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PRISON OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH SELLING PARDONS TO CONVICTS

Considerable Excitement Caused in Raleigh By Statement Made by Prison Chaplain W. S. Shacklette. Democratic and Republican Convention Speakers Selected. Kugler Appointed Highway Commissioner

(BY M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., March 29th.—The airing of the scandal over selling pardons to prisoners, appointment of a new highway commissioner for the first district, naming of a Democratic keynote speaker, organization of the Education Commission and the controversy over the appointment of a new state service officer at Charlotte were the highlights in a busy week at the Capital. It was by far the busiest week in many months. This week also bids fair to be an interesting one for the charges of traffic in pardons will be thoroughly aired and the case of the growers seeking dissolution of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association opened in Federal Court here today.

The charges preferred by Prison Chaplain W. S. Shacklette that Prison Superintendent G. R. Pou and Pardon Commissioner H. Hoyle Sink had been selling pardons, dropped on the Capital City like a bombshell. B. E. Everett of the Board of Trustees brought the matter to the attention of that body but Mr. Shacklette declared he had not charged Mr. Pou with selling clemency and refused to discuss the other charges until his lawyer was present. The Board adjourned until this Thursday when the matter will be gone into thoroughly.

Mr. Pou characterized the charges as ridiculous and Mr. Sink said they were absolutely false. Governor McLean declared that neither man had had anything to do with the pardon to W. W. Green, negro army officer of Greensboro. It was this pardon for which these two officials were charged with receiving \$1,000.

Key Note Speakers

Naming of a Democratic key note speaker in the person of W. C. Feinster of Newton starts the political ship on its way a sailing. The Republican keynote will be Frank W. Mondell and he will speak on April 8 while the Democratic "thunderer" will talk to the natives on April 29. The selection seems to please the incumbents of office well. Mr. Feinster is known to be a thorough going Democrat and that's what's necessary to extol the virtues and minimize the faults of the majority party.

The selection of Frank C. Kugler of Washington as state highway commissioner from the First District succeeding W. A. Hart, deceased, was a happy and excellent choice on the part of Governor McLean and has received favorable commendation on all sides. Mr. Kugler has been interested in the affairs of his community for a long time and brings to his new duties a thorough knowledge of what should be done for roads.

The appointment of a new service officer at Charlotte to succeed Service officer Noell aroused considerable interest in the Capital this week. Commissioner of Labor and Printing Grist appointed Noell some time ago but now wishes to get rid of him, "for the good of the service" he says while Noell's friends claim for "political reasons." A committee composed of former service men waited on commissioner Grist during the week and a compromise was reached. The result is the State pays the right for Noell will be retained for two months longer and will then resign and the new man starts to work at once. The State will thus pay two salaries for the job. The reason given is that the new man will have to acquaint himself with the work.

The case against the Tobacco Co-ops seeking its dissolution opened in Federal Court here today. The Association is fighting for its life and the case is expected to last throughout the week. Judge Meekins is presiding and an array of attorneys are present for both sides.

The Education Commission appointed by Governor McLean with authority of the legislature was organized during the week with J. C. Carr of Wilmington as chairman. The Commission will consider the educational

system of North Carolina from every angle and probably will not report for several months.

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MAY BRIDGE BOGUE SOUND.

In this issue of the News there appears a notice of an application for permission to build a bridge across Bogue Sound. The board of county commissioners will be asked for this permission at their meeting on May the 3rd. A charter has been granted to the Atlantic Beach Bridge Corporation, W. A. Mace president, the purpose of the said corporation being to build a bridge from the foot of 24th street Morehead City to Bogue Banks. Plans are being prepared for the bridge and the News probably will give fuller details as to it in its next issue. Local capitalists and Morehead City capitalists have acquired an option on a large tract of land on the banks which it is understood they will develop.

NEW BERN MAY GET DEEPER WATERWAY

Washington, D. C.—Congressman Abernethy has secured the approval by the Rivers and Harbors committee of a project to improve Neuse River from the present Inland Waterway up to the wharves at New Bern to a depth of twelve feet at mean low water. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$50,000.00 and \$2,000.00 annually for maintenance. The channel will be three hundred feet wide, and the project is subject to the condition that there shall be rail connection satisfactory to the Chief of Engineers to the wharves at New Bern.

