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NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS INDUCTED INTO OFFICE ON LAST MONDAY

Not Many Changes. New Register of Deeds And One New Commissioner. John Wiley Chosen Keeper of County Home. Luther Hamilton Is County Attorney

The past Monday was the day for inducting the new county officials into office. All of those recently elected were present and a considerable crowd of other folks as well.

Those who qualified for office were county commissioners J. E. Woodland, G. W. Huntley, T. B. Hall, H. C. Taylor and Rudolph Peletier. Mr. Woodland was elected chairman of the new board. Others sworn in by county chairman Woodland were L. W. Hassell, clerk of Superior Court, T. C. Wade, sheriff, R. W. Wallace, register of deeds, E. D. Hardesty, surveyor, F. L. King, coroner, J. R. Jinnett, deputy register of deeds. The old board of commissioners held a short meeting before turning over the reins to the new board which was almost the same as the old one. A motion was passed to give the lumber in the fences around the dipping vats to the people who own the land provided they will fill up the vats with dirt. A motion was passed ordering a copy of the boundary line between Carteret and Hyde counties as prepared by D. W. Morton entered into the minutes.

One of the first acts of the new board of commissioners was to approve the budget plan of the County Health Department as submitted by Dr. T. C. Britt Health Officer. This budget provides for the expenditure of \$8400, one half of which is paid for by the county and the rest by the International Health Board and the State Board of Health.

The items of the budget are as follows:
Health Officer's Salary \$4200.00
Nurse's Salary 1500.00
Office Assistant's Salary 960.00
Automobile Maintenance, H. Officer 600.00
Automobile Maintenance, Nurse 600.00
Office supplies, incidental, etc. 540.00
\$8400.00

Attorney G. W. Duncan came before the board and asked for aid for Miss Martha Jones a blind woman. A motion was passed allowing \$20 a month for her.

The County Engineer was instructed to re-advertise for new bids for putting shells on Harkers Island roads.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for sale a lot owned by the County in the Town of Beaufort, the same being the lot on which the county garage is now located.

In the afternoon the board was in executive session most of the time. There were three applicants for the position of keeper of the county home. They were Mrs. R. E. Jordan and Messrs. Henry Smith and John Wiley. Mr. Wiley was chosen for the place. W. L. Stancil was elected County Auditor and Luther Hamilton of Morehead City was elected County Attorney.

The board passed a resolution to issue four notes of \$25,000 each bearing interest at the rate of 5-1-2 per cent and dated December 7th. The notes are issued in anticipation of the collection of 1926 taxes and the money is to be used for the budget of the board of education and for other purposes. Jurors for the January term of court were drawn and are given elsewhere.

Acts of Old Board

Owing to the recent illness of County Auditor Stancil the News has been unable until now to give its readers information as to meetings of the board held November the 1st. It is given herewith:

Mr. C. P. Dey came before the Board and asked that the proposed road to Lenoxville be located near the factories. Upon motion of Commissioner Huntley, seconded by Commissioner Hall, the engineer was instructed to lay off the highway to Lenoxville, and a drawing of the proposed highway be submitted for approval. It is further ordered that Loyd Smith be put in charge of clearing the right-of-way.

Various citizens of Atlantic and Cedar Island appeared before the Board protesting against the suggested routing of the Cedar Island road by Sea Level, and the Board went on record as approving the route to go by Atlantic.

A delegation of citizens from Lenoxville came before the Board and asked that a dependable road be built to Lenoxville.

Upon motion of Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Hall (Continued on page four)

AUDIT OF COUNTY BOOKS NOW ABOUT FINISHED

The audit of the county's books which has been in progress for some weeks is now almost finished. The News is informed that unless something happens to prevent it the work will be finished next week. The work is being done by the firm of Dixon, Russ and Carter of Raleigh. No information as to the findings of the auditors will be made public until the audit is turned over to the board of commissioners.

