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FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE STATE **GOVERNMENT OF N. C. FOR YEAR 1925**

Operating Expenses And Maintenance of Departments Were Over Sixteen Millions. This Does Not Include Permanent Improvements Like Road Building. Revenue Over Twenty Eight Millions

(By U. S. Department of Commerce-

Washington, D. C., September 14, 1926—The Department of Commerce MARRIAGE PERMITS SEEM announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925.

Expenditures.

The payments for maintenance and operation of the general departments of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, amounted to \$16,679,744, or \$6.09 per capita. This includes \$1,842,788, apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. In 1924 the comparative per capits for maintenance and operation of general departments was \$5.79, and in 1917, \$1.96. The expenses of public service enterprises amounted to \$26,-051; interest on debt, \$4,421,994; and outlays for pernament improvements, \$26,296,950. The total payments, therefore, for expenses of general departments and public service enterprises, interest, and outlays were \$47,424,739. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Men Badly Burned But Escape Death. Other Morehead City News Of the governmental costs reported above. \$25,212,575 was for highways, \$3,310,684 being for main_ tenance and \$21,901,891 for construction.

The total revenue receipts of North Carolina for 1925 were \$28,-416,461, or \$10.37 per capita. This was \$7,288,6:2 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$19,008,278 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations Property and special taxes represented 18.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1925, 27.0 per cent for 1924, and 50.2 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 92.6 per cent from 1917 to 1924, but there was a decrease of 8.0 per cent from 1924 to 1925. The per capita property and special taxes were \$1.92 in 1625 \$2.10 in 1924, and \$1.20- in 1917. The receipts from general property taxes in 1924 and 1925 were neligible, being simply delinquencies.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 11.2 | per cent of the total revenue for 1925, 14.5 per cent for 1924, and 20.4 per cent for 1917.

Business and nonbusiness licenses constituted 49.3 per cent of the total revenue for 1925, 39.1 per cent for 1924, and 19.4 per cent for 1917. The percentage of increase in receipts from business and nin_business licenses noted for 1925 was due. principally, to increased amounts received fro mautomobile licenses and from the sales tax on gasoline.

Receipts from business licenses consist, chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies and from sales tax on gasoline, while those from non-busi. ness licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles.

The net indebtedness (funded or fixed debt less sinking fund assetsof North Carolina on June 30, 1925. was \$91,646,408, or \$33.44 per cap ita. In 1924 the per capita debt was \$25.28, and in 1917, \$3.85, the increase shown for 1925 being due to a bond issue for highway purposes. Assessed Valuations and Tax Levies

In North Carolina there is no levy of the general property tax for State purposes.

PREPARING FOR ELECTION

County Board of Elections chair man, D. E. Langdale has called a meeting of that body for tomorrow (Friday) morning at nine o'clock. The object of the meeting is to set the machinery in motion for the November election when county officers and several State officials are to be elected. A congressman for the third district, as well as all other dis_ tricts will be chosen at the same time The registration books will open Sep. tember the 30th and remain for thirty days.

Messrs Earl Goody of Charlotte the Reverend E. Frank Lee. The an dStacy Nelson of Gloucester have marriage took place at the Methoaccepted positions with House Drug dist parsonage and was witnessed by

ABOUT PROBLEMS

TO BE INCREASING

There appears to be more activity

for some time, as evidenced by per-

John W. Hamilton has issued licenses

recently to the following named

Leland G. Watson, Peletier and

W. D. Norris and Katie Belle Hol-

land, Peletier, N. C.

Leonard E. Thompson, St. Petersberg, Fla. and Thelma Inez Garner,

George Major Piner and Blanch

Howard S. Smith, St. Augustine,

THREE MEN HURT

Morehead City, Sept. 15, 1926.

Three men barely escaped death

when the boiler exploded on the

construction barge, Katrina on which

they were employed. Nels Nelson,

Engineer of Charleston, S. C., Dave

Gould of this city and Morris Toomer

were badly burned. They were im-mediately rushed to the Morehead

City Hospital. They are resting as well as could be expected and ex.

