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INSURANCE FOLKS SAY HAMLET MAN WAS A FIRE BUG

Baker Caught In His Own Trap And Burned To Death

HAD HOUSE INSURED

(By M. L. SHIPMAN.)

Raleigh, N. C. June 21—The part of North Carolina at the Sesqui-centennial celebration at Philadelphia, the report of the State Treasury showing a pleasing surplus, the declaration of the official returns of the election and other matters held interest in Raleigh during the week. The report of the insurance department on the recent boarding house fire at Hamlet turning a "hero" into a "murderer" was read with interest and the Capital City heard that departments will have the five per cent cut off their budget restored by the Governor.

Governor McLean returned to Raleigh Saturday after spending the week at Philadelphia and Valley Forge, Pa. At Philadelphia he spoke on North Carolina, marched in the parade of the original states and took a leading part in the celebrations of the week which were devoted to the original states of the Union. At Valley Forge he spoke at the dedication of the North Carolina Bay in the Valley Forge memorial to Washington.

With the report of the State Treasurer and Auditor showing a surplus after eleven months of the fiscal year have passed of more than two million dollars and with the possibility the surplus will be at least a million after large interest payments are deducted on July first, it is reported in official circles that Governor McLean will order the five per cent cut made in the budgets of all departments and institutions to be restored. The cut was ordered by the Governor as director of the budget many months ago when it appeared the State might have a deficit instead of a surplus and in line with his duty as budget director which requires that he keep expenditures within revenue. The large income and other collections created a surplus. Governor McLean has had nothing to say on the subject of whether he will order the five per cent restored as of July first but there are persistent reports he has this matter under consideration.

The state board of elections met during the week and declared the official count of the election of June 5. It showed that Mr. Overman defeated Robert R. Reynolds for the senatorial nomination by a majority of approximately 48,000 and that Reynolds carried 26 of the counties while Mr. Overman carried 74 counties. Nominees were declared for other positions, an official recount was refused in the solicitors race in the seventh district in which W. F. Evans, incumbent, requested a recount of the votes in his race against Leon S. Brassfield.

The report of the Fire Insurance Department on the recent boarding house fire at Hamlet in which four lost their lives created quite a surprise. B. B. Baker, who lost his life, had been hailed as a hero in the first reports but there were some suspicious circumstances and the case was investigated. It developed, says the report, that Baker had heavily insured his boarding house furniture and effects, that he had apparently killed one of his boarders before the fire for his money and burned the house to hide this crime and to collect the insurance. It was also discovered he had been involved in a murder case in South Carolina several years ago and his house had burned before just after being heavily insured. The evidence is all circumstantial but it leads to insurance department to the belief that Baker lost his life in his own trap for he was burned to death while presumably rescuing persons from the house but, in the opinion of the fire forces fighting the flames, while making his way back into the house to feed the flames with gasoline and kerosene.

The State Board of Health met during the week but again failed to elect a secretary to carry on the work which Dr. Rankin directed before he joined the Duke Foundation. Dr. G. O. Cooper has been acting secretary for a year but the board has made up its mind whether to elect him and in the meantime he is handling the department in a highly efficient manner. The delay of the Board is puzzling outsiders here but it has been rumored there is some internal dissension which prevents a definite decision.

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TWELVE FOOT CHANNEL FAVORED BY COMMITTEE

On Monday President W. H. Taylor of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce received a telegram from Senator F. M. Simmons saying that he had gotten the unanimous approval of the Committee on Commerce of the U. S. Senate for an eight foot channel for the Inland waterway from Beaufort to the Cape Fear river. Another telegram from Senator Simmons was received by Mr. Taylor Tuesday in which he said that he has succeeded in getting the committee to adopt a twelve foot depth instead of the eight foot channel. The depth of twelve feet had been recommended by the engineers in charge of the survey. If the rivers and harbors bill passes Congress, with the provisions referred to in it, it is thought that work will start on the waterway within the next twelve months. It is estimated that it will take \$4,500,000 to complete the job.

