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STATE TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWS FIRST CASH BALANCE IN YEARS

Governor McLean's Policy Has Resulted in Big Improvement. State Has Spent \$14,000,000 For Schools in Two Years. Building and Loan Associations Grow Rapidly

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., May 17—Looking forward to the first week in June when the Democratic primary will be held, Raleigh citizens this week were interested in matters other than politics. The showing of the State Treasury, the recital of what has been spent for education in North Carolina, the actions of the Tobacco farmers reorganizing under their own power and several statements coming from the Governor held interest. The promotion of B. R. Lacy Jr. to the head of Union Theological Seminary at Richmond was a matter of pride to Raleigh folks and great interest was displayed in the statewide musical festival in the Auditorium the last three days of the week.

The statement of the Treasurer and Auditor showing that there was on hand approximately \$3,000,000 with only two months of the fiscal year, yet to run was a complete vindication of the McLean fiscal policies. Mr. McLean has met during the first 18 months of his office considerable oppositions in some quarters to his method of financing but has gone steadily ahead with his plans. He claimed he wished to put the State on a sound financial basis and this has been done. July first ends his first fiscal year, when his policies were fully in effect, and the Treasury shows an actual CASH balance for the first time in a number of years. Full credit must go to the Governor for it was he who instituted the present regime's financial policies and urges the legislature to inaugurate them, though he was beset by opponents of his methods.

The tremendous strides North Carolina has made in education during the last 48 years is well illustrated by the appropriations of 1878 and those of this past biennium. In 1877-78 the State spent \$8,000 on education. In 1923-1924 and 1924-1925 the State spent a total of \$14,157,200, an increase of from about four thousand dollars a year to more than seven millions.

Governor Very Busy

Governor McLean has had a busy week. He spent a portion of his time in Washington seeing about the proposed radio station for the State which is waiting on assignment of a wave length by the Department of Commerce. He returned in time to address the T. P. A. at Goldsboro on how they could help the State. He wrote a story for the Electrical World in North Carolina in which he told of the wonderful progress made by the State in recent years. He sent Robert House to Williamsburg to represent the State at the Sesqui-centennial of the Virginia Resolutions at which President Coolidge spoke as he was unable to be there himself. He wrote a message claiming Daniel Boone as North Carolina's "own" which was read at the unveiling of a Boone bust in the Hall of Fame, New York. He attended the trustees meeting of Union Theological Seminary at Richmond which named B. R. Lacy Jr., as new president of the institution. He returned to the State late Friday in time to get down to work Saturday and read with pleasure the report on the State Treasury issued that day.

The tobacco growers of the Old Belt in Western North Carolina and Virginia, seeing that the end of the Tri-State Co-operative Marketing Association is near, have decided to organize for themselves on a basis of a fifty percent sign-up of the next year's crop and will be known as the Old Belt Co-operative Marketing Association. They plan to take advantage of the experience of the Tri-States and Profit by the mistakes that organization made which have led to its trouble.

The Building and Loan Associations of North Carolina had a banner year last year with three and a half millions profit, an increase of half a million over the previous year. One feature was the increasing number of negroes now investing in building and loan shares. The child welfare board was meeting Friday and Saturday to plan its survey into industry with relation to women. The plans probably will be announced in the near future. The increasing of fire insurance rates by the South-eastern Underwriters is viewed with regret and it is possible may bring some protest from Insurance Commissioner Wade who was out of the city when the general increase was announced in Atlanta. The Supreme Court failed to pass on the worth-

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FISH ARE BITING WELL SO THE SPORTSMEN SAY

Sportsmen who have been out recently say that fish are biting very well now. Three ministers, Messrs. C. C. Wheeler, L. B. Boney and E. Frank Lee tried their luck yesterday and brought back a fine lot of pig fish, croakers, black fish and other sorts. Mr. Wheeler caught the only trout that was taken. Mr. T. J. Mitchell and a friend from New Bern were out Monday and Tuesday and reported nice catches. A party of gentlemen from Albemarle are out on the water today and a number of others have written that they will be down in a few days for the purpose of doing some fishing.