The barge is employed by the Sanford & Brooks, contractor on the

State Highway bridge between here

and Beaufort. The explosion occurr-

School Open

The Morehead City Graded Schools

opened here Tuesday September 7th

with an enrollment of 700 scholars.

Rev. C. W. White opening the morn

ing session with prayer followed by

a talk by Superintendent H. L. Joslyn

board of trustees, addressed the

students after which was sung, "Old

Folks at Home". The High School

U. D. C. Meeting

City held a call meeting Monday

afternoon at 3:30 at the home of

Three matters of business were

committee was appointed to arrange

the group hostess and places which

worked out so successfully last year.

vention: Mesdames Gildens, J. B.

The officers of the Parents-Teach

ers Association gave a beach party

last Monday afternoon complimen-

tary to the school faculty, board of

Surf bathing was enjoyed after

which supper was served. Among

supervisor and Mr. J. H. Workman,

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

MEETING

County Chairman D. M. Jones and

Secretary James Wallace Mason have

issued a call for a meeting of the

Republican county executive com_

mittee. The meeting is to be held

in Mr. Mason's offices at 11 o'clock

Saturday morning. Besides the mem_

bers of the committee the News hears

that a number of Republicans who

generally take an active part in poli-

tics are expected to be present. The

object of the meeting is to get things

WATSON-POOLE

Stella and Mr. Leland G. Watson of

Peletier were united in marriage by

o'clock Miss Glennie V. Poole

several friends and relatives.

Wednesday afternoon at one

in shape for the campaign.

Morton and Chas. Tolson.

Trustees and their wives.

county superintendent.

A committee, composed of Mrs. D.

discussed during the meeting and a

The U. D. C. Chapter of Morehead

ed about noon Tuesday.

band gave a selection.

takes place October 13th.

pected to recover in a few weeks.

Watson Piner Morehead City, N. C.

Fla. and Maxine Felton, Beaufort.

BOILER EXPLODES

Glennie V. Poole, Stella, N. C.

The Teachers' Conference held here last week in the county court room was well attended and from all Practically all of the schools for white pupils were peresented by teachers. Plans for the years' work in the matrimonial market now than and other educational matters were mits granted. Register of Deeds and supplies of other sorts were distributed among the teachers.

President Robert H. Wright of the N. C. Teachers' Training College of Greenville addressed the conference on Friday morning. He told the teachers that theirs was a great responsibility because Carteret county is one of the few counties in the State that has the eight months term. teaching. Sometimes the child's failure is the teacher's failure also. He said that it was best not to give to the best sort of citizens. Dr. T. C. Britt addressed the conference on spoke concerning the work she is N. C. Teachers' Association was also intendent J. H. Workman emphasiz. ed the importance of the work the teachers have to do in Carteret county this year. Among other points he lity, the Work This Year, Preparation for Work and Discipline. Miss Margaret Gustin, County Supervisor, discussed a number of problems with which the teachers will be confront-

morning for Raleigh.

TEACHERS CONFER | BUILDING REVIVAL | COUNTY BOARD IS ABOUT TO START

President Wright Addresses
Meeting Which Was A
Very Successful One
Two School Buildings, Several
Stores And Other Struc.
tures May Go Up Soon

Beaufort is not much given to building booms or booms of any sort, but it does seem that some. appearances a success in every way. thing in the nature of a building revival is now in the making. The largest thing in sight is the public school building for white pupils and which will cost around one hundred thoudiscussed. The County Handbook sand dollars. A school building for colored children to cost in the neighbrhood of \$35,000 is also a probability of the near future.