CARTERET COUNTY BULLETIN ISSUED

Three Students At The University Write Interesting County Sketch

A recent publication from the University of North Carolina press is an interesting pamphlet entitled "Carteret County: Economic And Social." It was issued under the auspices of the Carteret County Club and is a bulletin similar to others that have been put out from time to time by other county clubs at the University.

The actual work of preparing the material for the Carteret county bulletin was done by Miss Alezee Lefferts, Mr. Clifford W. Lewis and Mr. Henry C. Lay. The publication contains 99 pages of information about the county and its people and is very creditable to the student authors. The subjects discussed in the bulletin are the following: "The Historical Background" by Alezee Lefferts; "Natural Resources" by H. C. Lay; "The County's People" by Alezee Lefferts; "Wealth And Taxation" by C. W. Lewis; "Carteret County Industries" by H. C. Lay; "Farm Conditions And Practices" by Alezee Lefferts; "The Local Market Problem" by H. C. Lay; "Schools" by C. W. Lewis; "Evidences of Progress" by H. C. Lay and C. W. Lewis; "Carteret County Problems" by Alezee Lefferts. As can be seen from the titles of the articles in the bulletin pretty much every thing of interest pertaining to Carteret county has been discussed. The pamphlet also carries a number of very good illustrations and several informative statistical tables.

LARGE POTATO CROP ABOUT ALL HARVESTED

Probably the largest crop of Irish potatoes ever raised in Carteret county, or at any rate one of the largest, has just been harvested. Up to and including Wednesday's shipments 207 solid car loads have gone out from Beaufort this season. This does not include several cars shipped from Morehead City and a good many small shipments from here. While the crop has practically all been harvested there will be a few more shipments this week and next. Potato prices have advanced considerably recently. In Elizabeth City and Aurora on Monday number ones were bringing \$5.50 to \$5.75 and on Tuesday about the same. On the eastern shore of Virginia Tuesday number ones were quoted at \$6.25 to \$6.50.

MENHADEN FISHING HAS BEEN GOOD RECENTLY

For several weeks menhaden fishing has been good in this section. Not many boats have been engaged in it though as only three factories are in operation, those of C. P. Dey, Taylor's Creek Fish Scrap and Oil Company and the Atlantic Fisheries. Yesterday Captain Ned Lewis who is in command of the W. A. Mace brought in some 400,000 fish and he has caught several other good loads recently. Mr. Dey's boats the Alert and Elizabeth have also been doing well. The fish caught are small and have very little oil in them. They make very good scrap or fish meal though and the work of catching the fish and making scrap furnishes employment to a considerable number of men.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Owen Conter and Mary Hasket Harlowe, N. C.

Americans purchase annually \$5,000,000,000 worth of goods, on the installment plan.

BOARD APPROVES NEW CITY BUDGET

A Total of \$81,585.00 Is Estimated As Necessary For Next Fiscal Year

An adjourned meeting of the board of commissioners of the town of Beaufort was held at the city hall Tuesday morning. Those present were Mayor Thomas, commissioners Maxwell, Noe, Smith and Whitehurst. The principal object of the meeting was to consider the town's probable expenditures for the coming fiscal year and to adopt a budget. City Treasurer W. L. Stancil was present and assisted in preparing the budget which was approved. Before it is finally adopted however it will be held open for revision. It will come up for final action at some meeting to be held in July and citizens who wish to do so can express themselves in regard to it at that time.

The total amount of the budget as it now stands is \$81,585.00. This shows that the town's expenses have increased very largely in the past four or five years. The principal items of the proposed budget are interest payments on bonds issues. The interest on \$375,000 street improvement bonds is \$22,500.00. The interest on all bond issues except the street bonds is \$17,500.00. The sum of \$13,000 is set aside in the budget to retire that amount of the street bonds. There are of course various other items in the proposed budget.

The matter of the side track on Broad street which has been discussed at several meetings was taken up again and the action of the board was rescinded again. A motion offered by Commissioner Smith was adopted which provides that the track shall be laid between Queen and Craven streets to the ice plant. A motion offered by Commissioner Whitehurst that creosoted piles be used in building the city dock on Front street in front of the Inlet Inn was adopted.

