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TOBACCO CO-OPERATIVE HEARING SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A DRAW

No Receiver Appointed But Judge Meekins Holds In His Jurisdiction For Further Consideration- Penitentiary Inquiry Postponed Again

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C. April 5.—The trial of the suit against the Tri State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing Association seeking its dissolution and the airing of charges of trafficking in pardons were the chief events of the Capital City last week.

The suit against the co-ops ended in what might be termed a draw. After a week of testimony, Judge Meekins dismissed the request for a receiver to take over the Association's affairs and then held the cause of action within the jurisdiction of the court for further disposition at a later time. This was taken to indicate that the Federal Court will watch the workings of the co-ops, which organization is said to be undergoing a housecleaning, and if said housecleaning is not accomplished, something further may be heard from the court.

The traffic in pardons alleged to have been charged against Prison Superintendent George Ross Pou and Pardon Commissioner H. Hoyle Sink by Prison Chaplain W. S. Shacklette were not sustained at the meeting last week. The trustees of the Prison found themselves without power to investigate the charges as to Mr. Sink, as he is responsible only to the Governor, and after inviting Mr. Shacklette to talk, which that official declined to do after denying he had made charges against Mr. Pou and that he had filed only "information" not charges, the Board adjourned. It notified Mr. Shacklette and all parties that if there were any charges to be made against prison officials to make them and the Board would immediately consider them.

Another angle entered into the inquiry however for at the request of Governor McLean, Attorney General Brummitt appeared at the meeting and notified all concerned the Governor had directed him to investigate the charges against Mr. Sink. All parties agreeing to attend such investigation, Mr. Brummitt named Tuesday, April 6, as the date of the investigation.

Another audit of State Prison was issued during the week but aside from being a mass of figures, to the average man it means little. The figures take into account this and that method of accounting in order to show State Prison operating at a profit but it is said the net result of the whole is that there is a profit on the "accrual" basis of financing but on the "cash" basis, and this is the basis which Governor McLean claims he is operating the State under, there is a deficit. The State Prison continues to be one section of the State government under Governor McLean which is operating under the "accrual" basis of financing. In the face of newspaper attacks on the audit, Governor McLean issued a statement defending the audit and expressing pleasure with the management of the prison in 1925.

The Salary and Wage Commission announced Friday that it had increased the salaries of 37 employees at its March meeting with a total annual increase of \$8,060. A number of Departments shared in the increases.

The request of the Western Union for an increase of rates throughout the State has again been set for May 10. The Western Union wants to make a general increase in rates about 13 percent.

Governor McLean is still considering the request of representative women for a survey of working conditions of women in industry in the State. The Governor expressed himself as believing the women wanted a Federal agency to make the survey to which the women have replied they want any agency which is "responsible."

The income tax collections for March ran over five million dollars which was an increase of more than a million and a half over March of last year. This mass of money more than wipes out the deficit in the General fund of the State.

Radio trouble which has been bo-

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SANFORD-BROOKS TESTS CHANNEL FOR PILING

The Sanford-Brooks Co. is now testing the bottom of the channel south of the Beaufort draw bridge for the concrete piling which the State Highway representative expects they will be able to start driving about May 1st. Seven pine piles from 40 to 50 feet long have been driven and one more is to be driven. They found the bottom soft in places, but altogether able to sustain the concrete piles.

CITY BOARD LETS PAVING CONTRACT

To Pave Part of Broad Street-Franchise Granted For Ferry Line

The city commissioners at their meeting Monday gave a contract for paving Broad street from Turner to Live Oak and passed upon several other matters of considerable importance. Mayor Thomas and all members of the board were present.

The only bid on the paving contract received was that of the Simmons Construction Corporation. The paving will probably be a concrete base, the price of which is \$1.62 a yard, and an asphalt top at \$1.30 per yard. The price bid on sidewalks was \$1.60 per yard. The prices charged for paving Mr. Simmons stated, were the same as the other paving done by his company except that the asphalt would be four cents a yard higher due to the fact that lake asphalt would be used, instead of the asphaltic oil used on the first job. The excavation is to be done at the city's expense.

A delegation of citizens came before the board to protest against the removal of the side tracks on Broad street and also against the removal of the fish platform near the passenger station. Messrs. J. H. Potter Sr., Hal V. Potter and B. C. Way stated that it would be a great handicap to the fish business to move the platform. Messrs. Potter also spoke against removing the siding. The board decided in both cases to let matters stand as they are. Commissioner Noe voted to remove the siding but the others voted against the removal.