BOARD LOOKING FOR SCHOOL SITE

May Sell Old Building. All Members Of Faculty Are Re-Elected

The smoke of battle of the school election having passed away the board of trustees held a meeting Monday night for the purpose of shaping things up for erecting a new building. The problem of securing a suitable site is the first thing to be settled and then that of getting plans for a building for the white pupils. The building used for the colored children is not adequate and it seems to be the intention of the board to do something about that also. A committee to see about securing a site, composed of W. A. Mace and U. E. Swann has been appointed.

The board discussed the matter of selling the building and lot now used as a school building for the white children. It was decided to offer this property for sale at the price of \$50,000. If this is sold the money is to be used in providing the new buildings, as far as it will go. With the money derived from the bond issue and the sale of the old building it is thought that sufficient funds will be available for such new buildings as the town will need for some time to come.

The matter of electing a faculty for the next school year was taken up by the board. Superintendent R. L. Fritz was re-elected and all of the other members of the faculty were re-elected also. The music department of the school will be increased by offering instruction on wind and string instruments. Mrs. I. H. Boggs will have charge of this feature of the music department. The school does not assume any financial responsibility in this matter however, as the pupils pay for the instruction which they receive.

SORTING OUT OLD RECORDS OF A. & N. C. RAILROAD

Mr. George Green of New Bern has been in Beaufort several days recently looking over old records belonging to the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. He is getting these books and papers of many sorts straightened out for the inspection of a committee which will meet here some time in June. The committee is composed of A. D. O'Bryan, president of the road, former Congressman H. L. Godwin of Dunn, L. H. Cutler of New Bern and George Green who represents the Finance Committee. The old records of the company are kept upstairs in the building occupied by the postoffice and the custom house.

BOAT SERVICE IMPROVED.

For some reason or other boat service between Beaufort and Norfolk has not been entirely satisfactory to shippers at this end of the line. It seems that now due to the efforts of Mr. W. H. Taylor, president of the Chamber of Commerce the service will be improved. Mr. Taylor received a letter a few days ago from the Carolina Transportation Company which stated that two boats a week will ply between Norfolk, Beaufort and Morehead City. The service has started already and the Company officials state that a regular schedule will be maintained.

Mr. V. D. Baker of Lumberton arrived last night and is stopping at the Davis House.

FLOWER EXHIBITS WERE VERY GOOD

Thirty Five Persons Made Exhibits And Many of Them were Quite Beautiful

Flower lovers in Beaufort have been a bit uneasy all during the Spring months, lest the cold winds, frost and even a freeze in April, kill and retard the blooming of the early Spring flowers. This uneasiness gave way to a feeling of genuine satisfaction, on the part of those who raise flowers, when on last Thursday afternoon May 13th, the annual Spring flower show was held.

The exhibits were not as numerous as perhaps they have been on some former occasions but what they lacked in number and variety was more than made up for the exquisite beauty of those shown.

There were about thirty five people in Beaufort, who were sufficiently interested in flower growing, to take the time and trouble to send some of their best specimens, for the encouragement of all those who raise flowers and a number of people, who do not raise them, but who are very fond of them. Some of those who sent flowers and plants had as many as eight and ten entries and the total number exhibited amounted to ninety-eight.

One could scarcely refrain from exclaiming over the rare beauty of the scene on entering. The roses all ways unusually lovely in Beaufort seemed extraordinarily beautiful this year. Each seemed to be vying with its neighbor in claiming the first recognition. Besides the roses there were exquisite irises and sweet peas, fragrant pinks, gorgeous nasturtiums, dainty varied flowers and larkspur and variegated plox besides a number of geraniums, ferns, coleus and begonias.

Those who attend the flower shows and derive such pleasure therefrom must realize that they are made possible only by careful planning, hard work and generosity on the part of a few individuals. Mrs. A. D. O'Bryan, who is vice chairman of the Garden Club and Mrs. Rupert Jernigan, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Community Club deserve great credit and praise for their intiring efforts. To them is due a great deal of credit for the success of the occasion.

The business firms who so generously aided in a material way by donating the sum of five dollars each are as follows: Messrs. Geo. Huntley, Geo. Brooks, J. P. Duncan, I. N. Moore, Beaufort Banking & Trust Co. and The Bank of Beaufort.