DEEDS RECORDED SHOW ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

A considerable number of deeds have been recorded recently by Register of Deeds John W. Hamilton and his assistants. As indicated by these most of the realty sold recently has been in Morehead township although sales have taken place in other parts of the county. The list up to date is as follows:

E. K. Bishop Co. to Morehead Heights Inc. 27 acres Morehead township for \$10.

W. P. Whitaker Jr. to Morehead Island Co. 2 tracts Morehead township for 2000.

Morehead Bluffs to C. A. Morrisette lots 30 31 32 Block 45 Morehead Bluffs for \$150.

Bogue Dev. Corp. to Almira W. Bruton lot no. 5 Block 47 Morehead City for \$6500.

W. V. Pellitier to Mattie A. Adams 89-100 acres Morehead township for \$10.

C. H. Piner and Wife to Lucy Willis 1-2 of lot 6 Morehead City for \$300. etc.

Abbie F. Willis to Mattie Piver lot 40 Revere street Newport for \$200.

C. E. Millis to Wm. H. Bell 2 acres Newport for \$10. etc.

Va. Carolina Land Corp. to H. D. Smith lot 5 to 16 and 20, Newport for \$100.

E. F. Oglesby and Wife to J. H. Hibbs 10 acres Oyster Bed Newport township for \$10.

Geo. W. Huntley and Wife to W. G. Mebane lot 3 Hammock property Beaufort for \$100. etc.

Sallie F. Sharp to W. G. Mebane lot Hammock property for \$100. etc.

C. R. Wheatly to T. W. Brinson et al lot 75 Old Town Beaufort, for \$1,130.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to M. L. Kustler lots 21 and 22, Block 58 West Beaufort for \$240.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to Steve Changarics and wife lots 16, 17, 49, Blocks 37 and 70 West Beaufort for \$10. etc.

George Davis to C. P. Dey 4 acres more or less on North side Taylors Creek for \$10.

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

Cape Lookout Developing Corp. to C. E. Lewis lot 11 Block 31 Cape Lookout for \$100.

George T. Doffes and Wife to G. M. Telghman lot 6 Block 1 Bogue Bluff for \$3000.

Morehead Bluffs Inc. to C. W. Mosler lots 44, 45, Block 16 Morehead Bluffs for \$1,440.08.

Morehead Bluffs Inc. to Charles K. Massey lots 46, 47 Block 16 Morehead Bluffs for \$1,440.08.

MAN BADLY CUT AT BEACH SUNDAY

George D. Styron of Beaufort And J. I. Baker Have A Serious Difficulty

According to the latest information which the News has been able to obtain, Mr. George D. Styron of Beaufort who was badly cut in a fight that occurred at Atlantic View Beach is getting pretty well. He is not entirely out of danger of blood poisoning, or septicaemia as the doctors call it, but if it does not develop very soon the danger will be past. He was taken to the hospital at Morehead City immediately after the fight and is there yet. Mr. J. I. Baker, manager of the beach hotel and pavilion who did the cutting was arrested by Sheriff Wade shortly after the occurrence and was put under a \$500 by Magistrate J. R. Bell of Morehead City. The trial was set for Friday but will not take place then because Mr. Styron will not be able to attend it.

It has been rather difficult for the News to get at the facts as to the difficulty and they probably will not be known until the trial brings them out. As the News heard it the report is that Styron and one or two other men had been upstairs in the building called the pavilion. That Baker saw them and accused them of going there to drink whiskey and ordered them to stay out. Some ten or fifteen minutes afterwards Styron approached Baker downstairs in the building near the cash register and asked him what he meant by talking to him as he had done. They had some words and Styron struck Baker a hard blow in the face and Baker cut him in the abdomen with a pocket knife. The cut was four or five inches long and deep enough to cause the intestines to protrude from the wound although they were not cut. His friends carried the wounded man to a boat and then to the hospital. Baker is a man of about sixty years of age. He and his wife and several children are living at the Ocean Beach hotel. Styron is married also and has several children. The fight caused considerable excitement over at the beach Sunday and there has been a good deal of talk about it here in Beaufort since then.

