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COMPANIES WANT ADVANCE MADE IN TELEGRAPH RATES

Hearing Before Corporation Commission Last Week Ask- ing 30 Percent Increase.

SCHOOL BOOKS TOO HIGH

(BY M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., August 16.—The application for an increase in rates amounting to approximately 30 percent by the Western Union and Postal was the only outstanding event of the past week in Raleigh. The week was quiet in administration circles and the weather continued unusually warm. Word from Wisconsin was to the effect that Governor McLean is enjoying the utmost his three weeks vacation in the camps of that state and will be in good shape when he returns. The Executive is expected to be back about the 23rd of the month.

The Corporation Commission heard the application of the two telegraph companies during a two day hearing and then postponed decision on the matter for several days. The Postal reported that it was experiencing a loss in North Carolina, based on last year, of \$9,000 annually. The Western Union reported an annual loss of \$75,000 but it was brought out that last year that concern in the entire country had its greatest year and declared large dividends. The contention is that the other states are carrying North Carolina's load. It was frankly admitted that the application for increase is a protest against the state tax on every mile of wire operated by the companies and would not be brought if there were no such tax. The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and a number of other commercial bodies are opposing the increase.

Dr. R. H. Lewis, noted physician who died here last week left an estate of \$250,000. He had been crippled for the last years of his life and he left a bequest for the entertainment of bedridden crippled children. He also left a bequest toward the establishment of an orthopedic department at the University of North Carolina. The remainder of the estate was left to his four children.

The State Bar Association and the County Commissioner Association joined hands during the week to draw up legislation to present to the General Assembly looking to reforms in county government. At the county commissioners convention during the week at Morehead City, the report of the committee investigating the subject recommended fiscal and other reforms in county government. With this exhaustive report as the basis, committees from the two organizations will draw up suitable legislation to be presented to the General Assembly.

The controversy between the department of public instruction and certain school book companies over the selling of books at a lower rate to Tennessee than to North Carolina is still going on. During the week a hearing took place and the school book people stated they charged slightly more in North Carolina but they had to bear transportation charges while in Tennessee the local agents paid the transportation charges. It is probable the matter will be given further consideration this coming week.

R. L. Gray has resigned as director of publicity for the Department of Conservation and Development. His last work before he left to enter journalistic work was a booklet treating of North Carolina's resources. It is done in masterly style. Mr. Gray portrays vividly North Carolina's advantages in many ways. The booklet is being distributed by the Department of Conservation and Development and only a limited supply is on hand.

Great interest was manifested here in the stand taken by the North Carolina Federation of Labor on improvements in the election systems and against evolutionary teachings. The reform in election machinery is said to be needed. The stand on evolution, while it is a subject of interest in the State, is regretted by many as it brings the Labor Federation into a sphere which hitherto it has kept out of and one which is full of controversy. The attack on Governor McLean as unfriendly to labor was somewhat of a surprise.

The slump of more than eight millions in the resources of the banks of the State during the past two or three months is not regarded with alarm in official circles. It is considered a seasonal drop and when the

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MARSHALLBERG PEOPLE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

On last Saturday near Gloucester an automobile accident occurred that caused seven persons in a Ford touring car to have a very narrow escape. Mrs. Henry Salter of Marshallberg and six others were coming to Beaufort. While passing through Gloucester a wheel gave way and the car skidded. To avoid going in a canal Mrs. Salter put on the brakes and this caused the car to turn over catching the occupants underneath it. Fortunately Mrs. Salter had the presence of mind to cut off the switch to stop the motor thus preventing the car from catching fire. Captain Joe Pigott and several other men came to the rescue and lifted the car from over the people. Mrs. Salter had an arm dislocated and was bruised in several places. Golda Gray had an arm dislocated and collar bone broken. Some of the others were bruised a little but suffered no serious injury.

