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### HOLIDAY SPIRIT AT STATE CAPITAL SUPERSEDES ALL OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Highway Commission Has Let Contracts For Ten Projects, Two of Which Are Hard Surface. North Carolina Banks Increase Resources

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, December 20.—The Christmas spirit begun to predominate all other issues in the Capital City during the week past and practically little attention other than was necessary was given to official matters. This week, though all departments are open except for Christmas Day, the holiday season will have full sway and it is doubtful if there will be many developments of an official nature. However, during the week past, steady work was done on the budget matters for the forthcoming General Assembly.

The Governor during the week devoted practically all of each day to going over in executive session with the Advisory Budget Commission, the requests for maintenance and permanent improvements requested by the institutions and departments. All attention was centered on these matters for they must be in proper shape for the General Assembly to act upon immediately after the legislature convenes the fifth of January. Mr. McLean found time during the week, however, to sign four paroles and to refuse to consider eleven. He issued a statement that for the next few weeks no further clemency matters will be considered as the press of legislative matters will take all of his time. The Governor is greatly encouraged by the reaction all over the state to his administration thus far. He feels that from the letters, editorials and other comment he has received that his executive budget system and other measures designed to improve the administration of government affairs have been endorsed and are fully approved by the people. This view is quite generally shared by the newspaper men of the Capital who recently have travelled over the State and conversed with political leaders in all sections and it is anticipated that the next legislature will be very sympathetic to the Governor's further aims for development of a business spirit in government.

The state highway commission announced during the week low bids on ten highway projects in various sections of the State. Only two of those are hardsurfaced, the balance being improved highways of other types. The total mileage involved is about 86 miles. The low bids totalled \$877,157 and the contracts will be awarded later in the month by the commission. It was also announced that the State has benefitted from Federal road aid in its highway program thus far to the extent of \$12,741,518. This aid was given on 1,343 miles of highway constructed according to Federal requirements. The bus traffic over North Carolina's good roads has made a notable record in the last twenty months for only one person has met death in a bus accident though more than 3,000,000 have been transported. The State still shows up high in the column of fatalities on the roads however for during the last week there were seven killed and 28 injured in auto fatalities of all kinds on North Carolina roads. The toll of autos in lives each week in North Carolina during the past year has shown more than a death a day.

Confederate veterans will have some Christmas joy from the state for Christmas checks have been mailed to all widows and veterans, the payments being the regular semi-annual payment of veterans funds by the state under the pension act. During the past year there were four electrocutions at State's Prison while four others escaped death by executive clemency. A new building at Caledonia Prison Farm is being constructed and will be finished by January first. A picture of Dr. Edmund Strudwick was presented to State Hospital here last week. Dr. Strudwick was instrumental to a great ex-

#### NEWS TAKES HOLIDAY.

In accordance with its usual custom the News will take a short vacation for Christmas. The office closes this afternoon, Thursday, and will not reopen until Monday morning. Subscribers to the News as well as advertisers do not lose anything by this as the paper was put in the mails today as usual. Unless something unforeseen occurs the paper will come out again next Thursday.

### SCHOONER BURNED SIX LIVES LOST

Coast Guard Supply Boat Lincoln Lost Near Light Ship

Washington, Dec. 18.—The coast guard schooner Lincoln was destroyed by fire with a loss of six lives today several miles southwest of Cape Lookout lightship off the coast of North Carolina, the navy department was advised by the coast guard cutter Modoc. Two of the crew were rescued.

The Lincoln was a supply ship, based at Cape May, N. J., and was carrying oil and gasoline. She was destroyed so quickly that coast guard officials here believe the fire probably started by an explosion. Apparently there was no time to launch the two life boats she carried. A high wind hastened the ship's destruction. All the coast guard vicinity have been ordered to join in a search for the bodies of the dead.

A message from the British steamer Defender, intercepted by the Modoc, said she had picked up Gordon J. Schultz and Howard Carter, only survivors of the fire. This schooner burned to the water line and sunk. Carter's mother, Mrs. Rosa Weaver, lives in Ann Arundel county, Maryland, and Schultz's mother is Mrs. Mary Schultz, 2336 Homan avenue, Chicago.

Besides Erlingson, the crew consisted of: Olaf Levson, boatswain mate; Olaf Hansen, Washington, D. C., chief motor machinist's mate; Adolph Quiroga, Trenton, N. J., ship's cook second class; Gordon J. Schultz, Chicago, motor machinist's mate, second class; William H. Alston Jr., Abescon, N. J., coxswain; Howard J. Carter, Pasadena, Md., seaman second class; William E. Hunnicutt, Cleveland, Ohio, motor machinist's mate, second class.