If the election on the hotel proposition results favorably this will mean the expenditure of \$150,000 for site and building. It will not be possible to start building the hotel until an act of legislature has been obtained even though the election He said the spirit in which they did should be favorable. That is to say their work was the main thing in no bonds can be issued without a special act. It is also known that a large oil company has in mind the erection of a filling station here for the child too much to do but see that boats and cars and has had men they did wel what they undertook. here looking into the matter of get-He urged the teachers to make every | ting a site. Reports are current effort to help develop the children in- that several new store buildings are to go up here in the next few months. In fact one, a very nice concrete health problems and plans for health structure, has just been completed work in the schools. Miss Edith by Mr. Richard Dickinson on his lot Powell, County Demonstration Agent on Live Oak street. Work has started on a building on Front street on attempting to do in the county. the lot where the Alonzo Thomas Secretary Julian K. Warren of the warehouse stood. This house which wil be a two story brick one is being one of the speakers. County Super- built by the Davis Construction Company for Messrs George J. Brooks, J. F. Duncan and C. R. Wheatly. The News has heard rumors that three other persons are contemplatdiscussed the Teacher's Responsibi- ing erecting store buildings on Tur_ ner and Front streets. It is also reported that several residences may be built in Beaufort within the next six months. So all in all it seems that some real building is going to be done in Beaufort in the next few months, which will give employment Mr. George Parkin left Friday to a good many people as well as greatly improve the town.

Town Lends Money To County For Road Building Purposes

The Mayor and all of the commis- of Beaufort. The board also adopt- are to be constructed by the county. Intion Commission to employ experts some action about the \$100,000 borrowed on July 12th and about which for work done by the Simmons Conthere was considerable discussion at struction Corporation on Broad Brooks to advertise for bids on build the regular meeting of the board on street and also to build a new pier the first Monday.

the president, Mrs. J. F. Gillikin for the purpose of electing delegates to the Convention at Feyetteville which same rate that the town pays for the of commissioners.

commissioners of the town of Beau- months note, due aJnuary the 12th., in an in amount equal to the cost ing by the Postal and Western Union fort was held last Thursday night, the note to be placed with the Bank sioners were present. The principal ed a resolution to borrow \$20,000 of object of the meeting was to take this mney from the county at 5 1-4 ed by the county engineer. percent which will be used to pay at the foot of Pollock street. The At the meeting last Thursday money which the county is borrowing evening the board adopted a resolu- from the town is to be used fr road tion to lend the \$100,000 to the building purposes according to a recounty at 5 1-4 percent which is the solution adopted by the county board

LIGHT DOCKET MONDAY IN POLICE COURT

G. Bell, Geo. Dill and J. C. B. Morton Police court Monday afternoon was were appointed to bring before the rather quiet affair. The specta. chapter the names of officers for the tors were few and the number of deensuing year. The following delegated men elected to attend the Con-The following cases were tried:

Ben Deputy, a negro boy-who has been i ntrouble before, was charged with loud cursing on the street. He was given the choice of paying a \$10 dollar fine or serving 10 days on the streets. As the \$10 was not at hand it seemed that his chances for helping to improve the streets was good.

Bert Lloyd pleaded guilty to the the party were Miss Gustin, county charge of being drunk and drew a sentence of \$10 or 10 days. He works on one of the fish boats and the Mayor said he would allow him to continue but if he didn't pay the fine e would have to work it out.

Carl Gabdiel and Cecil Skarren were called to answer a charge of fighting. Gabriel did not show up and the case against him was continued. Skarren was assessed the costs amounting to \$4.70 or 10 days.

The case against City Light Superintendent Hardy Lewis charged with allowing a dog to run at large was continued on account of the absence of the prosecuting witness A. T. Gardner. The Mayor and Chief of Police said they would have Mr. \$400. Gardner present next Monday. Christopher Jones paid \$3.45 for allowing his dog to run at large. The case against John McDonald and Aleck Mason charged with having been drunk was continued until next Monday.

Miss Helen Blanton of Griffin, Georgia, who has been visiting Miss Lucy Parkin left Sunday morning

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS SHOW MORE ACTIVITY

The real estate business which has been rather quiet during the Summer months appears to be more active fendants were correspondingly so. now. Transfers recently recorded

> Rebecca W. Hudson, and husband to C. R. Wheatly part lot Beaufort for \$10.

