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STATE TREASURER SHOWS A SURPLUS IN MARCH REPORT

At End of Fiscal Year State May Have Cash Balance on Hand

ACCIDENTS TAKE MANY LIVES

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C. April 19—The agitation for more safeguards against fires in state institutions, the report of the treasury of the state showing a surplus in line with the Governor's predictions, and other matters interested residents of the Capital City during the week.

The report of the state treasurer and auditor showing a cash balance in the general fund of the state of \$3,217,386 as of March 31, was a triumph for Governor McLean. Last year when the Governor took office he pledged a balanced budget with income controlling expenditures if the Legislature gave him the power to make it effective. The legislature gave him the power but during the last three months of 1925 the treasury showed an increasing deficit. Mr. McLean was not worried, however, and predicted the income collections would safely carry the state past. There remains now but about three months of the present fiscal year and there is a surplus in the treasury of three and a quarter millions. If the rate of expenditure of the past several months is not exceeded, the State will have sufficient funds to end the fiscal year even and possibly with a surplus. The Governor is reported to be tremendously pleased with the showing, as he has a right to be for it is the successful carrying out of his "cash basis of financing as opposed to the Morrison plan of "accrual" financing.

The agitation for safeguards for the wards of the state in hospitals and other institutions grew during the week because of the fire at State Hospital which fortunately did not cause any loss in life. A demand for sprinkler systems, fire walls and other safeguards has been made and the matter doubtless will go before the next General Assembly. It appears, from the statement of Fire Marshall Brockwell, that a number of state buildings should be safeguarded and he is hoping the state will act before some fire of the proportions of that of ten days ago takes a tremendous toll in life. He believes in "better safe than sorry."

The ever increasing toll that accidents and the like are taking of human life in North Carolina is illustrated in the report of the State Board of Health for March when 112 lost their lives. 46 of these being by fire. Homicides, drownings, accidents and suicide and fire and other causes take a large toll every month and officials are issuing these figures in the hope the people will be more careful.

Wiley M. Person has announced his candidacy for Judge of this district to succeed Judge Thomas H. Calvert. Colonel Person said when Judge Calvert decided the tri-state tobacco Co-op suit against him that he would see the Judge had opposition and he makes good the promise. Person is a great antagonist of co-operative marketing.

W. B. Cooper, former lieutenant-governor of North Carolina will get a new trial as a result of a decision handed down by the court of appeals at Richmond. Cooper is under indictment for misusing funds of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington which failed some time ago.

While the Governor is still seeking a wave length for a state broadcasting station. Will Wynne of the Wynne Radio Station here is still ready for the Executive to use his wave length and believes it will fit the bill. The Governor appears doubtful. George Ross, of the Dept. of Agriculture has resigned as a director of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association. The Governor has not appointed a successor. Almost a quarter billion of life insurance was written in North Carolina last year, and is an evidence that the people are protecting their families as never before. This was an insurance of fifty one million over

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HOGS EAT MAN.

The body of Mr. Irving Davis of Smyrna partly eaten by hogs was discovered by horrified neighbors Wednesday morning. It appeared that Mr. Davis who was a single man and lived alone had been out to his pen to feed the hogs and probably had an attack of some kind. When found by some neighbors the hogs had practically eaten his head off and one of his arms and had the body not been found they would have probably destroyed it entirely. Mr. Davis was probably seventy years of age or more. The remains were taken in charge by neighbors and buried yesterday.

ATLANTIC TEAM MEETS SUCCESS

Affirmative Team of Carteret School Gets to Semi-finals in State Debate

Chapel Hill, April 16—The affirmative team representing the Atlantic High School in the State Triangular debates met with unusual success here Thursday night by winning in its section over seven other affirmative teams. It debated in the semi-finals Friday morning and lost to Winston-Salem. The Atlantic school was represented by Eric C. Gaskill and Miss Ruth Hamilton on the affirmative and John Styron and Miss Eva Gaskill on the negative. Mrs. Daphne Hill accompanied the teams as coach.

The contests this year were statewide. Among the schools taking part were Hayesville in the far west, Grassy Creek in the northwestern section, Atlantic in the East, and Labor from the far southeastern section. The visitors for the debates, tennis and track events totalled approximately 1000 of whom 268 were debaters. The others were athletes, coaches, teachers, and enthusiastic supporters. The debaters were placed in fourteen sections with about eight teams on each side to the section. The Atlantic affirmative team was selected as best in one of these sections and was entitled to debate in the semi-finals against schools like Wilson, Shelby and Henderson.