SUPERIOR COURT IS ON THIS WEEK

Two Divorces Granted. Several Other Cases Tritt. Judge Stack Holding Court

By reason of an exchange agreement between Judge Sinclair and Judge A. M. Stack the latter is here this week presiding over a one week's term of Superior court. Only civil cases are being tried. Judge Stack, who is from Monroe, is regarded as one of the most eminent judges in the State. Judge Stack had not been to Beaufort before and has expressed himself as being very favorably impressed with this part of the State. The court is moving along smoothly under his guidance.

A considerable number of cases had been tried or otherwise disposed of by Thursday afternoon. The matter that took the most time was the cases of Gillikin against Norcom. There were two suits, one for personal property and the other for real estate.

In the first case Mrs. Gillikin was awarded, by agreement, \$100 in money and some silverware. The other case involved the ownership of 50 acres of good land near town and was hotly contested. This property was once owned by Mrs. Mary E. Davis and was willed to Geo. D. Norcom. The plaintiff was represented by Messrs. M. Leslie Davis, A. D. Ward and C. L. Abernethy Jr. Messrs. J. F. Duncan and C. R. Wheatly appeared for the defendants. The suit resulted in a mistrial. Two divorces have been granted this week. On the ground of five years separation E. W. Fodrie got an absolute divorce from his wife Lilly Fodrie and W. S. West for the same reason secured a divorce from Sarah West. In the case of Booth against Best the defendant got a judgment in his favor. The Bank of Beaufort got a judgment against Hancock and Davis. The suit of Gaskill against the Way Company was settled and neither party gets anything. Today four suits against the Western Union Telegraph Company are being tried in which damages are asked for mental anguish. The plaintiffs are Waters, Dudley, Campen and Dudley.

MANY SPECTATORS PRESENT AT POLICE COURT HEARING

Two night sessions of police court have been held recently, one Saturday and one Monday. The night sessions of the court are held to accommodate the fishermen, some of whom are in the court occasionally.

At the Saturday night session Rosa Belle Pigott pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness and was put under a suspended judgment and costs or 10 days in jail. At the Monday evening session John Bunyan Congleton was the star of the occasion and he and the prosecuting witnesses put on a comedy show that afforded a large crowd of spectators much amusement. There were five warrants against the lengthy defendant charging him with drunkenness, fighting and larceny. Another case charging him with stealing chickens was continued. It appeared from the evidence that John got drunk and got into a fight with Messrs. Levi Noe and Abe Darling. He was charged also with stealing money from the cash drawer of Mr. Noe. John got a sentence of 30 days or a \$50 fine in each of the liquor cases and was bound over to court under a \$300 bond on the larceny case. He is now confined in the county jail. The case against Fred Johnson, colored, charged with an assault on H. W. Peter, was continued.

ENGINEERS ADVISE BIG IMPROVEMENTS AT CAPE LOOKOUT

Suggest That Jetty Be Finished Vessels Safe There From Storms

BEAUFORT HARBOR HELPED

According to the chief engineer's report to the Secretary of War the sum of \$479,600 is needed for waterway improvements in North Carolina. This recommendation will be sent to the Rivers and Harbors committee who will do with it what they see fit. It is understood that Congressmen from this State will try to get a large appropriation. Last year the board of engineers recommended an appropriation of \$3,200,000 for the construction of a waterway from Beaufort harbor to the Cape Fear river. The committee approved this recommendation but Congress has not acted on the matter as yet.

It is reported that the engineering department has also suggested the expenditure of \$2,524,000 on the harbor at Cape Lookout. More than a million dollars, \$1,364,000 in fact, has already been spent at Cape Lookout and a large sum is needed to finish the work started there. The harbor although unfinished, is used extensively as a place of refuge by vessels of all sorts. If the recommendations of the engineers is adopted by Congress, Beaufort will get \$17,500 for harbor improvements and \$4000 will be available for improving Taylor's Creek.