The judges Mesdames Fritz and Johnson and Miss Nellie Jones are especially thanked for their hard work in deciding who should take first and second prizes.

Besides those who received prizes special mention should be made of the exquisite roses exhibited by Mesdames M. A. Hill, Mary Carrow, Richard Felton, Will Skarren, Jennie Bell and George Brooks.

The Garden Club is grateful to Mr. C. A. Clawson, who so generously gave the use of his building.

It is earnestly hoped by Mrs. G. W. Lay, chairman of the Garden Club and her co-workers, that all who are interested in making Beaufort a veritable flower garden will exhibit a result of their efforts from year to year.

The following is a list of those receiving \$3 in money as first prize and \$2 in money as second prize.

Best Single Rose
First Prize, Mrs. G. W. Lay; Second Prize, Mrs. Bayard aylor.

Best Collection of Roses
First Prize, Mrs. G. W. Lay; Second Prize, Mrs. C. P. Dey.

Finest and Longest-stemmed Sweet Peas.
First Prize, Mrs. Jos. House; Second Prize, Mrs. Jno. Wolfe.

Most Artistically Arranged Sweet Peas.
First Prize, Mrs. Jno. Wolfe; Second Prize, Mrs. Jno. Wolfe.

Best Garden Flowers
First Prize, Mrs. Seth Gibbs; Second Prize Mrs. G. W. Lay.

Most Artistically Arranged Flowers
First Prize, Mrs. Sam Darling; Second Prize, Mrs. James Congleton.

Best Potted Plant
First Prize, Mrs. Martin Bloodgood; Second Prize, Mrs. Mary Carrow.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Only one permit owed has been issued by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton since last week, that was to Peter Black and Alma Hill Morehead City.

Mrs. A. S. Marrow will arrive Friday from Alta Vista, Va. where she has been visiting relatives.

REAL ESTATE SALES CONTINUE QUITE ACTIVE

Realty transactions recorded at the office of Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton indicate that considerable business is going on in the county. The list is as follows:

Jeremiah Mumford and wife to C. A. Odier tract Beaufort Township for \$10.

Eugene Yoemans and wife to Walter Davis and wife 1-2 acre Harkers Island for \$400.

E. A. Paul to Samuel Salter 1 acre Davis, N. C. for \$25.

Samuel Salter and wife to Jas. A. Alligood 1-2 acre Davis for \$600.

Kilby Salter to Freeman Rose 2-1-2 acres Sea Level for \$10.

Kilby Salter to L. H. Rose 5 acres Sea Level for \$10.

Joseph Nelson and wife to James Nelson 3 acres Atlantic for \$5.

Ambrose Fulcher and wife to Walter Smith tract Atlantic for \$50.

B. F. Small and wife to E. B. Whitehurst et al 50 acres Hunting Quarter Township for \$1500.

Drussila Fulcher et al to Maggie Pims 1 acre Hunting Quarter township for \$10.

Cicero Lewis to Herbert Dickinson 1 acre Hunting Quarter township for \$60.

Morehead Bluffs to Mrs. M. E. Buneought lot 6 and 7 block 30, consideration \$690.00.

A. L. Hamilton to Chas. C. Currier 50 x 100 ft. Morehead City for \$200

W. J. Harris et al to Edwin Joseph 4 0ts Morehead City for \$1800.

R. D. Hodges to A. J. Daniels Lewis 1 1-2 acres Morehead City for \$100.

John D. Hall and wife to Charlie A. Bell 168 acre Morehead City for \$10.

Morehead Bluffs Inc. to E. M. Howard lots 17, 18, 19, 20 block 50 Morehead Bluffs for \$10

Leonard Arthur and wife to L. W. Hassell 82 acres Newport for \$10.

V. S. Baker and wife to North American Land Co. 142 1-2 acres near Jarratt's Bay Smprna township for \$1420 and other valuable considerations.

E. B. Whitehurst et al to Piedmont Furnace and Realty Co. 50 acres on Jarratt's Bay for \$2000.

Piedmont Service and Realty Co. to Piedmont Improvement Co. 50 acres on Jarrett's Bay for \$10 and other valuable considerations.