This improvement means much to Eastern North Carolina at this time in view of the fact that New Bern has been made a distributing point for various products throughout Eastern North Carolina. The products come to New Bern by boat and barge and are distributed from there by motor truck and rail throughout the various parts of the State.

NORMAN GASKILL STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Mr Norman Gaskill of Sea Level who was hurt in an auto accident Thursday a week ago, according to reports is thought to be improving some but is still in a critical condition. He is in the Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville. Mr. Gaskill was struck by a passenger train on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad near Smithfield while driving his fish truck. The truck was demolished and he was badly injured. A blow on his head rendered him unconscious and though he has regained his consciousness at times, he has not been able to remain so. Mr. Gaskill is regarded as one of the county's best citizens. He has been engaged in business at Sea Level for many years. He was for one term a member of the board of county commissioners. His misfortune has been greatly regretted by his many friends in this section.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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

Harold Sommins and Julia Ken; Newport.

Caton Waters and Lena Dudley, Peletier.

William R. Willis and Mrs. Charlotte M. Phillips, Morehead City.

K. W. Oscar and George Lillian Simmons, Morehead City.

Walter J. Bryant and Alimisa Fisher, Morehead City.

LAND SELLING IS VERY ACTIVE NOW

All Parts Of The County Affected By Boom In Real Estate More real estate has changed

hands in Carteret county in the past few months perhaps than in any previous year of its entire existence. The Register of Deeds office is a busy place and is not able to keep up with the flood of papers that are filed for record. The News is publishing in this issue the greatest number of transfers that it has ever printed at one time. These transactions are going on in all parts of the county Morehead City, Beaufort, Newport, Atlantic and other places all show signs of real estate activity. The list up to Thursday morning follows:

W. W. Willis to W. H. Wheatly one acre Morehead ownshp for about \$100.

Clyde Willis to A. I. Glass et al lot 14 block 13 Morehead City for \$100 other valuable considerations.

Owen G. Davis and wife to D. R. Willis lot 12 block 2 Bogue Bluffs for \$1500.

James Willis and wife to D. B. Willis lots 9, 10 block 26 Morehead City for \$500.

Duffy Wade and wife to Bogue Development Corp. lot 16 block 5 Morehead City for \$2000.

Carolina Coastal Estate to T. D. Warren 2 tracts Morehead Township for consideration not shown.

G. D. Canfield to W. T. Britton lots 5 block 110 Morehead City for \$100.

Asa G. Gaskin and wife to W. D. Gaskins 3-8 acres near Camp Glenn for \$450.

Asa G. Gaskin and wife to Allen Dudley 3-8 acres near Camp Glenn for \$100.

W. P. Freeman and wife to Harold Maxwell lot 5 block 6 Morehead Township for \$375.

Julius Lewis and wife to W. M. Webb sub division Eaton property shore no. 7 tract 3 for \$650.

D. S. Salter and wife to W. F. Sulten 2 1-2 acres near Broad Creek Morehead Township for \$100.

D. S. Salter and wife to E. S. Gaither 2 1-2 acres east side of Broad Creek Morehead City for \$75.

W. B. Blades and wife to J. R. Taylor lot 2 block 34, lot 4 and 5 block 36, lots 1, 2, 3, and 5 block 38 Morehead City for \$9,333.00.

Lida P. Duffy to Dr. C. G. Fereby lot 11 west 1-2 lot 12 block 11 Morehead City for \$1000.

Dr. C. G. Fereby and wife to J. C. Coper lot 11 west, 1-2 lot 12 block 11 for \$1000.

C. T. Small and wife to A. R. Willis 700 acres More or less known as Winthrop place Merrimon township for \$15000.

Mary A. Johnson to B. P. Gray 20 acres Newport Township for about \$100.

B. P. Gray to Mary Ann Johnson 23 acres Newport Township for about \$100.

J. B. Paul to James Wingate in town of Newport for \$200.

W. E. Gresson to A. J. Hollock et al 3 1-2 acres near Broad Creek Newport Township for \$10, other considerations.

George Duncan and wife to Lottie Luleport lot 78 old Town Beaufort no consideration shown.

W. B. Longest and wife to E. Frank Lee and wife lot 12 new town Beaufort for \$5000.

Jas. R. Hancock to Sallie G. Hancock lot Beaufort for \$10 and other valuable consideration.

S. A. Rice and wife to R. E. Chaplain part lot 46 old town for \$100, and other considerations.

R. E. Whitehurst Trustee to J. B. Paul south half of lot 132 old town for about \$1050.

Mary A. Clawson to C. A. Clawson Sr. right of way on Craven street for \$10.

