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MUNICIPAL HOTEL QUESTION WILL COME BEFORE CITY BOARD MONDAY

Seems Probable That Election Will Be Ordered. Sentiment Not Yet Crystallized About The Matter. Ordinances Have Been Prepared For Election

The board of town commissioners expect to give serious consideration Monday to the municipal hotel question, so members of the board have informed the News. The matter of calling an election, of appointing a registrar and poll-holders, of appointing a commission to have charge of buying a site, making contracts and the like.

The firm of Thomson, Wood and Hoffman of New York city, who are bond attorneys and who have been consulted about the hotel matter, prepared ordinances providing for calling an election on the question and for an issuance of bonds. It will be necessary to have a new registration if the election is called. But even if the election should result favorably for the hotel bond issue, the bonds cannot be issued without a special act of the General Assembly which does not meet until January.

The News has not heard many people express themselves one way or another about the proposal to build a municipal hotel. A few have declared themselves to be against it and some have said they favor it but most of them appear not to have made up their minds yet or if they have they do not express their views. Most of them say they want to know where it is to be built, what it is to cost and who is to have charge of building it. After these matters are settled and the election is called public opinion will crystallize very quickly for one side or the other; at least that is what most people think. The advocates of the proposition say they think it will be attractive to the people when they understand it and that they think the referendum will be favorable.

BOLD ATTEMPT MADE TO COMMIT BURGLARY

Considerable excitement was caused at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ramsey early Sunday morning when some man tried to enter the house. The occurrence took place about 3:30 in the morning.

Mr. Ramsey who sleeps in a back room, happened to be awake at the time and saw the man on the sidewalk coming towards the house. A few minutes later Mrs. Ramsey and her daughter Miss Margaret screamed and when he answered said a man was trying to get in their room. Apparently the burglar was trying to take the wire screen out of the window. When the women screamed he became frightened and ran around to the rear of the house and from there across Ann street and escaped. He was seen by Mr. John Hill a next door neighbor as well as members of the Ramsey family, but was not recognized. He was either a white man or a mulatto of light complexion. Mr. Ramsey got his gun and would have shot the intruder but was prevented from doing so by his daughter.

In North Carolina entering a dwelling house forcibly in the night time is a capital offense and if he had been caught the would be burglar would have been in a very serious trouble.

RESTAURANT MAN FINED

For failure to comply with certain health regulations Mr. L. T. Mathis restaurant keeper, was tried in the court of Justice of the Peace W. O. Williams Friday afternoon and fined \$25 and costs. The charge against Mr. Mathis was that he declined to submit to a physical examination himself and that he had in his employ two persons suffering from an infectious disease. The charges were brought by County Health Officer Dr. T. C. Britt. Mr. Mathis took an appeal to Superior Court.

NEVEREST FINISHES AND LEAVES FOR WRIGHTSVILLE

The dredge boat "Neverest" left this morning at an early hour for Wrightsville Beach where she has a contract to do a large filling job. The work on the State highway bridge III was done by this dredge and is now all completed and ready for the concrete. A pile driver belonging to the Sandford and Brooks Company has been moved from the Morehead City drawbridge site and is now at work driving piles in the Beaufort channel. Other bridge work is said to be making satisfactory progress.

FULL DOCKET TRIED IN POLICE COURT MONDAY

Police court Monday afternoon was crowded, long and hot. It took two hours to dispose of the cases on the docket and notwithstanding the fact that another trial was in progress across at the county courthouse, the room was filled with spectators.

C. A. Oden charged with an assault upon Burney Burr pleaded guilty to the charge. The evidence was that Oden asked Burr about a debt that they had some words, that Oden struck Burr and that he struck back. Burr was then tried for fighting also and the Mayor decided that both were guilty and assessed them with the costs, \$4.70 each.

Pope Johnson, a one legged negro, was tried on the charge of drunkenness. He admitted having had a drink or so but denied that he had made a very good example of a drunken man and he was convicted and Mayor Thomas gave him 30 days in jail.

John Bunyan Conleton, after a sort of vacation from court, got in rather considerably Monday. He was tried on three different charges. One case was for being drunk and fighting Herbert Martin, another case was just plain drunkenness and the third was for an assault upon Mrs. Britt Daw. He was acquitted of the last named charge. Mrs. Daw claimed that he threw her out of the door. Several witnesses testified that he led her out but did not throw her out. John resisted the other charges and best he could but was convicted and got a sentence of 30 days in each or a \$50 fine in each. He took an appeal was put under a bond of \$250 which he failed to give and was therefore locked up.

Herbert Martin charged with fighting John Bunyan Conleton claimed that he was defending some of his female relatives from John who they said attempted some familiarities with them. Decision was reserved in his case for further investigation.

James Allen Lewis, a young white man, was charged with an assault upon Miss Lola Mason. The assault in this case consisted in having thrown a water melon rind from a moving automobile which struck the lady in the face. He got the option of 10 days on the streets or paying the costs in the case which was \$5.60. Burney Burr had another case against him which alleged that he was drunk Sunday night. Burney didn't think he was so very drunk but Chief of Police Longest gave it as his opinion that he was "dead" drunk and so the Mayor said \$50 and the costs or 30 days on the streets.