SEVERAL CASES TRIED IN POLICE COURT MONDAY

The case of most interest tried by Mayor Thomas Monday afternoon was that of Will Oden, a negro youth, charged with having stolen an auto tire that belonged to Mr. Fillman manager of the Holly Grove dairy. Mr. Fillman identified the tire by means of certain marks and the number it bore. The boy denied strongly that he stole the tire. He said that about two weeks ago he bought a second hand car from Gilbert Smith, a young white man who lives on New Bern road, and that the tire was on the car when he bought it. He had Smith put on the stand as his witness but seemed greatly surprised when Smith said the tire was not on the car when he sold it. Two white boys undertook to testify for the defendant but could not say positively that the tire in question was on the car when Oden bought it or not. The Mayor decided to let the boy off with the costs amounting to \$4.60 and the tire was restored to its owner.

Percy Marshall charged with an assault on R. M. Lewis pleaded guilty and was assessed the costs \$3.90 or ten days on the streets. Pearl Oden, colored, charged with slapping Mamie Forbes pleaded guilty and was assessed the costs amounting to \$4.80. She was also the defendant in a case where she was charged with an assault upon Lydia Forbes, the mother of the girl mentioned above. This time she pleaded not guilty. Several witnesses were introduced and there was considerable argument by the defendant and witnesses. The Mayor decided that she was guilty and required her to pay the costs amounting to \$5.70. She then took out a warrant for Lydia Forbes charging her with an assault. This case is to be heard next Monday afternoon.

REVIVAL SERVICES CONTINUE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The meeting at the First Baptist Church is still in progress with increasing interest. It is not definitely known just how long the services will continue. During the remainder of the meeting some of the following subjects will be discussed: "His Hour Struck," "On trial for his life," "A Robber in Heaven," "Heavenly Recognition." The subject for discussion tonight will be "Hell."

TWO AUTO TIRES STOLEN LAST MONDAY NIGHT

An auto tire thief, or thieves, got in some work here Monday night. A tire was stolen off the rack on the car of Mr. Harold Maxwell and a tire and wheel was taken from the car of Dr. T. C. Britt. Mr. Maxwell is a travelling salesman from New Bern and was spending the night at the Davis House. His car, as well as several others, was left standing in the street in front of the house. Cars had been left there many times before and had never been molested. Dr. Britt's car was robbed while in his garage at his home on Craven street.

POULTRY SCHOOL TO START MONDAY

Expert From Agricultural Department Will Be In Charge of Series of Meetings

Arrangements are being made for a series of poultry meetings in the form of a poultry school, which will be held at ten places within the county, next week.

Mr. Parrish from the Extension Service, Raleigh will have charge of these meetings and will bring to the poultry producers in the county information that will be interesting as well as helpful at this time when poultry is increasing rapidly in Carteret County.

Every means will be used to interest those who attend one or more of these meetings, which are scheduled as follows:

Monday May 24, 10 A. M. at the home of Mr. W. E. Fodrie Newport, 3 P. M. at the farm of Professor Joslyn Crab Point.

Tuesday May 25, 10 A. M. at the home of Mr. J. Harry Davis, Harlowe, 3 P. M. at the home of Mr. C. T. Eubanks, Wire Grass.

Wednesday May 26 10 A. M. at the home of Mr. Walter Stewart, Straits, 3 P. M. at the home of Mr. Irvin Willis Williston.

Thursday May 27 10 A. M. at the home of Mr. B. S. Taylor Bogue, 3 P. M. at the home of Mr. J. H. Hibbs, Bogue Sound Road.

Friday May 28 10 A. M. at the home of Mr. E. F. Carraway Merriam, 3 P. M. at the home of Mrs. B. King, North River.

This is an unusual opportunity for the poultry producers to get some first hand information relative to all phases of poultry, and I hope every poultry raiser in the county will make an effort to attend at least one of these meetings.

Yours very truly,
HUGH OVERSTREET,
County Agent.

POTATO YIELD MAY NOT BE VERY GOOD

According to information which the News gets from potato growers in this section, the potato crop is not likely to be an average one this year. The potato requires a good deal of water to make it grow to a large size and there has been very little rain since the first of April. Last year the crop was cut short by a drought in May and it seems that the same thing will happen this year. Growers are hoping that while their yield may be short that they will get good prices for what they do raise. At present prices are high on both old and new potatoes. Florida Spaulding Rose were quoted recently at \$9 per barrel F. O. B. Hastings, Florida and the old ones selling at about that price wholesale. In 1924 there was a tremendous crop of white potatoes raised in the United States. Last year a smaller crop was planted and the yield was not good. As a consequence there is a shortage all over the country and prices are high.

