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## DANVILLE HOTEL MAN OFFERS TO LEASE THE MUNICIPAL HOTEL

Will Pay Six Percent On Investment. Is Running Chain of Hotels. Might Be Able To Get Even Better Rental

A proposition to lease the proposed municipal hotel in Beaufort was submitted to the Hotel Commission Tuesday. The proposal was from a hotel man in Danville, Virginia and was through Mr. H. A. Underwood of Raleigh. The offer was seen by a News representative and stated that six percent would be paid on the cost price of the investment for the first five years. The News was informed by Mr. Underwood that the party, or parties, making the offer are running a hotel in Georgia, the one in Danville, the Proctor in Greenville, have recently leased the Bland in Raleigh and have agreed to lease the hotel to be built in Kinston. They desire to include the Beaufort hotel in their chain. Mr. Underwood lived in Beaufort several months in 1917 and built the sea wall in front of town. He is known by many people here.

The Hotel Commission organized by electing W. A. Mace, chairman and E. Walter Hill secretary. The proposition made through Mr. Underwood was heard but no action was taken on it. The commission seem to be confident that a municipal hotel could be rented at a fair price without any difficulty. A statement concerning the matter by the secretary of the commission Mr. Hill is given herewith.

### HOTEL MATTER DISCUSSED.

To the voters of Beaufort:

The main objection heretofore expressed in opposition to the issuing of bonds for the purpose of constructing a municipal hotel has been that such a hotel could not be leased, and therefore, would be a new burden upon the tax payers already heavily burdened.

This objection has been negatively answered in black and white as the Hotel Commission now has a bona fide offer for the lease of said hotel for a period of twenty years, the lessee to pay 6 per cent on the amount invested during the first five years as rental price. At the end of the first five years a new rental price to be agreed upon by the Commission and the lessee, and in the event of failure to agree, then the proposition to be submitted to arbitration, the Hotel Commission selecting one man, the lessee another and these two to select the third man.

It is admitted, therefore not a legitimate subject for argument, that the first five year period will be the hard years for the success of the project. The experimental stages being over by that time the rental rates will naturally greatly increase. It is therefore thought advisable not to undertake to retire any of the bonds during that period. After the first five years the increase rental rates to be agreed upon as above stated should be amply sufficient to provide sinking funds for the yearly retirement of these bonds over and above providing the interest payments, and with the retirement of bonds from year to year the interest rate would be decreased while the revenue would be gradually increased:

- (a) by increase in rental rates to lessee.
- (b) by decrease in the amount of interest.

It is thought that five and one-half per cent bonds can be successfully floated. Should this prove true, there would be one-half of one percent in favor of the project to be put into a sinking fund and during the first five years of the hotel operation. However, as above pointed out, no sinking fund would be necessary if provisions should be made for retirement of the bonds until after the first five year period. The increase rental would then take care of sinking fund for that purpose as above state.

The above statement is made upon the offer for rental already in the hands of the Commission. However, the writer is of the opinion, and this opinion is shared by the members of the Commission, that a better rental proposition can be obtained than the one offered. But assuming that such should prove to be the case, then the six percent proposition already submitted will be sufficient to care for the interest on bonds during the first five year period, and there should be no reason for a levy upon the property or against the pool of any tax payer.

The necessity for a modern hotel for Beaufort is too well known for discussion, and the benefits to be derived therefrom are too obvious to require statement.

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### POICE COURT ITEMS.

Police court docket Monday afternoon was not as large as it is sometimes. Charlie Daniels submitted to a charge of operating a car without license and was let off with \$4.70, the costs. John Felton, a negro boy, was charged with cutting the screen door of Peter Shenarah, a Syrian who operates a pool room. Mayor Thomas gave the boy the option of paying the costs and having the door fixed or taking ten days on the streets. Alonzo Fulford, another negro youth, was tried on the charge of stealing a pocketbook containing \$115 from Will Parker. He was bound over to Superior Court under a bond of \$250 which it appeared he was not going to be able to furnish.

### MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WAS UNUSUALLY DRY

The average rainfall in this section for the month of September is 4.13 inches. According to the report of the U. S. Weather Bureau from the Piver's Island station, the month of September this year the rainfall was considerably below the average. It was 2.14 inches. There were no storms during the month and the wind blew most of the time from the northeast, southeast and south. It blew from the southwest only two days. The highest temperature recorded was 92 on the 7th and the lowest was 62 degrees which was on the 27th. The temperature figures for the month are as follows:

	Max.	Min.
1	88	72
2	91	77
3	92	75
4	89	74
5	88	75
6	91	73
7	92	73
8	89	73
9	90	73
10	90	73
11	81	68
12	83	67
13	88	65
14	85	68
15	81	65
16	84	68
17	87	68
18	84	70
19	80	65
20	86	63
21	88	68
22	87	68
23	87	69
24	88	70
25	89	67
26	88	67
27	79	62
28	79	64
29	83	65
30	83	68

### REPUBLICANS NOMINATE WILSON FOR LEGISLATURE

The town of Newport seems to be pretty sure of the honor of having one her citizens to represent the county in the next General Assembly. Mr. William H. Belt the Democratic nominee and Mr. A. L. Wilson who will carry the Republican banner are both from Newport. Mr. Wilson was put on the ticket in the place of Mr. D. M. Jones who declined to make the race on account of business engagements that prevented him from doing it. Another unusual feature of the legislative situation is that the two candidates are brothers-in-law, which makes it a sort of family affair.

A meeting of the Republican executive committee held Saturday morning in the office of the secretary Jas. Wallace Mason selected Mr. Wilson as the Republican standard bearer. There was no opposition to Mr. Wilson and his nomination was therefore unanimous. The time for starting the Republican campaign has not been settled as yet but members of the committee say the candidates will meet soon and probably start their campaign next week.

### REGISTRATION ENDS SATURDAY

The News is informed by Registrar C. H. Bushall that about 280 persons have registered for the approaching hotel election. This is a small number when compared with the total number of voters in Beaufort. The registrar will be in the city hall Saturday all day or until five o'clock that afternoon. This will be the last opportunity to register for the hotel election.

## CONTRACT LET FOR CAUSEWAY TO CEDAR ISLAND

Lincolnton Firm Gets Contract. Westerners Want Bogue Sound Road Paved

### SURVEY LENOXVILLE ROAD

A pretty good sized crowd was on hand when the board of county commissioners held its regular meeting. A delegation from the western part of the county was there and there were other people present from various parts of the county.

Attorney E. Walter Hill of Beaufort and Mr. L. E. Ennett of Stella addressed the board on the subject of continuing the paved road from Broad Creek to White Oak township. The distance asked for is to the clay road and is about four miles. Chairman Woodland assured the western delegation that it was the purpose of the board to build the road as soon as possible.

The board opened bids for constructing the causeway from the mainland to Cedar Island. This calls for excavating about 150,000 cubic yards of dirt. The successful bidder was Sigmon, Rhinehart Company of Lincolnton, N. C. Their bid was 18 cents per cubic yard. The next lowest bidder was the Davis Construction Corporation of Beaufort and was 30 cents per yard.

A resolution was adopted by the board which provides that the taxes of the East Coast Land Company for the years 1924 and '25 shall be applied to the cost of the road built by the company through their lands to Sea Level. The cost of the road is placed at \$52,000 and the said road has been inspected and accepted by the board. The taxes of the company will be applied in this way until the road is paid for.

A resolution was adopted unanimously by the board accepting the offer of the board of trustees of the Beaufort Public School to sell the school building and grounds near the courthouse to the county. The price of the property is \$35,000 and it will be used for school purposes until the expiration of the present school year.

A motion was passed instructing the county engineer to make a survey of the road from Beaufort to Lenoxville and make an estimate of the cost and report to the next meeting of the board. A motion was passed to make a correction in the valuation of the land of W. L. Arthur in Morehead township according to a recent survey made by the County Surveyor. Upon recommendation of D. J. Godwin, chief game warden of Carteret county, the following were appointed deputy game wardens: Henry T. Banks, of Lukens and Joel Davis of Harlowe township. The county auditor was instructed to advertise for bids for the sale of a lot in the town of Beaufort now belonging to the county.

County Engineer George J. Brooks was instructed to advertise for bids for the digging of shells and leveling and hauling the same on a road on Harker's Island. A motion was passed allowing discounts and penalties on taxes as follows: For the month of November a discount of 1 percent, for December a discount of 1-2 of one percent, for the amount of January pay entire amount, February 1-2 of one percent penalty, March 1 per cent penalty, April 1-2 percent penalty. The board audited a number of bills and recessed to meet October 25th.

### MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN BEAUFORT HARBOR

The U. S. engineering boat Neuse and the dredge Croatan arrived last Saturday and Monday morning began work in Beaufort harbor. The first thing the dredge started on was deepening the channel at the bulkhead. Several of the large fish boats when loaded have had trouble in this channel recently on account of shallow water. It is supposed to be seven feet deep at low water but sand has come in and made it less than this in some places.

The Croatan will fill in also the narrow channel at the eastern end of the island known as "Town Marsh." This will connect with the rock riprap being built in front of town and with the island itself will make a barrier in front of town more than a mile long. It may be that some other dredging will be done in this vicinity before the Croatan leaves.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE.