Three negro boys, Ben Deputy, Roy Potter and Dave Sparrow were tried on the charge of breaking and Simon Gatling. The evidence was they were found in Gatling's place at about 3:30 in the morning. That they came in the back door which was not locked, that they said they wanted to get a chicken cooked and that Gatling missed \$11 from his cash drawer. They got off by paying the costs in the case. William Yann for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk was let off with the costs.

Will Hold Education Conference Here For Three Days Next Week

Carteret County Schools will open September 13, 1926. A three days Educational Conference will be held before the opening of school. The program begins Thursday and will be:

First Day: Principals of Larger Type Schools.

Second Day: Principals and Teachers.

Third Day: Principals, Teachers, and Committeemen.

CLASS OF '22 HAS REUNION.

On Monday, August 30 the class of 1922 of Beaufort High School held a reunion, this being their first meeting in four years. The members met at the school building at two o'clock to talk over old times in familiar surroundings. Memory books kept by members of the class during high school days, provided much amusement. From there the party went to the beach. After a swim, all enjoyed a picnic supper. The return trip was devoted to a class meeting, presided over by the president Clifford Lewis. Out of a class of sixteen, eleven were present at this meeting. These were Misses Inez Willis, Annie Guthrie, Margaret Gibbs, Aletha Fulford, Estelle Caffrey, Alice Potter, Martha Pierce, Messrs Clifford Lewis, Ben Jones, Julian Gaskill and James Noe.

It may surprise some to learn that there are enough milk drinkers in New York to raise quite a row over the poor quality of the supply.—Wichita Eagle.

TO RE-ORGANIZE HEALTH BOARD

Plan Will Go Into Effect With New Administration

RALEIGH, Aug. 29.—A sweeping plan or re-organization of the administration of the state board of health, a change formulated at a recent conference of the executive committee and the bureau heads, is to be put into effect as soon as Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse takes charge on October 1. The change is one of plan rather than of staff, board officials say.

Under the proposed system the state will be divided into four districts with a district deputy health officer in charge and directly responsible for the work of each section. It will mean, officials say, the elimination of at least three bureaus and the probability of the change of title of a half dozen or more of the present health officials. The district plan, the idea of Dr. W. S. Rankin, former health officer and now a member of the boards and the executive committee, was experimented with in 1923, but because of Dr. Rankin's absence it was abolished.

All bureaus except those of sanitary engineering, education, vital statistics, and partially the bureau of maternity and infancy, will be abolished, and estimating in this new plan it has been figured by the board that the budget for the biennium next July will be approximately \$412,000 a year, about \$8,000 a year less than the present allotment. However, several thousand dollars over the allotment were spent during the past year.

SENSATIONAL CASE DRAWS LARGE CROWD

A case that promised to be somewhat sensational and that therefore attracted a large crowd was tried Monday afternoon by Justice of the Peace W. O. Williams. It took place in the county court room and was that where Ernest Fenderson was charged with an assault upon Jim Noe. Both men are colored.

It appeared from the evidence that Saturday night in the early part of the evening Noe found his wife and Fenderson together on east Front street near Gordon or Fuiford. Jim called Fenderson some sort of a scoundrel or words to that effect and Fenderson proceeded very promptly to lambast Jim which he did very thoroughly. Magistrate Williams decided that the case had better go to a higher court and so he held Fenderson for trial under a \$250 bond which was given.

Three more farmers of Alexander county have put running water in their homes recently. They used the gravity system bringing the water from a spring on the mountain side.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Snowden of Miami, Fla arrived yesterday and will spend several days here.

OPENING GUN FIRED IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

The first political speech of the campaign on either side in Carteret county was made in the courthouse last Thursday afternoon by the Honorable Johnston J. Hayes, Republican nominee for the United States Senate. Although it was a rainy day a fairly good sized crowd was on hand. Most of those present were Republicans but there was a sprinkling of Democrats in the audience. Mr. Hayes was the solicitor in his district for several terms and is a very good speaker. He spoke for about fifty minutes devoting more of his time to the school question than anything else. He advocated a uniform tax rate for the public schools in every county in the State and made a strong argument in favor of it. He made a strong plea for the protective tariff system which he claimed is mainly responsible for the country's prosperity and spoke briefly on the League of Nations. Mr. Hayes' speech was very well received by his audience. W. G. Mebane was called on to act as chairman of the meeting and James Wallace Mason introduced the speaker.

CARTERET COUNTY MAKES PROGRESS

Big Things Taking Place Along Coastal Front Secretary Barlett Says

Kinston, Aug. 30.—"Eastern North Carolina has had her biggest summer" said Newell G. Bartlett, Secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Kinston. In the opinion of those who have kept up with the happenings in Eastern Carolina this year, this section has had more real publicity than she has ever had before. The outside world is beginning to learn about this great section of the Southeast. Hundreds of inquiries are coming in every month from all over the country, indicating that Eastern North Carolina is soon to come into her own in no uncertain way.