The apportionment of the \$479,600 to North Carolina waterways projects leads off with \$420,000 for improvement of the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort, the link connecting the eastern port cities with the Beaufort to Wilmington waterway for which Senator Simmons and Representative Lyon will this year attempt to get final Congressional authority for improvement to cost, eventually, in excess of \$5,000,000.

The other projects included for North Carolina are:
Pamlico and Tar rivers \$10,200
Neuse River 10,200
Swift Creek 800
Contentnea Creek 1,200
Trent River 800
Beaufort Harbor 17,500
Waterway connecting Core Sound and Beaufort Harbor 4,000
Cape Fear and below Wilmington 17,000
Above Wilmington and North-east River 8,000
Black River 1,600

GAS EXPLOSION ON THE PIGGIE

Three Men Have Narrow Escape And Boat Right Badly Damaged

An explosion that occurred aboard the fishing boat Piggie this morning about 7 o'clock created considerable excitement for a short time. It also brought out the fire department and a considerable crowd of spectators notwithstanding the early hour and the threatening skies.

The explosion was in the forward part of the boat and was probably from gasoline that had escaped during the night. Captain Pete Nelson and his two men were getting ready for breakfast when the explosion occurred. They were shocked and slightly burned by the gasoline but not seriously hurt. The deck of the boat in the forward end was blown up and damages to the amount of probably several hundred dollars was done to it. There was no insurance. The fire was extinguished by the firemen in a few minutes after they got there. The vessel is used in the sea bass fishing and had the accident occurred at sea it is probable that the vessel would have been lost. The men would have taken to the dories in that case and might have gotten back to shore. The Piggie belongs to J. H. Potter and Son who have several vessels engaged in sea bass fishing.

THE POTTERY EXHIBIT.

Mrs. Hugh Overstreet will be in the office of Miss Edith Powell Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Miss Powell, county home demonstration agent, is in Raleigh attending a meeting there. Mrs. Overstreet will show the samples of pottery which are in the office to any who may wish to see them.

M. E. CHURCH HAS CONFERENCE IN MOREHEAD CITY

Many Prominent Preachers And Others Attended The Conference There

LARGE CROWD ATTENDED

Morehead City, Dec. 7th—The Blue Ridge-Atlantic annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church has been in session here this week with Bishop W. P. Thirkield of Chattanooga, Tenn. presiding. Besides Bishop Thirkield several prominent speakers have been on the program. Among them were Bishop Edgar Blake, resident Bishop of Paris, France, Dr. E. M. Conover of Philadelphia, representing the Board of Home Missions and church extension. Dr. E. C. Parker of India representing the Board of Foreign Mission. Dr. Parker is a native "Tar Heel" and an alumni of Trinity, now Duke University. Dr. B. M. Powell of Chicago, Illinois, representing the Board of Pensions and Relief. Dr. J. M. Melear, Athens, Tenn. Editor of the Southeastern Christian Advocate; Dr. Luther E. Lovejoy of Chicago, Stewardship Secretary and Dr. Clarence Wilson, Washington, D. C. Secretary of the Board of Temperance addressed the conference in the final session Sunday night.

The following young men have been received on trial in the Conference: John C. Bennett, Chas. W. Bryant, Carl A. Johnson, Ben F. Hill, Cranford O. Plyler, Caleb J. Winslow and Hoyt E. Young. Three were admitted into full connection, Omer Clyde Melton, Kelton N. Snipes, R. Gwynn Trull. David R. Earnhardt was graduated from the conference course of Study and ordained Elder and F. A. L. Clark and W. L. Moore retired.

Walter M. Morrison coming from the Missionary church and Joseph A. Wallace to the Pecos Holiness church were recognized as local deacons.

The conference love feast was conducted Sunday morning at 9:45 by Revs. F. A. L. Clark and J. H. Gillespie and Bishop Thirkield preached at 10:30 from the subject "Faith," using as a text Hebrew 11:27. The commodious church was packed to the utmost. At 2 P. M. Sunday the annual memorial service. At 3 P. M. the Bishop assisted by the District Superintendents ordained David R. Earnhardt Elder and Omer C. Melton, Kelton N. Snipes and R. Gwynn Trull as deacons.