INLET INN ARRIVALS.

Mrs. I. M. Meekins, Miss Mary Meekins, Miss Isabella Meekins, of Elizabeth City and Miss Ursula Burns of New York, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Finley of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Heyward and children, Raleigh, A. D. Matthews, Oxford, W. D. Carter, Wilson, E. M. Washburn, F. B. Harris, Wilmington, G. K. Lewis, Winnabow, E. B. Morrow, Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hellen, Durham, A. J. Ipatrick, A. J. Kilpatrick Jr., Charles M. Kilpatrick, Wm. Philpot, C. D. Ward, W. D. Sanford, Augusta, Ga., E. T. McClenagahn, Raleigh.

ANNUAL PICNIC TUESDAY.

The annual picnic of Ann Street Methodist Church took place Tuesday. It was held at Atlantic View Beach and a large crowd attended. The weather was fine and the surf bathing and other pastimes were greatly enjoyed by the children as well as by a considerable number of grown people who were present.

A tame elephant eats more than one thousand pounds of green fodder and twenty-five pounds of unhusked rice daily.

DAVIS HOUSE ARRIVALS.

Some of the guests of the Davis House recently were as follows: J. G. Mould, N. E. A. McManus, W. A. Ludwick of the Texas Oil Company, A. W. Green, F. M. Wheeler, T. W. Watson, Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr, Miss Rita Williams, F. L. Carr Jr., Branch Carr, Bill Bridges, A. D. McGowan, of Wilson, N. C. Toms, Stuart Toms, Morristown, N. J., J. J. Harrington, Greenville, Miss Virginia Swink, Woodruff, S. C. Miss Frances Wortham, R. J. Bowen, C. A. Wilson, E. S. Gray of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newton, Wilmington.

F. T. Garner and Wife to M. Mann 2 lots Newport township for \$10.

B. S. Taylor and Wife to J. R. Piver, 20 acres Straits Township for \$500.

James A. Harris and Wife to Mary F. Piner tract Smyrna township for \$30. etc.

Tyre Moore and Wife to Eugene O. Moore 1-2 acre Smyrna township for \$25.

VOTERS URGED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL TERM

Superintendent Workman in Final Appeal Asks For Fair Deal For Rural Children. In Many Districts Taxes Will Be Lower Than Now

From time to time we have given you facts and figures about the eight months school term. All of these have been tabulated from facts and records, and we have been careful to present the facts as they are, and it has always been our policy to represent the school situation to the public as it is. It is greatly to the advantage of every tax payer in special tax districts to vote for the proposition, if they vote against this they are voting against their own interests, financially and otherwise. The only places there will be an increase in taxes will be in the non-local tax districts and this has been explained to these people.

As a whole the farming interests in Carteret county are small. The biggest farming section is around Newport and they have eight months term there. So the school can be adjusted to the farming conditions.

Now, good people of Carteret County a few more days and you have a chance to decide the biggest question for the children of Carteret County that you have ever had. The question is up to you. The children of Carteret County stand ready to drink from the fountain of knowledge. All they want is a chance to sip from the cup that holds for them the fundamental essential that supplies for them the satisfaction and quenches the thirst of the anxious mind. The satisfying of this thirst for knowledge creates in him interest, desire, ambition, aspiration to do, make and to be. The child's mind is plastic and here you lay the foundation for good or bad. Give him a chance to broaden, expand, originate, grow, develop into a man with an influential citizenship, give all the children a chance to make the very best citizens possible. If not the progress of the future suffers. If we develop and educate the children of one section and not the others, we are only reaching a part of our citizenship of tomorrow. Carteret county's educational system is no stronger than its weakest link. The district used to be the unit in the primitive stage of our educational system. Now we have grown beyond that, we have broadened much. The State now recognizes the county only as the unit of an educational system, and says that the county is responsible for the education of all of its children. Our communities have grown beyond the small locality. Our whole county is one community. It is only fair and right that the county as a whole should educate all of its children. County after county in North Carolina is beginning to recognize that it is the only and just way to educate its children. Not many years hence the State will be the unit and one big community. Lets get away from the district idea; that is a thing of the past. If it is fair and just for the county to furnish to every child a six months education from the general county fund then why is it not fair and just for the county to furnish every child eight months on the same basis from the general fund? It is, Dear voter think. This is the fairest, squarest school proposition that you have ever had a chance to vote on for the children of the county. A special school tax of between 20 and 30c, more like 25c will pay the salary of the entire teaching corps for two extra months county wide, and this is all that is asked for. The present special tax in all the rural districts will be eliminated. This method guarantees every child in the county an eight months school term.