The visitors from Atlantic were entertained by the Carteret County Club with a banquet in the Y. M. C. A. Clarence Hall, president of the club, welcomed the debaters and Loftin Garner and others made short talks.

ONLY ONE CASE TRIED IN MAYOR'S COURT

Mayor Thomas had a very light docket in his court Monday afternoon. L. A. Taylor for allowing a dog to run at large was assessed the costs in the case, amounting to \$3.45. The only trial was that of Rossie Anderson a colored youth charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon Pete Davis also colored. It appeared for the evidence that Rossie and Pete had a few words and that the former went and got a single barreled shot gun, which was unloaded, for the purpose so he said of scaring Pete. He evidently succeeded for Pete promptly took to his heels and left the scene of action. Rossie's grandmother took the gun away from him and put it away. The Mayor gave Rossie the option of paying the costs in the case, amounting to about \$7 or working 10 days on the streets. He chose the latter and the Mayor decided to cut this down to five days if the boy worked hard.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT WEDNESDAY

An automobile accident that might have been a very serious one occurred early Wednesday morning on the Laurel road when the Nash roadster of Dr. E. B. Whitehurst turned over. Dr. Whitehurst and Charles Clawson Jr. who were in the car were shaken up considerably but not dangerously hurt. Mr. Clawson got a bad cut on his neck from broken glass and Dr. Whitehurst had one arm hurt a little. The car was badly damaged and had to be towed in town and carried to Paul's shop for repairs.

BUSINESS GOOD IN REAL ESTATE

Many Deeds Recorded. One Large Tract Near Beaufort Sold For Sub-Division

Heavy trading in real estate in Carteret County continues as shown by deeds recorded by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton. There are of course a good many transactions that have taken place but have not yet been recorded. One of the most important deals recently made perhaps is that where W. P. Smith and others of Beaufort acquired a tract of 43 1-2 acres from J. R. Hancock and his brother S. P. Hancock. This is a fine piece of property located right at the eastern corporate limits of Beaufort and the report is that it is to be sub-divided and sold for town lots. The list for the week is as follows:

F. R. Bell to Lillian W. Hendrix lot 4 and 9 Mammock property for \$10, Beaufort township.

H. M. Hendrix and wife to Mrs. G. W. Huntley lots 8, 3, Hammocks property, Beaufort township, for \$190, and other valuable considerations.

James R. Hancock et al to W. P. Smith et al 43 1-2 acres near Beaufort for \$1200, Beaufort township.

S. P. Hancock and wife to W. P. Smith et al 43 1-2 acres near Beaufort, Beaufort township for \$10.

Laura Scott et al to G. W. Huntley 2 lots Hedrick town for \$100, Beaufort township.

Madison Jenkins to R. E. Chaplain 24 acres Beaufort township for \$10.

Dora H. Jenkins to R. E. Chaplain 2 lots near Beaufort 40 and 45 for \$10.

Isabel T. Noe and wife to Catherine Becton et al 1 lot Beaufort for \$650.

F. E. Hyde and wife to C. S. Maxwell and wife 1-2 interest in 2 lots Beaufort for \$1000.

Mrs. Thos. McGee to Frank E. Hyde lot 5 Mammock property Beaufort for \$10.

Mary S. Hassell to J. R. Hancock et al 1-20 interest J. W. Woodland Beaufort Township for \$100.

Harry Moore and wife to J. R. Hancock 1-20 interest J. W. Woodland, Beaufort Township \$100.

Edgar Joyner and wife to Adrian Davis S half of lot 44 Beaufort for \$150.

Daniel Morris and wife to Freeman Morris and wife tract in Atlantic for \$10 and other valuable considerations.

Freeman Morris to Myrtle Nelson 1-8 acres in Atlantic for \$700.

R. A. Cherry and wife to B. A. Shaft lot 13 block 137 Morehead City for \$5000.

Bogue Development Corp. to R. J. Grass et al lot 7 block 39 Morehead City for \$10.

Bogue Development Corp. to Leo H. Henry lot 1 block 25 Morehead City for \$100.

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LITTLE DAMAGE DONE BY FROST

Potato Outlook Seems Fairly Good. New Potatoes Are Selling High

There was a slight frost in this part of the country Tuesday morning and it was feared by many that considerable injury would be done to potatoes and other truck crop. The News has been informed by several who have investigated the matter that very little damage was done to any of the crops. In a few places there was enough frost to do some damage but as a general thing it amounted to very little.

