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## CITY BOARD ORDERS AN ELECTION TO DECIDE THE HOTEL QUESTION

Hotel Commission Appointed. Hot Discussion Takes Place Concerning Sum of \$100,000 Borrowed By City Board. Two Commissioners Say They Knew Nothing of Transaction.

One of the warmest sessions ever held by the board of town commissioners took place at the city hall Monday. Only a few spectators were present but they seemed to enjoy the proceedings very thoroughly. The meeting was the regular first Monday meeting and Mayor Thomas and the whole board composed of Dr. C. S. Maxwell, L. J. Noe, W. P. Smith, Harry Parkin and D. W. Whitehurst were present.

The principle matter considered by the board Monday was the calling of an election on the municipal hotel question. It was when this subject was opened up that the storm referred to above took place. The hotel committee, composed of E. Walter Hill, A. D. O'Bryan and Commissioner C. S. Maxwell, handed in a report favoring the purchase of the Inlet Inn site at \$25,750 and recommended an election on a bond issue of \$150,000 for buying the lot and building a hotel. This started the fireworks. Internal Revenue Collector A. T. Gardner the ntook the floor and said he favored the hotel but wanted to know about some other matters first. He said he understood the board had borrowed \$100,000 for the purpose of developing certain real estate east of town and he wanted to know if it was true. He said some of the commissioners had told him they had not voted for a loan and knew nothing about it. He wanted to know what authority they had to borrow the money, where they got it, where it was and what they were going to do with it. Postmaster R. B. Wheatly was also present and he made some caustic remarks on the situation also. City Clerk M. A. Hill was the first to reply to Mr. Gardner and he stated that no loan had been negotiated. City Attorney G. W. Duncan spoke up then and said the money had been borrowed and Commissioner W. P. Smith also admitted that it had been borrowed. At this state of the proceedings the minutes were produced and the City Clerk started to read the loan resolution but was soon relieved by the City Attorney who read the resolution which was said to have been adopted on the 5th of July. The minutes stated that the vote was unanimous but Commissioner Noe denied that he voted to borrow the money and said he did not know it had been borrowed until a few days ago. There was quite a hubbub and considerable confusion, with the spectators applauding Mr. Gardner and making a good many remarks on the side. The Mayor was asked where the money had been put and replied that the information might be obtained from City Treasurer Stancil. Mr. Gardner started to the telephone but stopped when Chief of Police Longest volunteered the information that the money was in the Bank of Beaufort. Commissioner Smith then stated that the county had agreed to take the money off the town's hands and that the town would not lose a nickel by the transaction. Mr. O'Bryan then took the floor in the role of peacemaker and tried to get the discussion back to the hotel where it started. After the confusion had subsided somewhat the hotel matter was taken up again and the resolution concerning it, with some amendments, were adopted. The resolutions are given in full in another column.

## BEAUFORT SCHOOL GETS GOOD START

Largest Enrollment in Its History. Big Crowd Present For Opening Exercises.

Beaufort Public School for white children made a good start Monday, according to those in charge. The largest enrollment in its history was in attendance and a full corps of competent teachers was present and ready for the year's work. The total enrollment this year so far is 412 and last year it was 341 which makes a substantial increase. There are 113 in the High School as against 92 last year.

The auditorium was inadequate to hold the crowd that was present for the opening exercises Monday. There were not enough seats for the pupils let alone the parents and others who were present. The exercises began with singing the hymn "Holy, holy, holy" after which the Reverend G. W. Lay read the 25th chapter from St. Matthew and made the invocation. Chairman U. E. Swann of the board of trustees was next introduced by Superintendent Fritz. He called for three cheers for the school, for the superintendent and the teachers which were given. He extended a welcome to the new pupils and new teachers and urged upon all the importance of the work before them. Mr. M. Leslie Davis spoke briefly stressing the fact that this was a happy occasion and the beginning of a great opportunity for service. Reverend E. Frank Lee was the next speaker and he called attention to the opportunities for doing church and Sunday school work. He urged pupils and teachers not to "pass the buck" but for each one to do his or her part in the work at hand. Mrs. H. Overstreet, president of the Parent-Teachers Association spoke briefly of the work of that organization. Superintendent Fritz talked for a few minutes on the value of an education, gave some explanations and directions and then after singing America, the benediction was pronounced by Reverend L. B. Boney and the exercises ended.