Mr. and Mrs. Voter if you have registered do not fail to vote; that will count a vote against the school system and against the boys and girls in Carteret County. You can not afford to vote against an eight months school term for any boy or girl. If you stay away you are voting against them. If you go to the polls and vote against an eight months school term you are voting against them. So now is the time to do your bit for the children of Carteret County. It is a matter of right, justice and principle to vote for an EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL TERM. Do not remain at home on next Saturday but come out to the polls early and cast a ballot for the future manhood and womanhood of Carteret County.

Carteret County can not afford to let nearly one-half of its children be strangled with handicaps, while the other half walk the royal path to knowledge. It can not afford to

do this. The county owes every child an equal chance. So go out to the polls on Saturday June 26th, and lend a helping hand. You can never do a better deed in your life. Many of you may not see just what this will mean to the education of Carteret County, but in two or three years you can realize for yourself what it will mean and you will thank yourself for casting a vote for the equalization of educational opportunities in Carteret County.

Now friends, speak with the ballot so that those who come after you will be better prepared to make a living and can join the ranks of a better and more noble citizenship, which after all is summed up in our contribution to civilization.

Let us not neglect, forget, or be indifferent to pay this GREAT RESPECT to the childhood of today and the father and mother of tomorrow. I will close with the farewell words of our immortal educational governor, Aycock.

"EQUAL". That's the word! The equal right of every child born on earth to have the opportunity "to burgeon out all that there is within Him."

Very truly yours,
J. H. WORKMAN,
County Superintendent Schools.

TO DRAW PLANS FOR CAUSEWAY

Bids To Be Received On New Undertaking at More- head City

Morehead City, June 23.—George Brooks, Beaufort engineer, was today commissioned to draw up plans and specifications for a causeway across Bogue Sound connecting Morehead City directly with the ocean beach. Bids will be received early in July, according to officials of the Atlantic Beach Bridge Corporation, which is financing the project.

The bridge was recently authorized by the United States War Department and the Carteret county board of commissioners. It will be the final link in carrying State Highway No. 10 all the way from beyond the mountains at the Tennessee line to the Atlantic surf.

Preliminary specifications for the bridge call for concrete piling and wooden top, with one draw for the inland waterway. It will leave Morehead City at 28th street and extend over half a mile to the beach. Estimates place the cost in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars.

Plans now call for completion before next summer. The bridge will not be used solely for the transportation of pleasure seekers, but will form an important link in the commercial trade of this section, giving access by road to local markets for fish and truck from the 20-mile strip of land now cut off from the mainland by Bogue Sound. Formerly the only means of transportation has been by boat.

JUDGE NUNN'S RACE COST HIM \$1,916.54

Raleigh, June 23.—Judge R. A. Nunn in his successful race for the Democratic nomination for Superior court judge in the fifth district spent \$1,916.54. This is shown by his statement of campaign expenses which was filed with the secretary of state today. Julius Brown, his opponent, spent \$153.92.

MISS JONES ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF HER GUESTS

Miss Annie Neal Jones delightfully entertained last Friday night at her home on Queen Street in honor of her house guest Mrs. Clifford Hornaday.

The party was unique and was planned to drive away cares and bring laughter. Each game played brought forth a riot of laughter and enjoyment. Mrs. Horace Seelye won the prize for being able to make the best man out of a stick of chewing gum. Miss Etta Manson was successful in a guessing contest. While a delicious salad course was being served Mrs. Hornaday, in her usual charming manner, entertained the guests with humorous readings.

The guests on departing declared the evening one to be long remembered.