COUNTY TAX RATE FIXED BY BOARD

Rate Is \$2.25 On Hundred. No More Special Tax Districts

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners held Monday the 5th the tax levy for Carteret county for the year 1926 was adopted. The rate adopted provides for the operation of the schools for eight months and the assumption of indebtedness of all schools for the coming fiscal year. It also provides for the payment of all bonds that mature during the coming year and the interest on the same, also for the expenses of the county general fund and road and bridge maintenance. All special tax districts under the supervision of the Board of Education will be discontinued and no special taxes will be levied.

The following is the schedule of taxes adopted:

General School Tax—\$1.05 on the \$100.00 valuation.

Road and Bridge Bonds and Bond Interest—\$1.00 on the \$100.00 valuation.

County General Fund—.10 on the \$100.00 valuation.

Road and Bridge Maintenance—.10 on the \$100.00 valuation.

Total County-Wide Tax Rate—\$2.25 on the \$100.00 valuation.

Poll Tax \$4.00 each.

Beaufort Graded School district .25c on the \$100.00 for sinking fund and other deficits.

POPULARITY CONTEST CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT

The Firemen's Popularity Contest in which young ladies from New Bern, Beaufort and Morehead City are entered will close Saturday night at eleven o'clock. Mr. Rogers the man who is running the affair says that there is great interest in it and he expects that there will be a hot finish to it Saturday night. Miss Georgia Neal is representing Beaufort in the contest and at this writing has 19,800 votes. The Morehead City candidate has 24,600 votes and the New Bern lady has 18,360. The winner of the prize is to get a free trip to the Philadelphia exposition and the fire company in her town is to get a prize of one hundred dollars.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SPEAKS HERE NEXT THURSDAY

On next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock the Honorable Johnson J. Hayes, Republican nominee for the United States Senate will make a speech in Beaufort. Mr. Hayes has been making a tour of the eastern part of the State for several days and his speech here is one of his regular schedule. He is to speak the same night in New Bern. Mr. Hayes is a comparatively young man, but has been the State Solicitor in his district for several terms and has the reputation of being a first class speaker.

MISS LYDIA PARKIN REMEMBERED ON BIRTHDAY

Miss Lydia Parkin, who has been seriously ill for several months, had a large number of callers last Friday the occasion being her 19th birthday. Many nice gifts were brought to her and the room was almost filled with all sorts of lovely flowers. The first to arrive at the home of the sick girl was Mr. D. W. Whitehurst who brought a large and beautiful bouquet of roses and other pretty flowers. Miss Parkin has many friends in Beaufort and they sympathize deeply with her and like to show their interest in her as was shown last Friday.

GOING AHEAD ON HIGHWAY FILLING

This Part Of Work Will Be Finished in A Few Weeks More

Grading operations on the fill for the big twin city bridge started Monday. Dr. C. L. Duncan whose dredge made the fill, is having this work done. A force of men and mules are at work and will have the job done in a few days. This fill is to be covered by a concrete roadway the contract for which has not been let as yet. Persons who know a good deal about such things say that it would be practicable to go ahead and lay the concrete at any time as the sand has already settled as much as it will ever do.

The dredge Neverest is now at work making a fill between the bridge and the Atlantic hotel. This work is being done under the supervision of the State Highway Commission and the rate of pay will be 27.4 cents a cubic yard, the same price which the fill cost. This fill will be about 200 feet wide and it will take about a month to complete the contract. The roadway will run right along the water front and will create some very desirable property there for business or residential purposes. Good progress is being made now on driving piles for the bridge trestle and also on the abutments for the drawbridge. The weather has been very favorable so far and the contractors are hoping that it will stay that way. Under favorable circumstances they expect to make a good showing within the next three or four months.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION IN MOREHEAD CITY

The North Carolina Firemen's Association is in convention this week in Morehead City. The convention opened Tuesday with an attendance of around 1200 delegates and visitors. President A. B. Horney called the convention to order in the ball room of the Atlantic hotel. The address of welcome was made by Mayor Luther Hamilton and the response was made by the veteran fireman James D. McNeill of Fayetteville. State Insurance Commissioner Stacy Wade spoke on the importance of fire prevention. Mr. Charles Wallace made an interesting and optimistic speech on the future of eastern Carolina. Today the races, which constitute a big event of the occasion, are in progress. Tonight the annual ball will take place at the Atlantic Hotel and promises to be a large and brilliant affair.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Roy Fulcher, Stacy and Carrie Willis, Davis.
W. G. Hancock, Norfolk, Va. and Kathleen Skarren, Beaufort.