On account of the fact that the building for the colored children was burned some weeks ago the colored school did not open Monday. The board is trying to arrange for securing a building and the school will open as soon as it can be done.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET HERE MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners took place Monday. A large crowd of people from Marshallberg, Atlantic, Harkers Island, Sea Level and other places were on hand for the meeting. They wanted roads mostly but some of the Harker's Island people wanted a ferry. Jurors were chosen for the next term of court and some other business was transacted. The News has not been able to see the official minutes as they were not ready in time and therefore will not give a synopsis of the board's deliberations until next week.

## HOTEL COMMISSION APPOINTED

The Hotel Commission appointed by the board of town commissioners is as follows: W. A. Mace, U. E. Swann, J. A. Hornaday Jr., C. S. Maxwell, A. D. O'Brien, C. T. Chadwick and E. Walter Hill.

## BUOY PLACED AT THISTLEROY WRECK

A buoy has been placed to mark the wreck of the cotton steamer Thistleroy near Cape Lookout. The buoy was put in position Monday. Captain W. J. Willis who carried it there aboard the menhaden fishing vessel W. M. Webb. The water at low tide above the wreck is only about two and a half feet deep and as it was unmarked the place has been a considerable menace to shipping of all sorts. There was a buoy there a good many years ago but it was lost. The Thistleroy wreck is a noted place for fishing and is well known by sportsmen as well as professional fishermen all over the country.

## BOYS AND GIRLS HOLD ENCAMPMENT

Craven County Club Members Have The Time Of Their Lives at Neuse Forest (By Edith Powell Home Demonstration Agent)

I want to tell the boys and girls of Carteret County what the boys and girls of Craven County are doing. Last week, I assisted Miss Simpson, the Home Agent, and Mr. Farris, the Farm Agent, with their encampment of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs. This Encampment was held at Neuse Forest near New Bern. There were about one hundred and fifteen children present. They formed a representative group from Pig Clubs, Poultry Clubs, Canning Clubs and Sewing Clubs. They were there from the ages of ten to eighteen; and the range in weight was from forty to two hundred. The two hundred pound boy was the baby of the group.

Each boy and girl brought a chicken and a vegetable of some kind from home and paid one dollar extra. When all of the corn, potatoes, buttermilk, tomatoes, apples, pears, preserves, jellies and pickles had been assembled in the pantry one would have thought that there was enough to feed Sherman's Army, but it took careful planning on the part of Miss Simpson to make the food "come out even" and still give the youngsters plenty to eat. The one dollar from each person went to pay for bread, rolls, lemons, ice and ice cream, milk for cocoa and sugar for the lemonade and coffee. We used 300 pounds of ice, six gallons of ice cream, and a peck of lemons every day. We called these our luxuries, but by the way the boys called for more lemonade, one would have thought that it was a necessity.

When the whistle sounded at six o'clock, those who wanted to go swimming were up and ready. They had an hours fun in the water and then dressed for breakfast which was served at eight o'clock. Immediately after breakfast each morning, a group of boys were detailed to kill chickens. They accomplished this task in a short time, and then they went to the auditorium where Mr. James M. Gray, one of the "High-Ups" in the Extension Service at State College, spoke to them for a while. The girls were given instruction in table setting and service. We had hoped to have the demonstrator from the Wesson Oil Company, to give the girls instruction in salad making, but she was unable to come at that time.