The outlook for the white potato crop now seems to be fairly good. It is considered unlikely that the crop will be as early as it was last year, but if weather conditions are favorable shipments should be going forward about the first of June. Of course no one knows what prices potatoes will bring in June but indications now are that they will be high. Wholesale dealers have been offering local growers \$5 a barrel for the new crop and some have sold at this price. Other truckers are holding out for better prices which they think they will get in June. Florida Bliss Triumph have been quoted in large city markets recently at \$4.50 to \$5.25 in bushel crates. Old potatoes are selling at around \$10 a barrel. On account of wet weather at planting time some truckers in this section report that they have a poor stand. Others however were more fortunate and have a pretty good stand, 75 per cent and better. Mr. Louis Dudley has a good looking crop, so have Messrs. Sol. Willis, W. P. Smith, Dr. C. S. Maxwell, Dr. E. B. Whitehurst and a good many others. Mr. W. L. Willis of Williston says that his potatoes came up finely and are starting off in good shape. The general impression seems to be that the crop in Carteret county this year will not be a tremendous one by any means but that if weather conditions are favorable from now until the crop is harvested that it should be a very considerable one. In the meantime sweet potatoes are still being shipped in good sized quantities and are bringing good prices.

LAWYERS CHANGE OFFICES.

There has been some shifting around among Beaufort lawyers recently Attorney E. Walter Hill who has had his offices for some time in the Duncan building has moved into the N. W. Taylor building where he has taken the quarters formerly occupied by Attorney C. R. Wheatly. Mr. Wheatly has moved across the street into the Bank of Beaufort building where commodious offices have been fitted up for him, Attorney J. F. Duncan and County Engineer George J. Brooks.

Tokio, Japan, is nearer the western extremity of Alaska than is Seattle, Washington.

CARTERET COUNTY VITAL STATISTICS GIVEN FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Record Shows That There Were Four Times As Many Births As Deaths in County

The bureau of vital statistics of the State Board of Health has kindly furnished The News with statistics as to the arrivals and departures of Carteret county citizens in and from this vale of tears for the month of February. From this it appears that there were a total of 28 births and 7 deaths which made a substantial balance on the right side of the ledger. The figures follow:

Town	Deaths	Births	Stillbirths
Beaufort	2	--	--
Morehead City	3	--	--
Newport	--	3	--
Townships			
Beaufort	--	4	--
Harkers Island	1	--	--
Harlowe	--	1	--
Hunting Quarter, Division			
Davis	0	0	0
Stacey	1	--	--
Seal Level	--	1	--
Merrimon	No report	--	--
Morehead	--	2	--
Newport	--	1	--
Portsmouth	No report	No registrar	--
Smyrna	--	1	--
Straits	--	2	--
White Oak	--	2	--
Total	7	28	0

CARTERET STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL

Chapel Hill, N. C. April 19th.—Carteret county students at the university of North Carolina who made the honor roll for the Winter quarter were Miss Aleeze Lefferts of Gloucester and George T. Parkin of Beaufort. The honor roll requires an average grade of 92 per cent on all subjects. Only 221 students made the honor roll from a student body of 2200, so this is a distinct honor.

HEALTH PICTURES ARE BEING SHOWN

State Board of Health Is Giving Interesting and Instructive Picture Show

The city public school auditorium was packed Monday evening with those who had come out to witness the moving picture show put on by the State and county health departments. The audience was composed mainly of children but there was a sprinkling of grown people there also. The pictures proved to be both entertaining and instructive and held the attention of the audience through out the performance which lasted an hour and a half.

Dr. M. L. Townsend of the State Board of Health was introduced to the audience by County Health Officer Dr. T. C. Britt and explained the object of the pictures. He also talked while the pictures were being thrown on the screen, explaining them in an interesting manner. Mr. R. B. Wilson of the State Board of Health was also present. The picture machine was operated by Sappenfield. These films are sent out by the State Board of Health and are one of the instruments the board uses in its efforts to prevent the spread of diseases among the people. The schedule calls for ten days exhibition in Carteret county. The pictures were shown in Beaufort Monday night, Morehead City Tuesday night, and Newport Wednesday night.

Tonight (Thursday) they will be produced at White Oak, Friday at Morehead City colored school, Monday at Smyrna, Tuesday at Harker's Island, Wednesday at Atlantic, Thursday at Davis and will be shown for the last time Friday night at the Beaufort colored school. There will be no charge to see any of these exhibitions and the public is cordially invited to attend them.

