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HIGHWAY COMMISSION FAVORS A THIRTY MILLION BOND ISSUE

General Assembly Passes The Act Counties May Get Back Some Road Money. Soldiers' Bonus Act Is To Be Submitted To The Supreme Court. Coolidge's Secretary Visits Governor McLean

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, December 27—Christmas occupied the center of the stage during the past week in the Capital City but notwithstanding the interruption of activities by Christmas, there was a lot of work done in official circles looking to the session of the General Assembly. In addition there were developments touching on a number of important matters.

The Governor worked right up to Christmas Day and he had as his guests over the Christmas week-end, Secretary Sanders and his wife. Mr. Sanders is secretary to President Coolidge. He also entertained some distinguished members of the foreign legation at Washington. There was considerable surprise that a Republican as close to Coolidge as Sanders should have been entertained by a Democratic governor but those in authority here saw nothing in that. Sanders and McLean have been close friends for years and there is no reason why they should not get together on a holiday. Politics has nothing to do with social activities. The Governor paroled six prisoners as his Christmas contribution to the prisoners. During the week he met with the Transportation Commission and it was decided that the commission would recommend to the legislature the extension of the inland waterway and may encourage operation of ships into Wilmington from German ports with potash. Mr. McLean worked hard on matters which he will present to the General Assembly dealing with the financial affairs of the State but nothing was given out in this connection.

The Highway Commission went on record during the week in favor of a \$30,000,000 bond issue for roads at the general assembly. It announced it would favor taking additional roads into the state system if this were granted. It is believed the plan also would be to repay some of the county loans which have been made for highway construction. The Commission said it would have other recommendations to make at a later date, these, it is believed, including the constabulary system and state licensing of drivers of autos.

The soldiers bonus act passed by the general election again came under fire and must be submitted for an opinion of the Supreme Court. North Carolina's bond attorney, Chester B. Masslich said he could not approve the \$2,000,000 issue until it had been decided by the Supreme Court it did not constitute a special grant of state funds to a special group which is not permitted by the constitution. The measure provides for a \$2,000,000 revolving fund for soldiers to borrow from to build homes. A test case will be instituted shortly.

The surplus in the general fund of the state is announced as about \$700,000 and the lean revenue months are ahead. However, it is predicted that the surplus will be maintained and increased by the end of the biennium on July first. This was the case last year.

The coming General Assembly will be asked to do various things by interested parties. Among these are creation of a fund for road work to Rendezvous park, the state park donated by Judge T. B. Finley. This will be sponsored by the D. A. R. Commissioner of Pardons Hoyle Sink will favor a new law on appeals in capital cases which will make the Supreme Court automatically pass on all cases after sentence is passed. He says this will give all convicted of capital crimes an equal chance for their lives. The Charlotte Ministerial Union will ask for restriction of divorce and it is probable that a strong delegation also will want some Evolution legislation and blue law control. A state tax on fishermen will be recommended by the Fisheries Commission. The Judicial Conference it appears will want to do away with the emergency judges act.

Another action was started against the cotton co-ops seeking receivership by W. H. W. Holder of Harnett county. North Carolina oysters are rapidly gaining in favor says Captain John Nelson and the setback sustained when the typhoid oysters scare took place a year or more ago is being overcome. The shad is also a valuable article of food in the state, almost a million dollars worth being caught from North Carolina waters in the past two years. The Salary and Wage Commission met

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following permits to wed have been issued since last week:

William T. Davis, Beaufort and Callie B. Davis, Beaufort (col).

Plymouth Guthrie and Vivian Yocmans, Harkers Island.

Julian Davis, Straits and Gladys Pigott, Gloucester.

Murphy Piner and Kathleen Salter Sea Level.

—Happy New Year—

MEN AND WOMEN HAVE HOT FIGHT

Marshallberg Families Pull Off Big Pre-Christmas Bout

A trial in justice's court that aroused some interest attracted a large crowd was held before Col. H. D. Norcom this afternoon in the Clerk's office at the Court House. The trial was the outcome of a general mix-up that took place at Marshallberg December 18th.

Henry Salter charged George Mitchell Robinson with assault on his wife, Lillian Salter, with a deadly weapon, namely, a heavy four-foot club.

George Roberts Jr. charged Henry Salter and Lillian Salter with assault with an axe and club on the plaintiffs in the other case.

The cases were combined and the evidence heard on both sides. Attorneys Luther Hamilton and C. R. Wheatly appeared respectively for Salter and Robinson, each one representing the State in one case and the defendant in the other.

The court thought there was probable guilt and bound over the parties charged in both warrants for trial in Superior Court, which will convene here January 24th, and required of each a bond of one hundred dollars which was furnished in both cases.