James W. Roberts, Morehead City and Ollie Woodard Washington, N. C.

## MANY PEOPLE VISIT STATION

Biological Laboratory Is A Popular Place For Visitors. Study Marine Life There

An increasingly larger number of people are visiting the U. S. Fisheries Biological Station on Pivers Island from year to year. In 1923, in round numbers, 1300 visitors registered, 1700 names were signed to the visitor's register in 1924, and 2000 in 1925. The register for 1926 of course is not complete but it is probable that the increase of previous years will be maintained. It is understood, however, that not nearly all the people who visit the laboratory register. In fact, it is estimated that only about two-thirds of the visitors sign their names.

The station has beautiful grounds and well kept buildings. A museum room is maintained in which the common as well as some rare marine animals may be seen in the preserved state. During the summer quite a few live animals also are exhibited. The valuable diamond-back terrapin is grown in captivity and many people are interested in seeing the plant in which they are bred. Visitors of course are not admitted to the laboratories where the biologists carry on their studies.

The principal lines of work carried on at the present time at the station consists of experiments in diamond back terrapin breeding; a study of the mullet fishery, including a study of the status of the fishery, the life history and the movements of the fish, measures of conservation etc.; a study of the scallop with respect to its life history (including spawning, rate of growth, its span of life, migrations etc.) with the view of working out means and methods for greater production and proper conservation; and a study of the spawning habits, the eggs, larvae and the rate of growth of several important commercial fishes. In addition to the studies mentioned that are carried on by the regular employees of the Bureau of Fisheries, the facilities of the laboratory are offered to competent investigators outside of the service. During the past summer, for example, eight college and university professors from various schools worked at the station and conducted research in aquatic biology along lines connected with the fisheries.

It is a well known fact that some measures for the conservation of any form of animal life cannot be passed until the life history of the animal is understood. Neither can an animal ordinarily be propagated until its natural habits of reproduction are known. When this is understood it becomes evident why the tedious work of studying life histories is necessary before safe and sane measures for protecting animals can be passed.

The life habits of the diamond-back terrapin are now sufficiently well understood and methods for their propagation have been perfected to the extent that it is feasible to undertake, in cooperation with the North Carolina Fisheries Commission Board, their propagation on a comparatively large scale for the purpose of restocking the sadly depleted waters. The young animals are kept at the station until they are a year or so of age, or until they have gained some growth, have passed the critical stages of life, and are able to protect themselves better against natural enemies. This method of restocking the local waters already has been practiced on a small scale for a number of years and, as the animals that have been liberated are all marked, they are recognized when again seen. The proportionately large number of terrapins bearing marks that have been recovered makes the work of rebuilding the terrapin fishery appear very hopeful. A sufficiently large number of adult breeding terrapins is now on hand to produce within a year or two from 15,000 to 20,000 young.

### READ THE NEWS.

This issue of the News carries a good deal of matter that should be of interest to our readers. The article about the meeting of the county commissioners is an important one and all should read it. Other interesting features are the piece about the proposed municipal hotel, that concerning the U. S. station on Pivers Island, Mr. Swann's letter on county indebtedness, the Raleigh news letter, the county correspondence, the real estate transfers, personal items, editorials, display advertising and many smaller news items.

### THE COUNTY FAIR.

On another page of this newspaper there appears a half page advertisement of the Carteret county fair, or Newport fair, as it is generally called. The fair this time will last two days instead of one as heretofore. The premium list this year is larger than ever before and it is expected that the exhibits will be large in proportion. There will be a number of amusement features this year also that were not present last year. All in all the fair promises to be an unusually interesting event and the biggest crowd in its history is expected to attend it.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HERE

County Sunday School Workers To Hold Meeting Here October 23rd-24th.

Plans have been made for holding the annual Carteret County Sunday School Convention at the Methodist Church, Beaufort, on Saturday and Sunday, October 23, and 24, 1926. Arrangements for the convention are in the hands of Mr. C. S. Wallace, and Mrs. Rena Edwards, President and Secretary of the County Sunday School Association.

These officers have announced that they have secured as outside speakers for the convention, Mr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association; and Miss Flora Davis, Raleigh, Associate Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Besides these outside speakers, a number of prominent pastors and Sunday School workers of the county will take part in the program.

The program for the convention will include addresses and discussions of various phases of modern Sunday School work, the object being to make it possible for workers in all departments of the Sunday School to get help from the convention. A request is being made to the Sunday School workers of the county to present to the convention any special Sunday School problem that should be discussed.

Announcement is also made by the officers in charge of the convention that, following a custom started three years ago, a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. Any Sunday School in the County can compete for the pennant, except the Sunday School with which the convention is held and others within one mile of the convention church.