At four o'clock everybody went swimming again. Swimming was the chief sport since the waters of the Neuse were right at the door. Pitching horseshoes was indulged in by some of the more active lads. After supper, about eight o'clock each night, Mr. Farris entertained us at the auditorium with moving pictures. Mr. Harrill, the State Club Leader, was there too, and put a lot of pep and fun into the meetings with his songs and stunts.

Let me tell you about one of his stunts that furnished us unlimited amusement. He called sixteen boys from the audience and arranged them in a semi-circle on the stage. Then he placed the cover of a small matchbox on the nose of the boys at each end of the line. Then each of the boys had to place the match box on the nose of the boy nearest him without either of them touching the box with their hands. Then here came the fun, because some of the boys had big noses and some had little noses, and some were tall and some were short. The side which could first get the box to the center boy in the line was the winning side. If the box fell, Mr. Harrill placed it back on the nose of the boy from whom it fell. A mere description of this stunt can only convey a poor idea of the fun it is. Just try it!

The Encampment lasted from Monday noon till Thursday afternoon after the four o'clock swim. Every child had a genuine good time, and they want next year to come when another good time is in store for them. Mr. Golphin, Agent in Pamlico County, and Mr. Monroe, Agent in Jones County, had a few of their club boys and girls there. These two men assisted greatly in the management of the Camp. I hope that Carteret County may have an encampment next year. I am planning for it. With the opening of the schools, I shall begin to organize clubs for the girls, and we shall do some work that will be of practical value.

Mrs. H. M. Hendrix, Miss Helen and Harry have returned home after having visited in Concord.

## EIGHT MONTHS TERM BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

For First Time in County's History Schools will Run For Eight Months

## TEACHERS CONFER TODAY

Monday September 13, 1926 is a "Red Letter Day" for Carteret County boys and girls. On that day for the first time every boy and girl in the county will have the opportunity to enter an eight months school. How different is the school of today from that which our grand-parents attended. They had staid schoolmasters with long hand and they kept order with a birch rod. The cartoons a few years ago pictured the little boy crying because he had to go to school and his dog was laughing because he did not have to go to school.

Today most of the teachers are girls with short hair. They seldom need a birch rod for they have attended Teachers College and understand how to teach Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and other things so that they are interesting to boys and girls. Last year the artist realized the change which had been brought about by the newer methods and when he made his picture for the first day of school the little boy was starting off to school laughing and the little dog was crying because he had to stay at home.

Plans for the work of the year will be discussed at the Educational Conference on September 9, 10, and 11. The County Handbook for 1926-27 will be distributed. It contains the School Calendar, a brief outline of the work, school regulations, and references. Reading in the county schools has improved very much during the last three years. This year the work in reading will be continued and Language will be given special attention.

Visitors for the conference from out of the county will be Mr. Robert H. Wright, President of East Carolina Teachers College, who will speak Friday morning at eleven o'clock, Miss Baldon, representative of the Zaner Writing Company, will give special demonstrations in writing on Friday afternoon, and Miss Gathwright of Richmond, Va. will demonstrate the use of the Victrola in schools on Saturday morning.

School supplies will be given out at noon Saturday and teachers will go to their communities on Saturday afternoon. Teachers who teach in Newport, Atlantic, and Harkers Island will have the privilege of living in new modern homes. Each of these places have nice new teacherages. They were built with money loaned by the State and will be paid for out of the rental money without any charge to the county.

## List of Teachers

Atlantic: Mabel Evans, Manteo, N. C.; F. L. Stroupe, Crossmore, N. C.; Minnie Nelson, Atlantic, N. C.; Grattis Truitt, Oriental, N. C. Margaret Williams, Currituck, N. C. Annie M. Woods, Cedar Grove, N. C. Mrs. Daphne Hill, Atlantic, N. C. Martha Stegall, Marshallberg, N. C. Dorothy Grubbs, Lexington, Ky.