The club which it is alleged that Robinson used was brought into court and seems to be a very dangerous-looking one. It was charged by Salter that the club, when thrown at him by Robinson, struck the house and knocked loose two pieces of weather boarding. It did not appear from the testimony that any one was injured in the affray, notwithstanding the size of the weapons and the skill with which they were used.

—Happy New Year—

EASTERN CAROLINA STREAMS NEAR FLOOD STAGE NOW

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29—Swollen streams in eastern North Carolina were fast approaching the flood stage this afternoon.

The weather bureau here announced that practically all of the streams in the section were swollen above normal.

The Roanoke river at Weldon, N. C. was three feet above flood stage early this afternoon, the weather bureau announced.

On account of the long summer drought the streams were unusually low before the rains of the past few days.

The streams are rising slowly but steadily, and will continue to fill up, it was said.

President Coolidge Hopeful of Continued Prosperity

Washington, D. C. Dec. 28—President Coolidge, it was stated orally at the White House on December 28, has received information from members of his Cabinet and from reports from various sections of the country which leads him to believe the year 1927 will be one of continued healthy business activity and prosperity.

Although President Coolidge does not, it was stated, believe that he is qualified to diagnose the economic trends in this country any better than any one else, his opinion has been sought regarding the outlook for the coming year. He has been told by Secretary of Labor Davis of an increased number of opportunities for employment, especially in New York, New England and the East.

The American people generally are in receipt of good incomes, it was stated, and when such is the case it is characteristic of them that they make expenditures, which call for

SOY BEANS PRICE ADVANCED SOME

Prices in November Were 50 Cents on 100 Pounds Higher Than October

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Prices on soybean crop on November 16 were approximately 50 cents per 100 pounds higher than a month previous to that date, but the movement to mills and elevators of the crop was slower than in the years 1923 and 1924 and about the same as in 1925, according to a statement just prepared by the Hay, Feed and Seed Division of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The full text of the statement follows:

The 1926 crop of soybeans moved from the hands of growers at about the same rate as that of last year but slower than the crops of 1924 and 1923. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, approximately 10 per cent of the crop has been sold by growers up to November 16, compared with 15 per cent in 1924 and 25 per cent in 1923. In some districts the movement does not begin until December. The movement was quickest in Illinois, although weather conditions were not favorable for threshing and in some localities but 20-30 per cent had been threshed. Growers were not selling freely and the movement to mills and elevators for feed and oil manufacturing was somewhat less than last year.

Apparently the quality of the first beans threshed were not as good as last year in Illinois. Some reports indicate a better quality from later threshing. Elsewhere the quality is expected better than last year.

Prices on November 16 for thresherrun seed averaged 50 cents per 100 pounds higher than a month ago, when prices were just being established. Average prices were about 25 cents lower than last year and about \$1 lower than two years ago. Apparently growers were not satisfied with prices and were not selling freely and buyers were not reported as active in the majority of districts.

—Happy New Year—
WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HUSBAND

Plymouth, N. C. Dec. 29—Mrs. G. W. Phelps, of Skippersville, will face trial for the slaying of her husband, and her 19 year old daughter, Loula Pritchard, will be tried for aiding and abetting in the crime, at the January 10th term of Washington county superior court as a result of a preliminary hearing given the two women here.

Mrs. Phelps is being held in jail without privilege of bond. A coroner's jury ordered the two women held for hearing.

Phelps was found in a chair at his home near here. One bullet pierced his right temple, and another his abdomen. Beside him lay a .32 calibre automatic.

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MYSTERIOUS CASE IN POLICE COURT

The Shooting of Leslie Whitehurst Somewhat of a Puzzle. Godett Bound Over

A case that was somewhat unusual was tried by Mayor Thomas in Police Court Monday afternoon. This was the case where Will Godett, a young colored man, was indicted on the charge of an assault with a deadly weapon. It was charged that he was the man who shot special police officer Leslie Whitehurst about 2 o'clock on Christmas morning. A crowd that packed the court room in the city hall was on hand to hear this and other trials that took place.

Mr. Whitehurst, who was the first person examined, said that on the night of the shooting he and several other persons were in a car riding along Pine street when some one fired a pistol and the ball hit him on the left side of his forehead. The car was stopped and he ran back towards Godett's house where two men were standing. One man ran off, he asked Godett who shot him and that he did the shooting. Mr. Whitehurst said Godett was drunk, that he repeated the statement several times that he did the shooting. Mr. Whitehurst testified that he did not believe Godett shot him but that Godett knew who did it. When Godett was put on the stand by his attorney Mr. Walter Hill he stated that he was drunk on the night of the shooting, that he did say he shot Mr. Whitehurst but that he now says he did not do it and does not know who did it. The Mayor decided to hold the defendant for the adjourn term of Superior Court and put him under a bond of \$500 which he gave.