Municipal Hotel Plan Considered By Board of City Commissioners

Two or three years ago there was considerable discussion of a plan to have the town of Beaufort furnish the funds for building a hotel here. An investigation was made by Mr. E. Walter Hill and others but the matter was finally dropped. It now seems in a fair way to be revived. The board of commissioners held a recessed meeting Friday night and took up the hotel question. Those present were Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Maxwell, Noe and Smith. After considerable discussion of the matter a motion was offered by Commissioner Smith that a committee be appointed by the Mayor to locate sites, secure options, get architects' sketches, estimates of cost and submit a report and recommendations. The motion was carried and the May-

CITY WILL HELP INSTALLATION OF CLOSETS

Property owners who are financially unable to connect their buildings with the city sewer system can if they desire get some aid from the city. The city board has recently sent out letters to a number of persons who have not yet connected with the sewer system offering to advance the needed funds for installation of closets and give five years time for payment, at the rate of one fifth each year with interest at six percent. On the 7th of June the board of commissioners adopted an ordinance requiring everybody to connect up with the sewerage. Failure to do this subjects the guilty party to a fine of \$50 and costs.

COLORED YOUTH LOSES HIS LIFE

William Henry Falls From Deck of Parkins And Quickly Drowns

William Henry of Beaufort, a colored youth about twenty years old, fell overboard Tuesday afternoon from the deck of the fishing boat Parkins and was drowned. Henry was a member of the crew of the Parkins which had been out for the day's fishing and was returning to the port with her catch of fish. The accident happened shortly after midday about a half mile southeast of the sea buoy off Beaufort Inlet.

An eye witness of the drowning told the News man that young Henry was standing near the rail and when the boat rolled in a heavy sea he lost his balance and went over the side. He came up once and then sank again and was never seen any more. The vessel went back to the spot and if the unfortunate man had been able to stay up a few minutes it is thought he would have been saved. A strong flood tide was running at the time and it may be that the body will drift inside the inlet and be found along the shore somewhere. Searchers will look for the body and they hope to find it in a few days. Aleck Henry who is also a fisherman working on the W. B. Blades, is the father of the drowned youth.

SOUTHWEST WINDS HINDER FISHING OPERATIONS

The fat back fishing season began last week and started off unusually well. Fish have been rather plentiful recently and the fishermen are hopeful that they are going to have a big season during the coming fall months. Practically all of the factories are ready now to resume operations and two or three of them have been running for some time. Several of the boats made very good catches last week. The largest that the News has heard of was 900,000 caught by Captain Bonner Willis of the Wallace Fisheries of Morehead City. This week a strong southwester has been blowing steadily all the time and this has interfered seriously with the work of the fishermen. They are hoping now that the wind will shift to the northwest and that they will be more successful if this takes place.

Boy Hit By Auto; Seriously Hurt
HIGH POINT, Aug. 17.—Robert Lee Baker, aged 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baker, is in a local hospital suffering with a fractured skull and broken right leg, resulting from being struck by an automobile driven by a Mr. Swain, of Asheboro. The accident occurred on the Asheboro highway, five miles south of this city. Reports indicate that no blame for the accident is attached to Mr. Swain.

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or appointed on this committee Dr. C. S. Maxwell, Messrs. E. Walter Hill and A. D. O'Bryan. Another motion was offered by Commissioner Smith to the effect that City Attorney G. W. Duncan in conjunction with John C. Thompson, a bond attorney of New York, draw up a resolution calling for an election on the proposal to build a municipal hotel. This motion was carried.