WILL OPEN BIDS SOON FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Bids on the two school buildings which are to be erected in the Beaufort school district very soon will be opened on Thursday the 16th. The buildings are for the white and colored children of this community and will be modern and adequate for the needs of the district. The plans were given to ten contractors some time ago and several others have applied for them since that time.

As stated in the News some weeks ago the school bonds voted several months ago could not be sold owing to an error on the part of the attorney in the drafting of a newspaper notice. This error will be rectified by having the bonds validated by the General Assembly as soon as possible. Mr. M. Leslie Davis has been appointed to the job of getting the validation done. An effort was made to borrow money for the school buildings on short time notes but the board of trustees has not been able to get any funds in this way. It is thought likely that the successful bidder will not wait for the validation of the bonds but will go ahead and assemble his equipment and materials and start on the work in a few weeks.

BEARS EATING CORN ON NEWPORT FARM

According to all reports bears are right plentiful around Newport this year. Several have been caught in that section recently but evidently some are there yet. Mr. Rufus Garner Sr., who lives about two miles from Newport, says bears have destroyed considerable of his corn in the last week or so. All of his corn has not yet been put in the crib so the bears take advantage of that fact and pay unwelcome visits to the fields where they devour the corn as greedily as hogs. Bear dogs are scarce around Newport and so when the people want to catch a bear they set traps and occasionally capture one in this way.

OFFICERS CAPTURE BOOZE MAKING OUTFITS

Somebody's supply of Christmas liquor was probably cut short last week by activities of officers of the law. On Monday a week ago Sheriff Wade and Deputy Sheriff Chaplain captured a 30 gallon copper still on Newport river about three miles from the town of Newport and destroyed with it six barrels of mash or beer. On Friday of last week Messrs. Wade, Chaplain and Chief of Police W. R. Longest made another raid and got a large and complete booze making outfit. This was a 100 gallon copper still with good equipment and some four or five thousand gallons of beer ready for distilling. The outfit apparently had not been run more than once. The stills were brought to town and are in the jail yard. The county pays \$20 each for all stills captured.

MANY SECTS IN STATE COLLEGE

Twenty Five Represented. Baptists Have Largest Number There, Methodists Next

Raleigh, Dec. 4—Twenty-five religious sects are represented in the student body at State College, according to records obtained by E. B. Owen, registrar. A study of the list shows about what one would expect from a group of North Carolina boys. The Baptists, Methodists, Christians, and Presbyterians are the favorites, with the Hindu, Holiness, Unitarians, and United Brethren coming in at the end of the list. Some of the religions are explained by the presence of foreign students on the campus.

The Baptists have control of the campus with 411 giving this church as their choice. The followers of John Wesley run them a close second with 399 to their credit. Third in numbers are the Christians, with 359. The Presbyterians have 203 adherents and the Episcopalians 93. The Christian Disciples have 68, Lutherans 24, and Methodist Protestants 21. The Roman Catholic church is represented by 17, the German Reform, 14, Associated Reform Presbyterians and Friends, 11 each. The Moravians and Jews have 7 each, the Congregational 5, and the Christian Scientists, 4. The Brethren, Dutch Reformed, and Universalists each have two followers, while the Unitarians, United Brethren, Holiness, Hindu, and Christ Church have one each.

It should be remembered that these figures do not mean actual church membership in all cases, although such is usually the case. The students were asked to state the church of their choice. Between thirty and forty failed to do this, for one reason or another. This number must be included in the final check-up of all students enrolled.