Thomas Sadler and Steve Dudley charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 22nd of December were convicted and fined \$25 and costs. John Moore, colored, having liquor in his possession was bound over to Superior court under a \$500 bond.

John Marshall charged with drunkenness said he ate some oysters that made him sick. The mayor said he would let him off with the costs \$4.25. Steve and Mart Mason, two white boys, charged with fighting and cursing, said they were just "messin". Their case was continued until next Monday for further investigation.

Warren Smith charged with disorderly conduct, pleaded guilty. The case was continued until next Monday for final settlement.

—Happy New Year—
MAY RETURN GERENS TO THEIR NATIVE STATE

Efforts are being made by the county authorities to have Joseph Geren, who has been in jail in Morehead City for several weeks, sent back to Kansas, his former home. Superior Court Clerk L. W. Hassell went to Raleigh Tuesday to see Dr. Albert Anderson of the State Hospital in regard to the matter. Dr. Anderson instructed the Clerk of the Court to send him an official application and that he would take the matter up with Attorney-general Brummitt and see what can be done. The man is thought to be insane. Little Sherman and Mabel Geren, the two children who have been with the father during his wanderings for about eight months, are in the County Home. They may be sent back to Kansas also.

—Happy New Year—
Mrs. A. D. O'Bryan, Miss Mae Belle Neal and Mr. Elliott Ewell spent Christmas Day at Sanatorium on a visit to Mr. O'Bryan who is a patient there.

—Happy New Year—
REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Realty transactions recorded recently are as follows:
Beaufort Realty Corp. to Richard D. Whitehurst 2 lots West Beaufort for \$250.

T. C. Wade, sheriff to Sarah Brown 1 lot Beaufort for \$160.94.

Sunnie B. Hornaday and husband to Geo. T. Woolard 1 lot for \$10.

Luther Hamilton to J. H. Jones 200 acres Oglesby land Morehead township for \$125.

Georgia F. Taylor to Fred Applegate 1 lot Morehead City for \$1000.

D. G. Damas and wife to W. C. Gorham 5 acres Morehead City township for \$100.

Mary H. Newberry to Nettie H. Covington 3 lots Morehead City for \$100.

Elijah Adams and wife to Randolph Smith 3-4 acre Newport township for \$30.
Chas. D. Stewart et al to W. R. Stewart 15 acres Straits for \$10.

COTTON CENSUS FIGURES SHOW A BIG CROP

According to the census figures the cotton crop in North Carolina for the year 1925 amounts to 1,081,691 bales. That is the amount ginned so far. As a matter of fact it will be considerably more than this when it is all ginned. Johnston county with 67,275 bales leads the rest followed very closely by Robeson with 67,010 bales. Craven county has ginned 3,140 this year, Pamlico 1,781 bales and Onslow 2,633 bales. No figures were given as to Carteret county. The amount raised in this county during 1926 was very small as only a little cotton was planted. The 1926 crop will be one of the largest ever raised in North Carolina and the largest ever raised in the United States.

Happy New Year MOVE POSTOFFICE JULY THE FIRST

Commodious Quarters Will Be Provided In The Potter Building on Front Street

Postmaster R. B. Wheatly received an official notice one day last week that the department had made arrangements for new quarters for the office in Beaufort. The postoffice after July the first will be located in the Potter building in the space now occupied by W. P. Smith as a dry goods store.

The contract between the Postoffice Department and Mr. J. H. Potter senior provides for a ten year lease. The owner of the building furnishes new equipment, water, lights and heat. The postoffice will have twice as much space as it now occupies and will be in a position to handle the mails with greater ease and satisfaction. The lobby will be larger than it is at present and will not be so crowded at mail time as it is now very frequently. The building which the postoffice occupies at present belongs to the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and is under a lease until July the first. But for that fact the postoffice would be moved sooner than it will be. The postoffice some years ago was located in the wooden building on Front street now occupied by I. N. Moore as a grocery store and so it will be very near its former location. Citizens here have expressed the hope that before the ten years lease expires that the Federal Government will erect a building here to house the postoffice, custom house and engineering office.

—Happy New Year—
DR. HILDEBRAND ATTENDS SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Dr. Samuel F. Hildebrand left Tuesday afternoon for Philadelphia to attend the eighty-third annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which organization he is a Fellow. Next week he will attend a conference of the Bureau of Fisheries in Washington, D. C. Messrs. Irvin Towers and Robert Smith of the Piver's Island Station will attend the Washington conference also.