### MANY CARTERET GIRLS AT GREENVILLE COLLEGE

Greenville, Sept. 30—Registration began at East Carolina Teachers College Wednesday morning. Reservations were made for 700 young women. Considerably more than this number have been refused entrance on account of lack of room and teaching force. The exact number refused for the present school year was 779.

The following young women are registered from Carteret county for the present school year. Misses Ada Allen, Odessa Jarvis, Esther Mason, Mrs. Lois Mason, Roma Morris, Christine Nichols, Pearl Smith, Bernice Davis, Annie Nichols. Four young women from this county were refused admittance to the college on account of not having room for them.

### SHORT MEETING HELD BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting of the Board of city commissioners Monday was a very quiet and serene affair. Not much business was transacted and there was no arguing or speech making as has happened in some recent meetings. Those present were Mayor Thomas and commissioners Maxwell, Noe, Smith and Whitehurst.

The matter of getting an appropriation for the public rest room was brought up by a delegation of ladies. They were informed that the budget provided a contribution of \$150 a year for this purpose. A motion was passed to buy 1000 feet of fire hose. The Mayor was instructed to issue a permit at the end of 20 days to W. L. Paul to make repairs to his theatre building on Front street. The board recessed subject to the call of the Mayor.

## RUMANIAN QUEEN TO VISIT STATE DURING OCTOBER

Queen Marie Coming. Governor McLean Grants Some Pardons. Attends Wilkes Fair

### U. S. TAX COLLECTIONS LARGE

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C. October 4—A comparatively quiet week in which citizens of Raleigh enjoyed the first continuous cool weather in many months was the order of things at the Capital City last week. Governor McLean began whipping matters into shape for what will be important moves in the affairs of State during the next few months but there was nothing of importance announced by the Executive.

Mr. McLean extended clemency in nine cases during the week after the matters had been investigated by Pardon Commissioner Sink. He left Raleigh Thursday for Wilkesboro where he delivered the principal address at the opening of the Wilkes County Fair. The Executive urged the farmers to adopt diversified methods of farming, to form group cooperative organizations and to raise more cattle and hogs. He spoke to a large crowd. Returning to Raleigh he announced that the Rumanian embassy at Washington had advised him that Queen Marie of Rumania would visit North Carolina probably the last of October and would stop either at Raleigh or Asheville. Mr. McLean during the week appointed Captain Nathan O'Berry of Goldsboro on the Educational Commission to succeed Charles A. Webb of Asheville who resigned because of private business. He also announced plans for North Carolina Day at the Sesqui-centennial Exposition at Philadelphia.

The United Confederate Veterans attracted attention during the week by announcing that a special convention of the order would be held at Raleigh October 16 to consider plans for asking the legislature to increase the appropriation for pensions during the coming biennium. A strong fight was waged for a similar measure in the 1925 legislature but it lost out.

Federal tax collections during September in North Carolina increased two million dollars over those of last September and Collector Grissom is looking forward to collecting two hundred million dollars this year. For the first three months of the fiscal year he has collected \$22,000,000.

Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse was sworn in as secretary of the State Board of Health on October first, succeeding Dr. G. M. Cooper who acted as secretary for the past year in succession to Dr. W. S. Rankin who resigned to go with the Duke Foundation. Dr. Laughinghouse announced Dr. Cooper would handle the educational phase of the health work and be in charge of publications of the department. At the same time Ronald Wilson was appointed assistant to the new secretary. Dr. M. L. Townsend resigned from the Department to accept a private offer.

The Supreme Court heard the arguments for and against granting a law license to C. P. Baringer, state labor federation head, and reserved decision for several days. Baringer has passed the mental examination but a protest was filed against him which he has answered before the court. The North Carolina Orphanage Association held its annual meeting during the week and discussed methods of handling and caring for orphans. Charles H. Warren, superintendent of the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro was elected president of the organization and M. L. Shipman of Raleigh was elected secretary-treasurer and chairman of the publicity committee.

Judge Gilbert T. Stevenson, vice-president in charge of the Raleigh branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, has been attending the annual convention of trust officers of the United States in Seattle Washington and the American Bankers' Association in Los Angeles, California, delivering an address before each of these important gatherings on "Social significance of Trust Service." The Judge is considered high authority on all phases touching the subject and handed out some wise advice to the conference of his fellows on the Pacific coast.

State Debt Large  
It is said that New York State, with a debt reaching \$228,148,000; Illinois indebted in the sum of \$127,000,000 and California, owing \$100,073,000 are the only states having a larger debt than North Carolina. (Continued on page nine)