business trip.

For the first time in its history the town of Beaufort is going to put on an advertising campaign. Up to and including Wednesday a total of \$2755 had been secured for advertising purposes and as several possible contributors had not been seen it was thought by those in charge that a total of \$3000 would finally be gotten.

A meeting of the board of town commissioners was held at the city hall last Friday evening at which time the advertising campaign was definitely launched. Mayor Thomas and commissioners, Noe, Maxwell, Smith and Whitehurst were present. Mr. E. G. Stallings an advertising man from Wilmington was present and submitted figures as to the cost of advertising in several of the leading daily newspapers of the State and for having some booklets printed.

Messrs. J. F. Duncan, G. J. Brooks, A. D. O'Brien and C. R. Wheatly were present and took part in the discussion that took place. It was finally decided that the town ought to do some advertising and that the board should pay part of the expense; the rest of the money to be raised by voluntary subscriptions. On motion of Commissioner Smith an order was passed to appropriate \$1500 for the purpose of advertising the town. A committee to handle the matter was appointed composed of G. J. Brooks, C. S. Maxwell, A. D. O'Brien and W. L. Stancil. The clerk was in-merced to help raise the funds. At a meeting of the board of directors of this organization held Monday it was decided to turn over some funds already secured and also to help raise more.

Secretary J. P. Betts, R. W. Jernigan and R. B. Wheatly were appointed a committee to help solicit funds. It is understood that the newspaper advertising will start early in April and that it will include newspapers published in Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Durham. Several thousand booklets will be printed for general distribution also.

## BEAUFORT WILL BROADCAST ON TENTH OF MAY

It seems that the town of Beaufort will soon have an opportunity of taking to the air metaphorically. That is to say arrangements have been made for the use of a broadcasting station for one hour to put on a Beaufort program. Billie Burke, travelling representative of the Tower-Binford Electrical Supply Company of Richmond, Va. was in town Wednesday and offered the services of a Richmond broadcasting station to the town. The date set is the 10th of May. Mr. Burke had a talk with Mr. E. D. Doyle and some others and his proposition was accepted. There is no charge for the use of the station. Beaufort will have to get up a program of music, speaking or whatever it may be. The details of the matter have not been worked out as yet and when this has been done the News will give further information about it. It is understood that New Bern and Morehead City are also going to put on programs on the same night as Beaufort. The Richmond station is said to be a very good one and that it covers a large territory.

## GAME WARDEN GODWIN MAKES INSPECTION TRIP

Game Warden D. J. Godwin made a trip through Core Sound last week for the purpose of seeing whether any violations of the law were going on or not. He reports a great deal of game in the waters of that section but did not hear of any violations of the law. He says that the citizens generally speaking think that the game should have some protection and are in favor of obeying the law.

A lot of people drive as fast as if they were going to the doctor. And some of them are, but don't know it. Selected.