Among the counties that have made the best showing from new business, may be found Carteret on the coast, with many miles of water frontage. A conservative estimate will place the increase in buildings and other investments in Carteret county this year, at around \$2,000,000.00. Hundreds of people from all over the Southwest have invested in Carteret county real estate; One of the most modern and finest resort hotels in the whole South, Morehead Villa, was built and operated in Carteret county this summer. In addition to this scores of new homes have been erected that will make for permanent development in that section. "This is but the beginning of a real development for Carteret county and all the coast counties" is the opinion of Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce members who are familiar with conditions in Eastern North Carolina. Carteret county, as a county, has set the pace for every other coast county in Eastern North Carolina. Among the more important development of Carteret are Morehead Bluffs, Bogue Sound, and others.

VANCEBORO PHYSICIAN CATCHES A SEA GULL

In addition to making two fine catches of blue fish this week Dr. F. L. Potts of Vanceboro hooked a sea gull, a feat which is rarely performed. Catching the gull however was not intentional. The gull saw the doctor's squid and thinking it looked good enough to eat swooped down and grabbed it. The bird did not swallow the hook but it caught in his mouth and held him. He was pulled into the boat and after a little examination was turned loose and went on his way in search of a dinner.

Dr. Potts and Dr. W. L. Hilliard of Asheville made two fine catches of fish this week. Monday afternoon they went out with Captain Charlie Carrow and in about two hours caught 110 fish, of which about 75 were blue fish some of which were of very nice size. On Tuesday afternoon they were out again and almost duplicated their first performance catching 105 fish most of which were blues. Sportsmen have also been having good success recently catching fresh water fish in South River. Dr. T. C. Britt and City Superintendent R. L. Fritz have been out there several times and have caught any where from 15 to 25 big mouthed black bass, or "chub," some of which weighed as much as four pounds.

MORE ACTIVITY IN EVIDENCE AT STATE CAPITAL

Many New Lawyers Licensed. Bids Received For Twenty-Three New Road Projects

BOOK PRICES TOO HIGH

(By M. L. Shipman)
Raleigh, N. C. August 30—With the coming of fall, matters at the State Capital this past week began to show signs of renewed activity. This was reflected in the return from vacation of a number of high officials. The Supreme Court opened its fall term with the examination of law candidates and will begin handling cases this week. The State Board of Education was in session, the Highway Commission let a large road contract, and a number of other matters of more or less interest held attention during the week.

Governor McLean returned from his vacation Sunday after being delayed a few days at Baltimore by the unexpected illness of one of his children. He was in excellent shape and expressed himself as prepared for an arduous and heavy program this fall and winter. Director Wade H. Phillips of the department of Conservation and Development returned from a vacation as did Secretary of State Everett. Pardon Commissioner Sink returned from a business trip and the entire Supreme Court reported back for duty after vacations.

The Supreme Court held interest of many with the bar examinations and the text book controversy also got a lot of attention. The court announced that 109 young men from all sections of the State had passed its examination while 26 failed to do so. C. P. Barringer, president of the State Federation of Labor, passed the examination but his certificate was withheld until he proves his good character to the court. Protest had been filed against Barringer when he became involved in a suit charging he had defrauded a party in Salisbury. Barringer settled the suit out of court, the amount being less than \$500, and the charges were withdrawn but the court refused to allow the withdrawal and will pass on the case. Barringer shortly will be given a hearing.

he controversy over the higher price North Carolina children are paying for textbooks came to a head during the week. The final result is that the State expected this week to file injunction proceedings against the publishers prohibiting the sale of their books in the State except on the same basis as Tennessee children get books. North Carolina has a contract with the publishers guaranteeing as low prices as the books are sold elsewhere but it is discovered that the excess paid in this state last year over what was paid in Tennessee amounted to \$15,000 and will amount to as much this year unless the reductions are forthcoming. The Board of Education conferred with publishers during the week but no agreement was reached and therefore legal proceedings will be instituted. Attorney General Brummitt is now handling the matter.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway and the Seaboard Air Line will have to transport fertilizer products from Wilmington to interior North Carolina at intra-state rates. A decree filed in Federal Court last Saturday by three Federal Judges who heard argument in the matter ruled in this manner. The corporation commission had sought to institute the interstate rate rather than the interstate rate and had been held up by proceedings instituted by the two railroads. If the case goes to the U. S. Supreme Court and is ruled upon as done by the Federal judges, there will be a great saving for the fertilizer buyers of the State.

The State Highway Commission during the week received bids totaling \$2,706,535 on 23 projects, the letting being one of the largest in the history of the commission. The Commission will meet the end of this week at Raleigh to formally award the contracts. This will mean an extensive road program throughout the State during the next year and will mean much in employment circles.

Attorney General Brummitt has ruled that Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse may assume the position of secretary of the State Board of Health without violating the law. There had been some discussion of the matter as Dr. Laughinghouse had served on the Board of Health and there is a rule that prohibits those on institutional boards from being elected to positions on the institution (Continued on page six)