An application for a ferry franchise from F. G. Heath was presented to the board and acted on favorably. He proposes to run a ferry line between Beaufort and Morehead City to carry automobiles and passengers. Commissioner Smith voted against the granting of the franchise; Commissioners Noe, Whitehurst and Parkin favored it. A bill was presented by W. E. Skarren and Company for putting in pipe lines for \$4267 and was ordered paid. The board passed a motion instructing the City Clerk to get prices from hardware companies on iron seats suitable for use on the water front. The tax on pool tables was fixed at \$10 per table for half a year.

Mrs. West Taylor made application to be relieved of her city taxes and an order was passed to that effect. The board ordered some bills paid and adjourned.

CARTERET COTTON CROP

There were 344 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned and to be ginned from the crop of 1925 according to the ginner's report. There were 289 bales ginned in 1924. Craven county's crop for 1925 was 3042 bales.

AUTO ACCIDENT.

An automobile accident occurred at the corner of Ann and Orange Streets Tuesday when a Ford touring car driven by Clyde Owens was hit by a Ford Coupe, causing it to turn over breaking both rear wheels, bent the front fender and the top. The car was the property of Charles Owens Jr. No one was hurt.

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE STILL BUSY

Land Selling On Bogue Sound Is Now Quite Active

Almost as much real estate changed hands last week as during the week before. The Morehead Bluffs Development seems to be the center of interest for the time being, but other parts of the County are not by any means idle.

Oliver Smith and wife to Denard Smith lot 9 block 147 Morehead City for about \$450.

N. W. Potter and wife to R. E. Lyman and wife lot 12 13 block 21, for \$100 and other consideration

J. H. Davis and wife to J. W. Alfred and wife tract on Bogue Sound Morehead township for about \$700.

W. R. Poren and wife to J. H. Davis tract on Bogue Sound for \$200. Morehead Township.

F. M. Simmons to Bertie I. Willis et al lot 5 block 80 Morehead City for \$100 and other considerations.

S. A. Duplanty to Harry G. Goger lots 9 and 10 Morehead City for \$500. and other considerations.

Frances Allen Howland to C. K. Freeman et al lot 8 block 63 Morehead City for \$1000.

Geo. T. Duffy and wife to Owen G. Dunn lot Morehead City for \$10 and other considerations.

D. H. Hagler to Nannie P. Geffroy lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10; 11; 12; Morehead City for \$10. and other valuable considerations.

R. D. Hagler to Bogue Development Corporation 20 acres near Morehead City for \$10 and other considerations

Bertie I. Willis et al to F. M. Simmons lot 7 block 107 Morehead City for \$800.

Bogue Development Corp. to J. S. McHallen lots 3, 4, 5, block 61 Morehead City for \$100 and other valuable considerations.

E. H. and J. A. Meadows to E. K. Bishop Co 2 tracts Morehead township for \$10.

J. B. Sawyer and wife to Jas. J. Frizzell part lot 9 block 67 Morehead City for \$800.

Taylor's Creek Fish Scrap and Oil Co. to Guy Daniels tract near Beaufort for \$375.

G. W. Duncan to W. L. Stancil part lot 66 old town Beaufort for \$10 and other valuable considerations.

W. S. Chadwick to Atlantic Beach Corp. tract Beaufort township for \$10 and other valuable considerations

T. W. Skarren and wife to G. W. Duncan part lot 66 old town for \$10 and other valuable consideration.

J. B. Small and wife to Blades Motor Corp. 1 lot Beaufort for about \$500.

J. A. Hornaday and wife to Mrs. Ruth Conleton lot Beaufort for (Continued on page five)

GIBBS BROS. HAVE DISASTROUS FIRE

Wednesday Afternoon Blaze Destroys Stables And Livestock

A disastrous fire early Wednesday afternoon on the farm occupied by the Gibbs brothers about a mile from town resulted in the loss of all the stables, one horse, some farming implements, and other property. The town fire truck was summoned, but arrived late and was unable to be of any help because there were no water connections on the farm. A considerable crowd of people was attracted from West Beaufort and from town and rendered valuable assistance in saving a large quantity of cord wood.

In all seven stables and one chicken house were burned to the ground, one horse was burned to death and one mule so badly burned that he is expected to die, and one old automobile, about ten bushels of corn and some farming implements were destroyed. A new automobile was saved through the efforts of Mr. George Norcom.