Mr. Wood representing Charney and Company of Charlotte who are public accountants, came before the board and applied for the job of auditing the city's accounts. The committee appointed several weeks ago to secure an auditor has not made a report and so the board did not take any action on the matter. The board then recessed to meet again at 8 P. M. Friday the 20th of August.

FIND MISSING GIRL WITH SHOW MAN

Dunn, Aug. 12.—Alice Coats, 14-year-old Benson girl, who disappeared mysteriously ten days ago, has been found and is now back at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Coats. She was found Sunday by her father in Dillon, S. C., in company with Walter Byrd, showman, and Byrd is now in the Harnett county jail in Lillington charged with bigamy.

The father learned that his daughter had been married in Dillon to Byrd who is a native of Harnett county and also who has a child living in Greensboro. Byrd has been connected with various tent shows for the past several years. He is about 35-years-old.

SCHOOL PLAN ADOPTED FOR COLORED PUPILS

The trustees of the Beaufort public schools held a meeting Monday night for the purpose of considering the matter of providing a building for the colored school children of the town. A tentative plan for a building was adopted, provided the necessary funds can be secured and a suitable site had.

The estimated cost of the proposed building is \$30,000 and it is to be built of brick. It will have ten class rooms, an auditorium large enough to seat 400 people and will have all necessary heating and plumbing conveniences. The board is trying to get \$2100 from the Rosenwald Fund and will do if an acceptable site can be secured. Under the Rosenwald stipulations the site must contain at least two acres. The board also hopes to get something from the General Education Board and it will ask the colored people themselves to raise \$2500. for the building. The school will be used as a county high school in addition to serving the colored people of the Beaufort school district.

FOREST PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

N. C. Forestry Association Meets At Morehead City In September

(By Jos. Hyde Pratt)
Chapel Hill, N. C.—The following tentative program has been arranged for the 16th Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Forestry Association which will be held at Morehead City, N. C. September 2nd and 3rd, 1926.

ASSESSMENT & TAXATION OF FOREST LAND

- (1) Need of reform in forest taxation in North Carolina;
- (2) Reasons for change of present method.
- (3) Suggested measures of improvement;
- (4) Timber Crop compared with other crops;
- (5) How to meet County expenses under deferred payments.

PROTECTION OF FORESTS FROM FIRE

- (1) Needed legislation;
- (2) Federal cooperation;
- (3) County cooperation;

RECENT FEDERAL FORESTRY LEGISLATION EFFECTING NORTH CAROLINA:

- (1) Weeks and Clarke-MacNary Laws;
- (2) Forest Protection;
- (3) National Forests;
- (4) Appalachian Forest Experiment station;

STATE PARKS AND NATIONAL PARKS

- (1) Acquisition and administration of State Parks;
- (2) Relation of State Parks to Conservation;
- (3) National Parks;
- (4) Illustrated lecture on State Parks of North Carolina;

Among those who have been invited to discuss the subjects mentioned above are: Chas. L. Pack, President, American Tree Association; O. M. Butler, Secretary of America Forestry Association; Major Wade H. Phillips, Director, Department Conservation and Development; Hon. R. A. Doughton, Revenue Commissioner; Reuben Robertson, President, Champion Fibre Company; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington, N. C.; Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Governor of Pennsylvania; Senators F. M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman; Congressman Charles L. Abernethy; J. G. Peters, U. S. Forest Service; John M. Gibbs, Secretary, N. C. Pine Association; Andrew Gennett, Gennett Lumber Company; Edward A. Gaskill, Suncrest Lumber Company; Verne Rhodes, Former Supervisor, Pisgah Forest; J. S. Holmes, State Forester; Hon. Chas. S. Wallace, Morehead City; Senator W. O. Howard, Tarboro; Senator O. L. Clark; Senator E. R. McKethan, Fayetteville; H. M. Curran, Department of Agriculture, North Carolina; Hon. J. E. Woodland, Chairman Carteret County Commissioners.