Geo. J. Brooks et al to Geo. D. Dail plat on Front street for \$500, and other considerations.

W. S. Chadwick to Geo. J. Brooks Trustee part lot 17 old town Beaufort for \$500, and other considerations.

C. L. Duncan and wife to Emmett Chaplain lot 113 new town for \$200. Cape Lookout Development Corp. to Gebb Arthur lot 6 block 30 Harkers Island township for \$100.

Chas. L. Taylor to Vernon Taylor 1 acre more or less in Sealvel for \$40.

HIGHWAY FILL IS MAKING PROGRESS

More Than 1500 Feet Finished Last Tuesday And Going Ahead Rapidly

Any one who has seen the work accomplished by the dredge Neverest can easily visualize without much stretch of the imagination the boulevard that will one day lie between Beaufort and Morehead City. With the mind's eye one can easily see a broad highway, electrically lighted over which a stream of limousines, sedans, Ford touring cars, busses, trucks and pedestrians will pour.

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. Duncan, who has the contract for the fill kindly carried Mr. A. J. Cooke proprietor of the Davis House and the News man over to see the dredge at work. The latter two were greatly impressed with what they saw. A stream of sand and mud at the rate of 3000 cubic yards every twenty four hours is pouring out of the pipes. On Tuesday 1500 lineal feet of the fill had been constructed. About 276 lineal feet has been the best run in one day. At the rate of progress being made it will not be more than a few weeks before a mile of the fill will be finished. After the dredge gets through it will be necessary to take a scraper and go over the work for the purpose of leveling it up and getting it ready for the concrete. The material excavated dries very rapidly and apparently it will not be a great while before the roadway will be ready for the concrete. The News understands that when the bridge fill is done that the dredge will be put to work on a contract to fill a marsh for Mr. Sam Morgan.

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POLICE COURT HAD ONLY FOUR CASES MONDAY

There were four cases set for trial in the court of Mayor Thomas Monday afternoon, all of them involving colored people. George Davis operating a car without license, pleaded guilty and was let off with the costs amounting to \$3.90. Mark Washington charged with an assault on Rosa Belle Pigott admitted that he struck her and was given the option of a \$10 fine or ten days on the streets. He chose the latter. Jim Chadwick charged with taking some wood which Ernest Fenderson had piled up on the shore near the Inlet Inn, admitted taking the wood but said he did not know it belonged to Fenderson. He was let off with the costs amounting to \$4.80.

A case that brought a large number of witnesses and several spectators was that in which Bernie Burr was accused of having slandered Nettie Davis. In telling about the case the prosecuting witness got considerably excited. She pounded on the desk and said she would have shot the defendant if she had had a gun. She also criticized her husband for not having enough backbone to defend her. Several witnesses swore that she was a woman of good character. After the evidence was heard Attorney Wheatly for the defense and Attorney Hill for the prosecution agreed that the evidence was not sufficient to ask that Burr be bound over. Whereupon the Mayor dismissed the warrant.

WOMEN APPOINTED FOR SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

In response to a request from the mass meeting held last Friday evening a committee of women has been selected to assist in the school campaign. The list furnished the News is as follows:

Mrs. Harry Parkin; Mrs. Clarence Guthrie; Mrs. Claude Wheatly; Mrs. Frank King; Mrs. H. M. Hendrix; Mrs. Minnie Willis; Mrs. B. C. Way; Mrs. Ed. Potter; Mrs. Otis Moore; Miss Lessie Arrington; Mrs. W. H. Farbour; Miss Ella Davis; Mrs. S. H. Haywood; Mrs. G. W. Lay; Mrs. D. W. Morton; Miss Lottie Sanders; Mrs. J. H. Stubbs; Mrs. Bayard aylor; Mrs. Dave Whitehurst; Mrs. Ray Wheatly; Mrs. Chas. Smith; Mrs. Alex Garner; Mrs. Martin Bloodgood.

JOHN E. CAMERON DIED LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Kinston, March 28—John E. Cameron, grand master of the Masons of North Carolina, died at his Rose of Sharon home at 1 o'clock this morning. He was 59 years of age and the head of a large family. Probably no man in America had held so many Masonic honors, according to Grand Lodge officers. For many years he was prominent in politics, having held the office of deputy United States marshal and deputy collector of revenue for long terms. He was a leader of his party in the second congressional district. Although a Republican, he was appointed to the state highway commission as one of its original members.