Alston was the son of Coxswain William H. Alston, Sr. stationed at base number 9, here.

The Fort Macon Coast Guard Station learned by radio Tuesday night that another survivor from the Lincoln's crew was picked up Monday. The man was in a dory and had drifted far out in the Gulf Stream when a passing vessel discovered him and took him aboard. The Lincoln has been in and out of this harbor several times in the past six months and is remembered by a good many people around here.

#### BUILDING NEW ROAD.

The work of building a road from Beaufort to Lenoxville several miles east of town which has been in progress for several weeks is going ahead. The right of way has been cleared up and the work of grading the road is to start soon. The county is having the work done, the road being being outside the town's limits.

### THE Prince of Good Fellows



#### KANSAS WAYFARERS SENT TO COUNTY HOME

Sherman and Mabel Geren, the two children from Kansas spoken of in the News last week are now in the County Home. They were taken there a few days ago and will be looked after until some permanent arrangement can be made for them. As told in the News the boy and girl and their father Joseph Geren left Independence, Kansas last March and have travelled through many states since that time.

As the Gerens are not residents of this State the problem of disposing of them is somewhat difficult. It may be that the children can be sent to some orphanage or put in some private home, but the father is said to be insane and his case is more difficult. If he is crazy it will not do to turn him loose and if he is not insane the children will have to be given back to him if he wants them. County officials are hoping to find some way to be relieved of the Geren family but so far no relief is in sight.

#### WELL KNOWN MAN DIES AT MOREHEAD CITY

Morehead City, Dec. 21.—The sudden death of heart failure of Dr. W. K. Barham of this city and Tampa, Fla., occurred Tuesday morning at seven o'clock at the boarding house of Mrs. S. S. Willis where he resided. He had been troubled with attacks of the heart for the past week but retired Monday evening at 10:30 apparently well. When he was called Tuesday it was found that he had quietly passed away. He was born in Warrenton 57 years ago and comes of a prominent family. He has lived in Morehead City for the past twenty-two years, spending his winters in Tampa, Fla. Besides a host of friends to mourn his death, he leaves a sister, Mrs. W. J. Davis of Warrenton, a cousin Mrs. Emma Stafford of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mrs. Ella Davis of New Bern. Many beautiful tributes were received here.

#### MISS JULIA DAVIS DIES.

Morehead City Dec. 21.—The funeral services over the remains of the late Miss Julia Pearl Davis were held at the First Baptist church of which she was a life long member, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 by the pastor Rev. R. C. Crain. The death of Miss Davis which occurred Monday morning at twenty minutes past twelve was not unexpected as she had been ill for the past few months. Complications set in which hastened the end. She died at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Mary Headen with whom she has made her home for the past seven years. She was 40 years old. Her bright and cheerful disposition endeared her in the hearts of all her friends. Besides other relatives to mourn her loss, she leaves the following loving sisters and brothers: Mesdames Scott Swindell, Ernest Dennis of this city, Ruby Moran of Winston Salem, Etta Ducat and Rona Davis of Norfolk and Capt. J. B. Davis of Goldsboro, and Dave Davis.

#### THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT EVIDENT IN BEAUFORT

Some Beaufort merchants say that their Christmas trade this year has been unusually good but others report that it has not been above the average if that good. The menhaden fishing has not been as good as it was last year and this is supposed to have hurt some.

Most Beaufort storekeepers have taken considerable pains this year to advertise their goods and make nice window displays. Some of the displays would do credit to merchants in much larger towns than Beaufort. This is regarded as an evidence of progress. The Bank of Beaufort and the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company are also very attractively decorated. Many college students and other people from a distance are here for the holidays and all in all there is abundant evidence that Christmas is here again.

### OYSTER INDUSTRY IS COMING BACK

Shell Fish Are Shipped Under Sanitary Conditions. No Polluted Beds

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—North Carolina's oyster industry is steadily recovering from the setback which bivalves received all over the country as a result of agitation in 1924, J. K. Dixon, chairman of the Fisheries Commission Board, today informed Wade H. Phillips, director of the department of conservation and development.

The decrease in consumption of oysters occasioned from the health scare, according to Commissioner Dixon, amounted to approximately half million bushels, but with the reassurances given to the consumers that health measures are safeguarding their welfare, indications point to the re-establishment of the markets and the re-building of the industry to its former status.

An indication of the trend, the (Continued on page four)

### TWO JOY RIDERS LAND IN JAIL

Short Drive In Stolen Car Results In Serious Accident

Len Harper and Louis Jones, two young negro men, got themselves into serious trouble Sunday night when they started on a joy ride in a stolen car. They took a Ford coupe belonging to Mrs. C. P. Dey, which was standing in front of the Dey residence on Front street, and with a female companion started out for a big time. They soon came to grief however. About two miles out of town on the New Bern road the joy riders had a head on collision with Mr. G. W. Huntley who was driving a new Essex car. The accident occurred at a few minutes after seven. Both cars were badly damaged and had to be towed in and carried to the repair shops. Harper and Jones were arrested and put in jail.