Bettie: Mrs. Lucy S. Pake, Bettie, N. C. Lottie Salter, Atlantic, N. C. Broad Creek: Nina Hardesty, Beaufort, N. C. Mrs. Maud Hill, Atlantic, N. C. Buck's Store: Myrtle Pridgon, Trenton, N. C. Camp Glenn: Mrs. J. F. Nelson, Morehead City, N. C. Ruth Willis, Morehead City, N. C. Emily Newberry, Dunn, N. C. Berta J. Dunn, Samarcand, N. C.

Cedar Island: J. I. Mason, Atlantic, N. C. Lola Nelson, Atlantic, N. C. Gladys Willis, Atlantic, N. C. Nettie M. Morris, Atlantic, N. C. Davis: Irvin Davis, Davis, N. C. Theresa Hill, Atlantic, N. C. Delia Pond, Davis, N. C. Gales Creek: Bernice Burton, Union, S. C.

Harkers Island: Leona Jarvis, Gloucester, N. C. Goldie Willis, Atlantic, N. C. Mrs. Mamie Lewis, Harkers Island, N. C. Mabel Ellis, Clayton, N. C. Geo. D. Hardy, New Bern, N. C. Lukens: Mrs. Sudie Guthrie, Atlantic, N. C. Lupton: Vivian Parsons, Beaufort, Marshallberg: Mary Culbreth Stedman, N. C. Flora Davis, Marshallberg, N. C. Justin Robinson, Atlantic, N. C. Merrimon: Nina Wade, M. City, N. C. Newport: C. F. Carroll, Newport, N. C. Ruth Tyler, Roxabel, N. C. Ida Woodard, Oriental, N. C. Annie (Hass)

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## POLICE COURT ITEMS

Police court Monday afternoon was a rather tame affair. There was only one trial and that did not amount to a great deal. Two negro boys Alfred Wilson and John Henry were tried for fighting. Both attempted to prove their innocence but neither succeeded in doing so. Mayor Thomas fined them \$15 or 10 days on the streets.

## GOVERNOR GIVES PARDON TO WYATT RALEIGH OFFICER

(By M. L. SHIPMAN) Raleigh, N. C., September 6—The return of Governor McLean from his vacation marked the resumption of activities in official circles during the week. In addition Raleigh had its own excitement of another nature, the killing of a convict by a preacher-deputy under somewhat unusual circumstances. The whole capital this week turned its eyes toward Eastern North Carolina where the tobacco markets open this week and the flood of golden coin for the golden weed is expected to spell prosperity for the tobacco counties this year. A good price is looked for by growers who have followed the opening of the markets further South. The Governor marked his return with an informal dinner for newspaper men and he took occasion at that time to discuss affairs of State in general manner. He was feeling greatly benefited by his sojourn in Wisconsin where he devoted himself to toil of a nature which would tire an ordinary man. Physically, however, the Governor is far from an ordinary man. During the week the Executive handled a number of important matters. He accepted three invitations to speak at farmer's gatherings, at Kirby Farmers Club at Conway on Sept. 7, farmers picnic at Friendship in Alamance county on September 10 and at Wilkes county fair at Wilkesboro on September 30. He granted to Jesse Wyatt, former Raleigh police officer who shot Stephen Holt of Smithfield mistaking him for a rum runner, a full pardon. This will only relieve Wyatt of 20 days of his sentence but it will place him in position to apply to court for restoration of citizenship. The Governor went over plans for fire-proofing buildings of State Hospital and it is expected this work will be let to contract when final plans are in shape. To six prisoners he granted paroles and refused clemency in 21 cases, the number having accumulated during his absence and having been investigated by Pardon Commissioner Sink. He addressed the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and urged the importance of a landing field for aeroplanes. It had been announced that the Department of Commerce had decided to make Raleigh a stop for aeroplanes. The Governor got to work to back the Board of Education in order to get lower prices for school books. The immediate result was the lowering of prices by one concern and the filing of injunction proceedings stopping the others from selling at higher prices than in other states pending a hearing on the question on September 14. The Governor is gratified that the dairying industry is growing in the State and hopes for its further advancement. That taxes are still rolling into the treasuries of the United States and North Carolina from people of the State is indicated by the report of collections for the past month. Federal collections again took a large jump and during July and August \$32,909,000 was collected. The State collected in August \$879,407.91 which was an increase of more than two hundred thousand over the same month last year. The Auto License Bureau collected in August \$1,358,923.00 which was an increase of about \$450,000 over the same month last year. Quite a sensation was caused during the week by the fatal wounding of J. B. Vickers, convict of Charlotte, by Rev. George Wood, pastor-deputy of Lenoir county. Wood was returning the man to prison after he had been captured after making his escape. The man made another break for freedom and it was while being recaptured that he was shot. Wood declared the shooting was accidental. The several witnesses said the guard shot in a fit of anger. Wood was bound over to Superior Court under bond on a charge of murder when Vickers died of his wounds. Wood had been appointed a deputy in connection with welfare work he had been doing among prisoners. Miss Elizabeth Kelly, well known in the State, declares that the main trouble with the North Carolina school system is political bossism and greed. She declares the question is not how do we compare with other states but where did we start, how far have we gone and where are we going. She says answers to these questions will convey the whole school situation to the mind. (Continued on page three)