No one on the farm knew about the fire until it had got beyond control. The men were away and before help could be had, the buildings were a total loss. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have been the result of the carelessness of some passerby.

REPUBLICANS HOLD CONVENTION HERE

Delegates Appointed To State Convention- Adopt Resolution Asking For County Audit

Since the primary system went in to effect in this county some years ago, county political conventions are not so large as they once were. The Republican convention held in Beaufort last Saturday had about the usual attendance, not a large crowd but delegates from practically all over the county were present. The convention was harmonious and although there was considerable discussion there was not serious split about any thing.

County Chairman A. L. Wilson of Newport called the convention to order and asked W. G. Mebane to act as secretary. The committee on credentials was dispensed with as there was no objection. A committee on resolutions and organization was elected and also one on selecting a county ticket. Chairman Wilson then called E. Walter Hill to the chair as temporary chairman. Mr. Hill spoke on the necessity of having two parties in the county, he referred to the progress that the county had made in recent years and said no party can be successful unless it is progressive. He said however that the taxpayers' money should be spent in such a manner as to get full value. He thought the people ought to know what money has been spent for and that an audit of the county's affairs should be made. He pleaded for harmony in the Republican ranks and predicted a victory in November if all work together.

The report of the resolutions committee was made by the chairman J. F. Duncan. The other members of the committee were D. M. Jones, A. L. Wilson, Warden Murphy and C. R. Wheatly. The report pointed with pride to the record of the national administration, commended State organization, the county's member of the State committee and the county organization. It endorsed the plan of revising the Republican plan of organization in North Carolina, so as to have three members of the State committee all elected by the Congressional conventions, also went on record as opposed to any person holding one of the major Federal offices for more than two terms and opposed members of State committee applying for Federal office for themselves or others. E. F. Carraway offered a resolution calling for an audit of the county's affairs. It was carried.

The matter of selecting a county ticket was discussed fully and finally was reached to do nothing about it. A motion was passed making all Republicans from the county who attend the state convention delegates. A motion was also passed that delegates should vote as a unit, that is according to majority rule. D. M. Jones was elected County Chairman and Jas. Wallace Mason secretary. The convention then adjourned.

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Mr. L. C. Brogden, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools, will make a short address to members of the seventh grade.

At present, none of the county schools have teachers for Public School Music, but songs are taught in all grades and music is a part of the morning exercises. The songs will be such as one might hear when visiting the morning exercises or attending a club meeting on Friday afternoon.

The hotel at Atlantic was destroyed by fire last Friday evening. The fire began at around 7 o'clock and in a few hours the building and most of its contents were in ruins. The home of Mr. William Nelson nearby also had a narrow escape and most of the furniture was moved out of it and considerably damaged thereby. The hotel is supposed to have caught fire from a flue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Mason owners of the hotel lost heavily by the fire. They had about \$3000 insurance but the damage is estimated at around \$15,000. The hotel was doing a good business and at the time of the fire there were twenty guests registered there. The News hears that it is probable that another hotel, and probably a larger one, will be built in Atlantic but has no definite information about the matter at this time.

The meeting of the garden club to be held today will be postponed until Thursday April 15, at 3 P. M. at the Rest Room.

Mrs. George W. Lay, Chairman Garden Club

BRIDGE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wheatly delightfully entertained at Bridge last Thursday evening. Bright spring flowers in attractive holders decorated the living room in which the tables were placed. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bushall, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Bloodgood Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adair, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Betts, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleet of Mattituck, N. Y., Mrs. Eva Bravado, Miss Brummitt, Messrs James Noe, Dick Rice and George Whagly. A delicious ice course was served by the hostess.

WATER YOUR CREPE MYRTLES

The crepe myrtles put out this spring should be watered well at this time and hereafter, at least once a week. The best method is to draw away the earth a little from the plant and pour in water slowly, allowing it to soak in until a bucketful has been given to each tree. Then put back the dry earth which will act as a mulch and prevent evaporation.

A. B. LAY
Chairman Garden Club

ROOK CLUB ENTERTAINED.