The men were tried Monday night by Mayor Thomas in police court and both bound over to Superior Court. The charges against them were stealing the car and driving while under the influence of whiskey. Jones pleaded guilty to the charge of taking the car but Harper denied it and tried to lay the blame on Jones. They were convicted on both counts. Jones bonds were fixed at \$400 each and Harper's at \$250 each. The indications are that they will spend Christmas in jail.

Jesse Wilson and Willie Rhodes, better known as "Buck", both colored were also tried Monday evening on the charge of drunkenness. They were fined \$50 and costs or 30 days on the streets. At the Saturday evening session of court Charlie Goddatt charged with having been drunk was put under a suspended judgment and costs \$5.30. Dave Davis, assaulting his wife, judgment suspended on payment of the costs \$4.10.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Real estate transfers for the week ending December 22 are as follows: Morehead Bluffs Inc. to A. I. Schisler, 8 lots Morehead Bluffs, consideration \$3285.00. A. I. Schisler, 2 lots Morehead Bluffs, consideration \$81450.00. Morehead Bluffs Inc. to W. C. Johnson, 2 lots Morehead Bluffs, consideration \$1256.00.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following permits to wed have been issued for the week ending Dec. 22nd: Henry H. Brown and Frances Holland, Peletier. Robert Arthur and Aleeze Lawrence, Otway. Benson Sanders and Crissie Carr, Morehead City. Elsie W. Fedrie and Mattie M. Conner, Newport R. F. D. W. H. Morgan, Franklin, Va., and Lucille Scott, Beaufort.

### SCHOOL BUILDING CONTRACTS LET TO TWO FIRMS

Trustees Think Favorable Bids Were Secured. Underwood Gets Main Building

WORK WILL START SOON

Contracts were let last Thursday, the 16th, for two school buildings at a total cost of \$118,245 for Beaufort graded school district. One building is for the white race and the other for the colored. Each will be a well designed, well equipped and modern school building of the most approved type. The architect of the buildings is Mr. J. M. Kennedy of Raleigh formerly in the employ of the State Department of Education.

The contracts for the school buildings were divided between four different firms. Some changes were made in the original specifications which reduced the cost of the buildings considerably. The board of trustees were well pleased with the contracts secured which they say are lower than they expected. John J. Blair who is superintendent of school planning for the State, said that the contracts were very reasonable and that the structures will be handsome and a credit to the community.

U. A. Underwood of Wilmington secured the contract for the building for white children on a bid of \$79,797. The heating contract for this building went to the Weldon sheet and Metal Works for \$7,748. D. M. Denoyer of Beaufort got the plumbing contract at \$2,198.21. The contract for the building for the negro race went to the Davis Construction Co. of Beaufort. The price was \$23,072. The heating contract for this building at a price of \$3,835, went to W. H. Bond and Company of Raleigh. The plumbing of this building will cost \$795 and went to D. M. DeNoyer.

The board thinks that the sites selected for the two buildings are very desirable all things considered. Suitable locations are very scarce and the board gave considerable time and effort to the solution of this problem. The colored school will be located on a two acre tract, which is a very pretty one, at the corner of Queen and Mulberry streets. The school for white pupils is a tract of between ten and eleven acres located on Mulberry street between Marsh and Live Oak. It has grounds well suited for baseball and athletic sports. The bonds for the school buildings are to be sold on the 12th of January. Bonds are selling high now and the board expects to get a good price for these. It is expected that work will start early in the new year. A large number of workmen will be required to build the two structures and considerable money will be put into circulation in the community while the work is going on.

#### NEW JUSTICE HOLDS HIS FIRST COURT

Justice of the peace Henry W. Noe, who was elected a few weeks ago, tried his first case Monday morning at the courthouse. This was a bastardy proceeding wherein Beatrice Fenderson a nineteen year old colored girl of Beaufort charged Aleece Becton also colored, of Morehead City with being the father of a child born two years ago last April. Attorney C. R. Wheatly represented the girl. Attorney Alvah Hamilton had been employed by Becton's mother to represent him but was not in court. The plaintiff's attorney said that if Becton could raise \$200 for the girl the matter would be ended. He admitted that he had never given her anything for herself or child. He has been in jail for several days and attorney Wheatly assured him that he would be there again if he didn't get up that money. Becton hopes with the assistance of his mother to raise the money. In the meantime Justice Noe continued the case for a few days.