FIREMEN PUT OUT BLAZE IN WOODEN BUILDINGS

Fire last Saturday afternoon threatened to destroy a row of wooden buildings belonging to Mr. W. S. Chadwick on the south side of Front street. The fire started in the roof apparently from a flu and did some damage to the rooms occupied by Austin's pressing club and that used as the offices of the North American Land Company. The fire company arrived soon after the alarm was given and put the fire out in a few minutes. The furniture and fixtures in the two rooms were damaged to a slight extent.

BANK STATEMENTS INDICATE PROSPERITY IN CARTERET

This issue of the News carries the financial statements of the Bank of Beaufort, the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company and the Bank of Newport. The business of the county is largely reflected in the statements of these well known institutions. The steady increase in deposits and growth in every way of these banks is regarded by business men as not only creditable to the banks themselves but an indication of the development that is taking place in Carteret County. Readers of the News should find the statements well worth reading.

ORPHANS GIVE CONCERT

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage paid its annual visit to Beaufort Monday and gave a concert herethat night. The auditorium of the public school building was crowded with an interested audience that witnessed the performance. The program was composed of songs, recitations and drills and was thoroughly enjoyed and liberally applauded by the audience.

CONCERT TONIGHT BY COLLEGE CLUB

Excellent Program Will be Put on by Wake Forest Students This Evening

The Wake Forest glee club is to give a concert tonight here under the auspices of the Community Club. The concert will be given in the auditorium of the public school building. The club is now on its Spring tour having opened last Thursday in Benson. Tomorrow evening it will give an entertainment in Morehead City. The ladies of the Community Club are giving the young men a reception and dance tonight which will be held on the top floor of the Beaufort Drug Company building.

Director Carl J. Whelan has worked over the program for the concert to be given on the trip and many new features have been added since the last trip of the organization which was made during the Fall semester to the western part of the state.

One of the chief features this Spring is the eleven piece jazz orchestra which appears for several numbers in both parts of the program. This attraction never fails to make a hit and Professor Whelan had added several popular numbers for encores since the last tour. Included in the orchestra are three saxophones two violins, two trumpets, tenor, banjo, bass viol, drums and piano.

The quartette composed of Messrs. Haworth, Skinner, Martin and Tew also take an active part in the program, appearing in both parts for several numbers including both popular numbers and numbers specially arranged for harmony. This feature is perhaps equalled by the duet with Messrs. Bell and Morton who appear in the last part of the program for several comic and harmony numbers.

Possibly the most entertaining part of the entire program is the comedy skit played in the last part by Messrs. Hamrick, Haworth and Skinner. This trip takes fifteen minutes of the program in a skit worked out by themselves which includes jokes, and comic musical interpretations which ends with an imitation of a Hawaiian string orchestra without any instruments.

Other features of the program for the Spring itinerary are violin and vocal solos and many numbers by a chorus of 26 male voices.

The following men compose the glee club this Spring:

C. J. Whelan, Director, Princeton University; I. O. Brady, Bus. Mgr., Benson; D. S. Haworth, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.; J. G. Morton, Knoxville, Tenn.; A. R. Davant, Greensboro; J. D. Hamrick, Forest City; H. E. Copple Monroe; L. E. Skinner, Jr., Elizabeth City; J. W. Piner, Morehead City; J. O. Eakes, Rocky Mount; B. M. Bell, Raleigh; R. L. Henry; Ante Virginia; B. L. Snipes, Knoxville, Tenn.; Zeno Martin, Elkin; C. C. Moore, Gastonia; R. L. Vaughan, Nashville; C. L. Skarren, Beaufort. E. H. Herring, Sanford; C. R. Tew, Raleigh; O. A. Whiteside, Hendersonville; LeRoy Martin, Elkin. F. H. Brooks, Jr., Smithfield; B. B. Mason, Greensboro; N. Satterfield Greensboro; J. L. Carlton, Winston-Salem; T. W. Davis Jr., Mr. Airy.

ODD FELLOWS ANNIVERSARY WILL BE HELD SUNDAY

On Sunday April 25th, 1926, the 107th. anniversary of American Odd-Fellowship will be observed by Concordia Lodge No. 11, I. O. O. F., and its invited guests, at Ann Street Methodist Church, at 2:30 P. M.

It is expected that Calumet Encampment No. 4, Eureka Lodge No. 7, and Eureka Lodge of New Bern, N. C., will be represented, also Unity Lodge No. 156 of Morehead City, N. C., and Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 141, of Beaufort, N. C. will attend in a body.

Besides the regular exercises there will be an address by W. L. Whitley of Plymouth, N. C., who is at present Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Mr. Whitley is an able and pleasing speaker, and the public generally and fraternally, are cordially invited to be present and hear him.