E. H. Meadows Jr., Trustee to National Bank of New Bern tract in Beaufort Township for \$1500.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to W. Poplin 2 lots West Beaufort for \$275. Jerry Fulford and wife to Maxwell Mason 4 acres Cedar Island Township

Thos. W. Robinson and wife to Melvin Robinson 2 acres Atlantic for

Thos. W. Robinson and wife to

Clarence Robinson tract in Atlantic Thos. W. Robinson and wife to

Manley Robinson tract in Atlantic Morehead Bluffs Inc. to Mrs. M M. Menger 2 lots Morehead Bluffs

W. H. Ivey and wife to M. L. Piner and wife 4 lots Morehead City for

Wade C. Meadows and wife to Lester Grover 100 acres near Newport for \$2000.

D. H. Stallings and wife to C. O. Hill one lot in Newport for \$2000. Herbert Springle et al to J. F. Duncan, trustee 82 acres White Oak

Township for \$375. Portsmouth Fisheries Co. to Mason Township for \$2500.

PLANNING TO DO **MOREROAD WORK**

Ask For Bids On Several Road Projects In Eastern Section NOTES ISSUED FOR \$475,000

At its meeting Monday a week ago the board of county commissio. ners adopted three resolutions that provide for the issuance of \$475,000 in short time notes. The first reso. lution calls for the issuance of two notes of \$50,000 each and one note of \$25,000 dated September the 7th and bearing interest at the rate of loan is to be placed to the credit of a New York bank.

The second resolution provides for four notes of \$50,000 each and two notes of \$25,000 each dated Sep_ tember the 7th and bearing interest at the rate of 5 1-4 percent. The resolution says these notes are in anticipation of an issue of bonds and the proceeds are to be used in road building.

The third resolution provides for falling due January 7th, 1927. This time of the members. note is for \$100,000 and is payable to the town of Beaufort and bears during the week with regard to ex-5 1-4 percent interest. This money is to be used in road building also He declared that he would always according to the resolution.

There were several delegations on and most of them wanted road work Gloucester, Marshallburg, Atlantic, and Harker's Island were present and on account of the large crowd the tions. He was speaking partially board meeting was held in the coun-Commissioner Huntley and seconed neer Brooks was instructed to survey and lay out the most feasible route for a hard surface road from Bell's store to Marshallburg, Gloucester and Straits and to submit his report at the next meeting.

The board took up the Harker's

Island ferry matter again and pass- State Prison Farm as he did not beed a motion giving a franchise to O. lieve convicts could be trusted with W. Chadwick to run the ferry. This a matter so close to public health. provides that Mr. Chadwick shall give The Governor took definite action in A special meeting of the board of money. The county will give a six a performance bond to run for one the case for increases of rates pend-The cost of the same to be ascertain- to assist it in working out the claims

a coad and causeway between Atlantic and Cedar Island and also for building a hard surface road from S. E. Styron's store at Davis to White Point brook in Atlantic. The latter. road to be a six inch concrete slab mitting Elijah Lawrence to the counthe outside poor list.

The following jurors for the next term of court were drawn:

ter; E. M. Pittman, Lokens; W. B. Pake, Beaufort R. F. D.; Wilbur Stewart, Gloucester; Chas. S. Davis, Harker's Island; Eugene Dudley, Sr. Beaufort, R. F. D; B. S. Swinson, Camp Glenn; L. C. Holland, Peletier; A. D. Willis, Merehead City; D. S. Oglesby, Morehead City; Mack Salter, Stacy; A. H. Pridgon, Newport; for negroes in the entire South. Harvey Taylor, Sea Level; W. A. Hauser, Morehead City; Elijah Hamilton, Sea Level; Charlie W. Pake, Marshallburg; Nolia Fulcher, Atlantic; A. C. Murdock, Wildwood; W. J. Salter, Atlantic; H. B. Chadwick. Gloucester; Dennis Goodwin, Roe; Walter Long, Wildwood; Duffy Day, Lola; J. A. W. Goodwin, Beaufort; Neal T. Davis, Morehead City; John lace, Merrimon.