HENRY JONES FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

An automobile accident that occurred on New Bern road Monday afternoon resulted in the trial here Wednesday of Henry Jones, a negro man, on the charge of reckless driving. Justice of the Peace H. D. Norcom heard the case. It appeared that Jones and ten other colored people were in a car coming from New Bern to Beaufort and that he ran into a car driven by Mrs. D. F. Merrill which was going the same way that he was. Mrs. Merrill and her baby were in the car and were shaken up considerably but not seriously hurt. A woman in the other car was hurt some but not badly and both cars were damaged to a considerable extent. Jones was fined \$20 for reckless driving.

MOVE FISH STAND AND SIDE TRACK WITHIN TEN DAYS

Board Rescinds Former Action And Orders Changes Made. More Paving Ordered

AGAINST FOOD INSPECTION

The special meeting of the board of town commissioners held Monday drew a right large attendance. The reason for this special interest in the meeting was that the board took under consideration several matters of a rather important nature. The questions of moving the fish receiving stand on Broad street, of removing the railroad sidetrack, of letting a contract for a pier, of employing a food inspector and of doing more paving were all considered.

The first subject discussed was that of moving the track and the fish stand. All of the fish dealers in town were present and while they did not oppose the removal of the stand very actively they showed much interest and expressed the fear that it would hurt their business. Mr. J. F. Duncan read two petitions, one in favor and the other opposing the removal of the stand. The latter was the larger one and had many of the business firms of the town on it. The other had a number of property owners on Broad street on it, although some owners had signed the other petition and some had signed both.

Mr. C. R. Wheatly led the discussion for removal of the stand and the tracks. He said in the first place that the board had no right to give permission to block up the street with the fish stand and that it should be put somewhere else. He also said that the siding interfered with paving the street. Mr. J. H. Potter Sr. spoke a few words on the subject but did not oppose the removal positively and said he was willing to abide by the decision of the board.

Mr. B. C. Way stated that he was afraid it would cut down the time for loading fish and that it was all they could do now to get their fish loaded by the time the train left. If the time for loading should be moved up an hour he would be compelled to go out of business. Express agent Seth Gibbs said it took an hour usually to get bills made and other work done to get fish off and it would be very inconvenient if the stand should be moved several blocks from the station. There was some more discussion and then a motion was passed that the fish stand and the tracks be removed within ten days, with the understanding that a track sufficient for the ice factory be left. This to be done under the supervision of the railroad engineer and the city engineer.

Only one bid was received for building the pier on Front street opposite the Inlet Inn, that of the Davis Construction Company. The pier is to be 100 feet by 300 feet and to be built of wood. After some discussion a motion was passed to postpone action and to advertise again for bids and to ask for bids on creosote and concrete piles. The bids are to be opened the first week in June.

Dr. T. C. Britt came before the board and asked for an appropriation of \$800 to employ a milk and food inspector, stating that Morehead City had agreed to pay the other half of the expense and that the man would work for both towns. Dr. H. A. Taylor of Raleigh stated that the employment of a man of this sort would be very valuable to the health and business interests of the town. The board very quickly decided to reject the proposition, Commissioner Maxwell being the only one who seemed to favor it.

Petitions to pave one block on Mulberry street from Live Oak to Hedrick street and one block on Broad from Live Oak to Gordon were received and acted on favorably. The matter of buying some seats to be placed along the water front on Front street came up and carried a majority of one. It was decided to buy a seat made mostly of wood and that costs \$2.25 each. The board adjourned until the regular meeting in June.

Mrs. M. B. Pollard and Miss Ruth Robinson of the State Board of Health and Messrs Roy T. Giles and W. T. McCanless of the State Highway Commission were in town a few hours last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Palmer Davis of Dunn, and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hicks, and Mrs. C. W. Gibbs of Erwin, N. C. were visitors in Beaufort today.