Mr. Cameron was in failing health many months. Complications caused his death. Friends here were unaware that his condition was critical, and the report of his death reaching the city during the forenoon brought something of a shock to the community. He was formerly a man of exceptional physique and strength. He was a native of Green county. His ancestors lived in Moore county. He was a member of the Methodist church at Sharon and active in support of it and neighborhood civic affairs.

Kinston, were injured in an automobile accident near here tonight.

The body of Mrs. Smith, who appeared to have been instantly killed, an dthe injured persons were found on a road scattered about a high-powered car, which was said to have turned a complete somersault, landing right side up.

Miss Huggins and Spear were brought to the hospital in this city. Both appeared to be seriously hurt. Surgeons said their injuries were not necessarily fatal. Mrs. Smith was said to have been a sister of Miss Huggins. Young Spear is a member of a prominent local family. There was no eye witness to the accident, so far as authorities could learn.

MUCH INTEREST AT MASS MEETING

Simpson Field Site Chosen Ample Room For Building And Grounds- Committee Appointed

The mass meeting to consider the school question held in the county court room Thursday evening was a harmonious and enthusiastic occasion. The attendance might have been larger but there was a right good sized crowd present any way.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor T. M. Thomas Jr, who stated that it was to supplement a meeting held two weeks ago before Mr. J. F. Duncan offered a motion which prevailed, that all members of the school board should come on the rostrum and preside over the meeting. Chairman U. E. Swann then stated that arrangements had been made to put the school on the accredited list provided certain conditions laid down by the State Department were complied with. He said the local board had done all it could to keep the school on the list and that it was now up to the people to put it there permanently. Mr. Duncan then made a report for the committee that went to Raleigh. He referred to and read a letter from Dr. J. H. Highsmith which said that something must be done before June the first. Building an annex is out of the question as that would not be satisfactory. The only solution he said is to erect a new building.

Mr. John J. Blair State Superintendent of Schoolhouse Planning was the next speaker. Mr. Blair spoke of Beaufort in a very complimentary manner referring to it as one of the beautiful towns of the State. He said that beauty was a great asset to a town and that a handsome school building with fine grounds would be something to be proud of and would be a fine thing in every way for the town. He said that a building with 20 rooms was necessary and that the Simpson field site was a good one and could be made into a very attractive place. Ample room would be had there for building, baseball field and a town park if desired. His speech seemed to make a very favorable impression.

Chairman Swann then asked all who would so to discuss the question.

Those who responded were W. A. Mace, A. D. O'Brien, Clarence Guthrie, M. Leslie Davis, Mrs. W. V. B. Potter, Mrs. H. C. Jones, G. W. Huntley, J. A. Hornaday Jr. C. R. Wheatly, Mrs. Thos. Duncan. The consensus of opinion as expressed by the various speakers was to the effect that a new school building is needed and that every effort should be made to get it. Mr. J. F. Duncan asked that any who opposed the Simpson field site, proposed for the school, state their objection. Nobody responded. A motion was offered by Mr. Huntley that the same committee that had been in charge of the school matter be continued. The motion was put by the chair and carried. The chairman then suggested that a large committee named to push the campaign for the school. A list of names for this purpose was proposed by Mr. Duncan and accepted. A motion was also passed asking the various women's organizations in town to join in the campaign for the school. A motion was passed authorizing the chairman to add other names to the committee as he saw fit. The campaign committee is composed of the following:

W. L. Stancil, Geo. J. Brooks, G. W. Huntley, W. G. Mebane, John H. Dill, Bonner Willis, Dr. E. B. Whitehurst, Seth Gibbs, I. T. Noe, R. B. Wheatly, W. R. Longest, T. G. Willis, E. L. Davis, L. J. Noe, C. S. Maxwell, J. A. Hornaday Jr. Jack Parkin, D. W. Whitehurst, D. M. Jones, C. H. Bushall, A. T. Gardner, Leslie Whitehurst, John T. White, Dr. Geo. Davis, W. T. Davis, D. M. DeNoyer, Graham W. Duncan, S. D. Ford.

CANTATA SUNDAY EVENING

An Easter cantata is to be given at the Ann Street Methodist church Sunday evening at the regular 7:30 services. The church choir will render the music and has been making considerable preparation thereof.