## FOOD HANDLERS FOUND DISEASED

Examinations Show Many Persons Suffering Venereal Disease. All Have Been Treated.

(By Dr. T. C. Britt County Health Officer) In the examination of 217 food handlers in Beaufort and Morehead City cafes, restaurants, and hotels 33 cases of syphilis have been discovered. Most of these have been colored help and all infected individuals were colored. All of these individuals who remained in the county have been required to report to the health department or to a private physician for treatment. During the month of August 76 injections of nearsphenamine have been given by the health department. Since the department was created in this county 80 cases of venereal diseases have been reported to the State Board of Health. Our vaccination campaign has not been as successful as it should have been. We have given 195 complete typhoid vaccinations, 71 small pox, 196 complete toxin-antitoxin (Diphtheria). There is a good number taking the vaccinations at present and some who have completed a series during September. During the early part of the school year we hope to give everyone in the county an opportunity to be vaccinated and it is hoped that every child between the ages of six months and ten years will take the toxin antitoxin to prevent diphtheria and all who have not had typhoid vaccination within the past two years will take advantage of the opportunity to prevent typhoid. Every one should be vaccinated against small pox. Before schools closed in the Spring we examined and inspected over 1500 school children and found either physical defects or errors in personal hygiene that could be corrected about 100 of these were children with enlarged tonsils and adenoids and defective teeth. I hope more of these have been corrected than we know of, as only 6 tonsil and adenoid operations, and 29 corrections of dental defects have been reported to us. With the assistance of a representative from the State Board of Health we held several clinics and pointed out many defects to parents. Now we believe that a child cannot develop physically or mentally with noted handicaps. About the matter of personal hygiene it is hoped that every child will enter school free from scabs and pediculosis so that no child will have to be excluded from school on that account. We expect to begin early and exclude every child who is infected to prevent the spread of such conditions to whole schools.

## SNOWDEN FAMILY RETURNS TO BEAUFORT TO LIVE

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Snowden and their two sons who went to Miami, Florida about a year ago, have come back to Beaufort and will make their home here in future. They will conduct the same line of business they did when here before except that it will be on a larger scale. Mr. and Mrs. Snowden say Florida is a fine country but in their opinion North Carolina is still better and they have come back to stay. The Snowdens have a great many friends in Beaufort and vicinity and have received a hearty welcome from them.

Misses Glennie Paul and Victoria Boney left Tuesday morning for Raleigh where they will attend Meredith College.