The Rook Club was delightfully entertained last Tuesday evening with cards and refreshments at the home of Mrs. J. H. Potter Jr. Five tables of rook were played and an ice course was served during the evening. Those present were Miss Lessie Arrington, Mrs. C. S. Maxwell, Miss Gladys Chadwick, Mrs. Ed. Potter, Mrs. C. R. Wheatly, Mrs. W. V. B. Potter, Miss Nannie Potter, Mrs. H. M. Hendrix, Miss Laura Thomas, Mrs. J. A. Hornaday Jr., Mrs. Brady Way, Mrs. Roland Davis, Miss Ella Davis, Mrs. J. W. Mason, Mrs. U. E. Swann, Mrs. N. F. Eure, Mrs. Frank Hyde, Mrs. T. W. Brinson, Mrs. D. M. DeNoyer and Miss Alice Potter.

COMMENCEMENT TO OCCUR TOMORROW

Contestants From All Over County Come To Beaufort Friday

(By Margaret Guetin Supervisor of Rural Schools)

Carteret County Commencement will be held in Beaufort on Friday, April 9, 1926. Representatives from the various schools, who won out in the contests held at the Group Commencements, will compete for the first place at County Commencement. The contests will be literary music, and athletic.

The purpose of these contests is to put some of the actual results of classroom work before the public and give each school an opportunity to see the work of other schools. During the present school year, the teaching of reading has been stressed because that was the subject which needed the most improvement and each school has been allowed to enter contests in reading. The public will be given an opportunity to hear some of the children read and to hear stories about lessons they have read in school.

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BOARD DECIDES TO BUILD ONLY CONCRETE ROADS

No More Sand Asphalt In Eastern Part of County Board Decides

FERRY FRANCHISE ASKED FOR

The board of county commissioners has decided to build no more sand asphalt roads in the eastern part of the county. This decision was reached at the regular meeting Monday. All members of the board were present. A number of citizens were on hand and heard the matter discussed.

Contractor F. M. Simmons and County engineer George J. Brooks stated that on account of the nature of the soil it was not possible to lay the sand asphalt roadway successfully. They stated that said sand makes a good foundation for a road of this type but that the sort of soil in the eastern section is not suitable and therefore unsatisfactory. Others who participated in the discussion and recommended building a concrete road were Mr. J. R. Morris of Atlantic, Messrs. J. F. Duncan and C. R. Wheatly. The board decided to begin at the east side of North River and build a six inch concrete road 16 feet wide. Work will begin as soon as the necessary materials can be assembled.

An application for permission to build a bridge across Bogue Sound between Morehead City and Atlantic Beach was made to the board by the Atlantic Beach Bridge Corporation. Action was deferred until the next meeting of the board. An application to operate a ferry between Beaufort and Morehead City was made by F. G. Heath of New Bern. Action on this matter went over to the next meeting. Mr. Henry Banks presented a petition asking that a road be built from the head of South river to Lukens. The matter was referred to county engineer Brooks and Commissioner Huntley.

Mr. E. H. Gorham came before the board and asked that the county pave the extension of Arendell street west of Morehead City. It was agreed that the city will extend its limits to take in this territory and that the city will reimburse the county for the cost of the paving. A motion to do the work was passed. A petition to call an election for the Beaufort School district was presented and the election ordered for May 14th. A representative of the State Forestry Association came before the board and asked for an appropriation of \$500 for forest protection. The request was refused. A motion was passed to buy an International tractor. Dr. T. C. Britt's report was read and accepted. Sheriff Wade's tax settlement was approved. Commissioner Huntley and County engineer Brooks were appointed a committee to look after building the bridge across East Ward's creek. J. T. Simpson was relieved of his poll tax. W. J. Fodrie asked for a reduction in taxes on certain property. No action taken. D. W. Sabiston came before the board with reference to claims for damages by building road. No action was taken on the matter. The following named persons were appointed to look after listing taxes:

W. L. Stancil, County Supervisor, List Taker.

Portsmouth and Cedar Island townships, J. R. Jinnett.

Hunting Quarter A. B. Taylor, Smyrna, Straits and Marshallberg M. M. Pigott.

Beaufort, D. E. Langdale, Merrimon, P. F. Carraway, Harlowe, Mrs. Taylor.

Newport, C. A. Bell, Whiteoak, L. B. Ennett, Morehead City, C. V. Webb.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following permits to wed were issued by Register of Deeds, John W. Hamilton during the week:

Theodore E. Styron and Rosa M. Lewis Beaufort RFD.

James C. Ball and Minnie M. Ward Morehead City.

The Atlantic Sea was a fresh-water lake in the Anclylus, 9,000 years ago.