NOVEMBER WEATHER RECORD SHOWS MUCH SUNSHINE

November in these parts had some very pretty weather but it also was the wettest month in a long time. There were 7.35 inches of rain according to weather observer Charles Hattell's report, 3.40 inches of which fell on the 16th. There were eighteen clear days and on many of these the temperature was just cool enough to be pleasant. The hottest day was on the first when the mercury rose to 83 and the lowest on the 12th which was 35 degrees above zero.

The temperature figures are given below for each day of the month:

	Max.	Min.
1	83	50
2	59	47
3	60	45
4	59	42
5	68	42
6	66	45
7	70	46
8	75	57
9	77	64
10	74	71
11	60	37
12	52	35
13	70	40
14	74	50
15	73	59
16	72	56
17	65	43
18	75	56
19	68	42
20	56	35
21	55	34
22	57	37
23	59	37
24	68	45
25	64	49
26	71	50
27	71	52
28	67	36
29	69	73
30	69	53

STATE PAYS LOW INTEREST RATE ON BONDS SOLD

Interest Rate On Ten Millions Is Four And A Quarter Percent

AUTO COLLECTIONS GROW

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 6—The visit of Governor McLeod of South Carolina, the sale of ten millions of bonds, the dinner tendered Julian Price at Greensboro and a number of other matters attracted interest at the Capital City this past week. Among these were the commutation to life of the death sentence of James Jefferies, the meeting of the State Literary Society and the Folk Lore Society the report of the auto license bureau, the failure of the Person suit against the cotton co-ops, the decision to purchase new State Fair grounds by next year and a number of other matters.

Governor McLean had a fairly busy week. It started off with several conferences and then came the matter of the sale of bonds. The bidders on twenty million bid around what the Governor considered a high price for the State to have to pay in interest so the Executive declined all bids. This had the proper effect for the following day one of the bidders was back and bid 4.25 per cent for ten million and took the remaining ten million on short term paper with the option of closing for them at 4.25 per cent also. It was a distinct victory for the Governor and saved the State a quarter of a million in interest on the first ten million and if the option on the second is exercised, the saving will be well past the half million mark. The Governor went over to Greensboro to attend a meeting in honor of Julian Price, president of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. It was an unusual affair for Governor McLeod came up from South Carolina for the same meeting to pay tribute to Mr. Price's ability and what he had done in building up the great organization he heads. The meeting was attended by half a thousand leading business men of the State and Piedmont section. The Governor entertained Governor McLeod at a luncheon before they went over to Greensboro and the South Carolina executive met all the State officials. "During the week Mr. McLean commuted the sentence of James Jefferies from death to life imprisonment. The negro is under sentence for attacking a white woman of Wake county.

The meeting of the State Historical Society resulted in the election of Josephus Daniels as president. The meeting of that and the other kindred organization which met at the same time, was a successful gathering from every viewpoint. Another meeting took place during the week when the secretaries of the banking association of the South met and elected Paul Brown of Raleigh, president of the group.

The Auto License Bureau reported collections for the first five of the present fiscal year of \$9,059,314 a gain of more than one and a quarter million dollars. The collection for the month of November were \$830,251, a large gain over last year.

The State Fair Grounds sold for more than \$300,000 and the directors of the Fair met here this week and decided to go ahead at once and use the funds to put up a modern fair ground near Raleigh and to equip it in modern style in every respect. Committees were appointed to handle the details of the proposed plan which will mean a State Fair will be held in the fall of 1927.

Colonel Willie Person, buster of co-op associations and sworn enemy of the tobacco and cotton co-ops in this state withdrew his suit against the cotton association during the week after the association intimated it would move for the suit to be instituted in some county where Person's reputation was better known than in Nash County. Person said he would bring another suit in a short while. His first action against the co-ops failed when the plaintiffs withdrew on the ground Person had not advised them the type of suit they were bringing before he started proceedings. The Newton road hearing for the second time was in court during the week when Judge Harding took the matter under advisement. The town of Newton again is protesting the route of the road through Catawba county. Members of the American Legion are fast signing for the convention next year (Continued on page thirteen)