WORLD OF WISDOM

The Salisbury Post compresses a world of wisdom in this sentence; "Hiding a disease does not cure it, covering up facts does not change them, and no honest newspaper is going to hide because the facts might & Burwell 15 3-4 acres Portsmouth offend some one."-(Raleigh News and Observer).

SCHOOL BOOK PRICES LOWER THAN FORMERLY

Several Publishers Agree to Sell Books at Same Prices as in Tennessee

GAME LAWS ARGUED

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, N. C. September 13-The opening of schools and the partial return of cool weather were matters of interest in Raleigh during the past week. Governor McLean was active in a number of matters and 5 1-4 percent. The proceeds of this left the Capital twice to make speeches at farmer's gatherings. The text the State Highway Commission in book question was finally settled by a compromise on the part of publishers and officialdom braced itself, took a backward look at the peasant, idle days of summer and prepared for a long, ardous winter. The General Assembly must be prepared for and official Raleigh during the next few months will be preparing to the best of its ability, spurred on by an executive who is insistent that matters be in proper shape when the Legsilaissuing a note dated July 12th and ture meets in order to conserve the

The Govrenor took a decided stand tradition of prisoners in other states. surrended a prisoner when papers were properly presented and would hand for the meeting of the board never raise the question of whether and most of them wanted road work or not a fair trial could be obtained done. Delegations from Straits, in the other state. He said this rule should always be followed out by the states and would tend to closer relawith reference to a negro whom the ty court room. A motion made by sheriff of Haywood county held for a reward after Mr. McLean had honby Commissioner Whitehurst and ored extradition papers. Governor passed unanimously provides for McLean rebuked the sheriff rather paving the road from Louis Smith's sharply and ordered the negro releas to Hull Bell's store. County engi_ ed. Cooperative cairymen and improved farming methods were the subjects of Governor McLean's two speeches at farmers gatherings during the week. He also said that while he favored encouraging dairymen he did not believe it would be a safeidea to start a dairy at the of th companies and authorized the Motions were adopted by the Attorney General to appear as the board instructing County Engineer people's representative when the cases are finally nired this month. He recalled these two companies while asking increased rates are fighting in the courts the tax which North Car-

olinian places on their business. The text book contrversy was finally settled during the week when 16 feet wide. W. F. Taylor of Bo- all of the publishers agreed to reduce gue and Jim Hill of Atlantic were their prices to those in effect in othappointed deputy game wardens by er states, as guaranteed under North the board. An order was passed ad- Carolina's contract. This means a saving of \$15,000 annually to school ty home. A. A. Lloyd of Beaufort children of North Carolina. The was placed on the outside poor list matter first came up when the goverat \$5. a month. Lawrence Hazel of nor of Tennessee seeking renomina. Beaufort was ordered to be taken off tion stated he had gotten text books for school children lower than any other state in the Union. North Carolina has a contract with publish-O. F. Davis, Lola; Wilbur Lewis, ers guaranteeing text books as low as Beaufort; Denard Chadwick, Mar- in any other state. Three cases shallburg; A. H. Chadwick, Glouces- which were started in the Superior Court against publishers have been withdrawn by the State.

> The State of North Carolina has the only negro education exhibit at the sesqui-centennial exposition in Philadelphia, it is stated. The State was invited to put on such an exhibit as representative of educational work Many fine pictures of negro schools in the State are included in the history which is vitally told in attractive way.

Rev. George Wood, who slew J. B. Vickers when the latter was trying to escape from his custody, may get a hearing in court this week. He has not asked a p climinary hearing on the murder charge and the bond E. Willis, Smyrna; J. F. Mason, Merrimon; W. W. Bu Pelletier; J. L. Hill, Newport: T. Wildwood; H. K. Simmons, M. Morton, Beaufort, R. D.; J. A. Wal. termined. Frank Parker, crop statistician, believes that agriculture does not get a "square deal" from the government and he blames this on business and professional men as well as farmers. He advises business men to pay more attention to farmers' affairs as they affect their own prosperity, and advises better

business methods in farming. The Game laws of North Carolina

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