—Happy New Year—
NEW BAPTIST PASTOR AT MARSHALLBERG-ATLANTIC

At the close of the morning service at the Drexel Baptist church last Sunday Rev. C. A. Lineberger, who has been pastor of the Drexel and Valdese churches for the past four years, tendered his resignation. He had taken similar action at the Valdese church on the Sunday before. Mr. Lineberger's decision was not altogether unexpected, as it was known that on account of his health he was considering a move to a coastal region. He goes to the extreme eastern part of North Carolina, having accepted the pastorates of the Baptist churches at Marshallberg and Atlantic. Mr. and Mrs. Lineberger have been very popular in their work in this county, and many friends from their own and other denominations regret to see them leave.

(Morganton News-Herald)
—Happy New Year—
NEW YEAR'S SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

To mark the ending of the old year and the beginning of the new a Communion Service will be held at St. Paul's Church on New Year's Eve, next Friday, beginning at 11:30 P. M. There will be special hymns and a short address. All be welcome.
—Happy New Year—
Mr. Walter Davis of Exmore, Va. is here on a visit to his brother Mr. Roland Davis.

AUTO ACCIDENTS DURING HOLIDAYS

No One Killed, But Some Were Injured And Several Cars Damaged

No one has been killed in automobile wrecks during the holidays in Carteret county so far as the News has heard but there have been several accidents of a more or less serious nature. Perhaps the narrowest escape that anybody had was when Messrs. J. H. Dill and Wilbur Willis turned over Christmas afternoon while driving on the North River road a few miles out of Beaufort. They were in Mr. Dill's Nash sedan which Mr. Dill was driving. The car slipped on the pavement, turned completely over once or twice and threw its occupants in the ditch. Mr. Dill was shaken up considerably but not seriously hurt. Mr. Willis had his back and neck sprained right badly and was confined to his bed for several days but is now able to be out. The top of the car was torn all to pieces but apparently there was not much damage done to it otherwise.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Kelly Gillikin of Marshallberg had a spill on the North River road near Mr. Tom Fiver's place. He and a young man who was with him were shaken up but not hurt seriously. The car sustained some damages. Tuesday while on their way to New Bern and just a few miles from there Captain and Mrs. C. W. Clifton and their daughter Miss Pearl had a right bad accident. Their car skidded on the wet pavement, turned over and spilled all by the roadside. Captain and Miss Clifton were not hurt but it was thought at first that Mrs. Clifton was right badly hurt. She was taken to a hospital in New Bern where it was found that she was suffering from the shock and that her collar bone which was though broken was not broken but severely sprained. The car was damaged considerably but was able to make the trip to New Bern.

Tuesday night a travelling salesman named David Arrington drove his car into an offending lamp post that helps light up the court house grounds. The post was knocked down, the lamp broken and the concrete foundation on which the post stood was torn entirely from its moorings. The driver of the car escaped serious injury but the car itself was not so lucky and will furnish a considerable job for some repair man. The News has heard rumors of one or two other accidents in the county but has not been able to verify them.

—Happy New Year—
W. H. BARBER DIES FROM HEART ATTACK

Mr. William Henry Barber, well known restaurant man of Beaufort, died suddenly at his home here Friday afternoon at about one o'clock. Mr. Barber had been in rather poor health for some time but heart failure was the immediate cause of his death. Mr. Barber was sixty six years old last October. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Ellen Barber, a married daughter, Mrs. Clarence Willis, another daughter, Miss Oleta a son Louis and a sister, Miss Sarah Barber who lives in West Virginia. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. G. W. Lay Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's church and the interment was made in the Episcopal cemetery.

Mr. Barber and his family came to Beaufort about ten years ago and for a while he was with the Carteret Lumber Company. He was a native of Dubois, Pennsylvania. For a number of years he had conducted a cafe on Turner street and had a large number of acquaintances. By reason of his unflinching good humor and friendliness he made many friends who regret his passing away.

—Happy New Year—
COUNTY HOME INMATES GIVEN CHRISTMAS TREE

Inmates of the County Home were gladdened Christmas eve by reason of the thoughtfulness of friends in providing a Christmas tree for them. The Community Club and the Charitable Brotherhood participated in the expense of the occasion. Each person received an envelope containing fifty cents and gifts of various kinds were distributed among them. There were also plenty of fruit and confectioneries, music and other kinds of entertainment. Deputy Sheriff R. E. Chaplain acted as Santa Claus and carried out the part in unique style.

—Happy New Year—
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bell of Dover spent Christmas here with Mrs. Bell's sister Mrs. W. P. Smith.