The educational institutions are expressing their interest in the forestry work in the State and President Harry W. Chase of the University, W. P. Few, President, Duke University, E. C. Brooks, President, State College, have also been invited to discuss the forestry situation in this State.

"Mexico for the Mexicans" is the cry down there. The sentiment is heartily endorsed by most Americans who have been there.—Boston Transcript.

FISH COMMISSION MET IN BEAUFORT

Delegations Present Ask For Changes In Rules. Mem- bers Like Beaufort.

The first meeting of the North Carolina Fish Commission ever held in Beaufort took place Monday. Usually the meetings are held in Morehead City, although they have been held at Elizabeth City and other points. The members present were Chairman J. K. Dixon and Sanford Martin, J. Q. Gilkey, H. V. Grant, Henry C. Wall, F. S. Worthy, E. S. Askew. Fish Commission J. A. Nelson and Secretary Norman Webb were also present at the meeting. A considerable number of fishermen, fish dealers and others were present.

Mr. Elmo Higgins representing the United States Bureau of Fisheries, was present and read an interesting report on investigations made by his department on pound seine and long haul fishing. He gave a great many details about the kind and quantities of fish caught in the two types of nets and other information about the matter. There is a closed season on pound nets for April, June and July and there were a number of men from Portsmouth, Cedar Island, Atlantic and Washington who asked that this restriction be repealed. The closed season for long haul nets run from April 1st to July 1st and a delegation from Atlantic was present and asked that this be changed to June 1st instead of July.

The matter of changing the oyster cull law from 3 inches to 2 1/2 inches was also discussed by various persons. Those who advocated the change were William H. Bell of Newport, J. E. Woodland of Morehead City, J. J. Whitehurst of Beaufort, V. Taylor of Sea Level and J. R. Morris of Atlantic. M. S. Lee of Morehead City opposed any closed season on pound nets and asked that the long haul rule be changed to June 1st instead of July. The board took no action on any of these matters but will consider them later at an executive session.

The Chamber of Commerce of Beaufort, which was instrumental in getting the board to meet in Beaufort entertained the members at a supper at the Inlet Inn. The supper was an informal affair but a few short talks were made by several of those present. Mr. M. Leslie Davis on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce welcomed the members of the board to Beaufort and a very pleasant response was made by Chairman J. K. Dixon. Others who responded to calls were members of the Board E. S. Askew, Sanford Martin, J. Q. Gilkey, H. V. Grant, F. S. Worthy and Captain J. A. Nelson. Mr. Moon, owner of the Winston-Salem Journal, was present and expressed himself as highly impressed with this section and thought it capable of great development. Beaufort men who spoke were President Wiley H. Taylor, Seth Gibbs, J. A. Hornaday Jr., F. R. Seeley and W. G. Mebane. After the supper the members of the board were taken on automobile rides around town and into the country. The members of the party stated that they were much pleased with Beaufort and hoped to come here again.

Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock the Atlantic took the party aboard and sailed for Manteo where the board will hold a meeting and then return to Morehead City.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Real estate transfers recently recorded are as follows:

Owen Vann et al to Mattie W. Williams half lot 181 O. T. Beaufort for \$10. etc.

S. P. Hancock and wife to Mary E. Holland 6 acres Bft. township for \$10 etc.

R. E. Chaplain and wife to David Denyer 1-4 interest lot 40, lot 45, Beaufort for \$10. etc.

W. J. Fodrie and wife to R. E. Styron 50 acres Harker's Island township for \$200.

Mary Guthrie et al to Eugene Dudley tract Harkers Island township for \$10. etc.

E. H. Graham Trustee to L. C. Weathers lot 2 Blk. 61 Morehead City for \$2000.

W. T. Pellittier to Cornis F. Willis 178-100 acre Morehead township for \$10.

B. D. Gillikin to J. A. Gillikin 25 acres Straits township for \$150.

Sarah F. Gaskill, et al to C. S. Maxwell 40 acres Hay Island for \$100.

It is now possible to buy air tickets in London for fifty-two different European centers.