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CONGRESS PASSES BILL TO EXTEND INLAND WATERWAY

Bill Appropriates \$5,800,000
To Finish Beaufort To Wil-
mington Gap

WILL BE TWELVE FEET DEEP

The daily newspapers of last Friday carried the announcement that the bill providing for extending the Inland Waterway from Beaufort to Wilmington passed the House of Representatives on Thursday. The bill had previously passed the Senate. It provides for a channel twelve feet deep, the same as the channel from Beaufort to Norfolk. The cost of the work is estimated at \$5,800,000, with annual maintenance cost of \$150,000 and these items are provided for in the bill.

At present the Inland Waterway extends from Boston, Massachusetts to Beaufort, N. C. Agitation for this enterprise started some twenty years ago. Congressman John H. Small was one of the first and most active advocates of it. Mr. J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia former Congressman and later Mayor of Philadelphia and President of the Inland Waterways Association has been one of the staunchest friends of the waterway. Senator Simmons, Congressman Abernethy and other North Carolina Congressmen have aided materially in getting appropriations for it. The purpose in mind is to have an inside route all the way from Boston to Florida. With the completion of the Beaufort-Wilmington link a large part of the waterway will have been finished. Some advocates of the canal say it will be finished entirely within ten years. The first thing to be done about building the new link is to get the rights of way and this part of the week will start at an early date.

Last Friday President Wiley H. Taylor of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce received telegrams from Senator Simmons and Congressman Abernethy stating that the bill had passed. The messages are reproduced herewith:

Washington, D. C. Jan 13, 1927
Chamber of Commerce,
Beaufort, N. C.

Glad to advise Rivers and Harbors bill passed the House this afternoon the House accepting all the Senate amendments including my amendment carrying the extension of the Inland Waterway without change to cost five million eight hundred thousand dollars with one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually for maintenance. Depth twelve feet.
F. M. SIMMONS.

Washington, D. C. Jan. 13, 1927,
Chamber of Commerce,
Beaufort, N. C.

The River and Harbor bill including the twelve foot channel waterway amendment passed the House today by an overwhelming majority.
CHARLES L. ABERNETHY.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds recorded recently in the office of Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace are as follows:

Barney L. Davis and wife to Paul Fenderson and wife, Part lot, Beaufort, consideration, \$10.

C. E. Rayner and wife to T. W. Mewborn, 2 lots West Beaufort, for \$200.

Delaware Goulding to Stacey W. Davis, 3 acres Harker's Island, for \$60.

Morehead Bluffs Inc. to Geraldine Oaksmith, 4 lots Morehead Bluffs, for \$6300.

M. City Building and Loan Association to Monroe Willis, 1 lot Morehead City for \$100.

W. P. Freeman et als to R. H. Dowdy, 1 lot Morehead City for \$100.

W. B. Blades et als to R. H. Dowdy, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$100.

J. W. Brock to Daisy Willis Brock 5 lots Morehead City for \$10.

Jonathan Garner and wife to Walter Fulcher and wife 1 lot Newport for \$10.

Andrew Gillikin and wife to Gaskil and Swann, 20 acres Straits Township for \$10.

Hindus at Mysore, India, during a religious festival bowed down before an automobile instead of an elephant. A lot of white men have beaten them to it.—Minneapolis Journal.

Another dandy scheme for using up part of our extraordinary cotton surplus would be to add about 11 inches to either end of the sheets.—Detroit News.

Citizens Protest Strongly Against Large Bond Issue

Telegrams flew thick and fast yesterday to State Senators J. S. Hargett and L. P. Tapp and Representative W. H. Bell at Raleigh. The messages were protesting against the passage of a bill to validate \$1,250,000 Carteret county bonds, sold by the board of county commissioners at a recent meeting. As related exclusively in the Beaufort News last week a report was in circulation here that the board had made a private sale of a large amount of bonds. County Attorney Luther Hamilton stated to the News over the telephone that negotiations were in progress to sell the bonds to take up some outstanding notes. The fact that a bill has been introduced to validate the bonds shows that the sale was conditional on getting them validated. So far as this newspaper has been advised

the board has not made public any information about the matter. Representative Bell wired parties here that the bill would be introduced Wednesday.

The News has been informed, not officially, that the outstanding notes of the county amount to \$800,000. It is assumed therefore that the extra \$450,000 is to be used for some other purpose than paying debts already contracted. There is talk on the streets of Beaufort that a determined fight will be made to prevent the passage of the validation act. Some citizens say they are willing to a bond issue to pay debts already made but are bitterly opposed to bond issues for any new purposes. It is generally reported that the debt of the county now amounts to about three million dollars.

Parent Teacher Expert Will Be Here Monday

The County Board of Education wishes to inform the public that Mr. W. H. Livers, director of Extension Division of North Carolina College for Women, will spend the week beginning January 24th, in Carteret County working with Parent Teacher Associations.

Mr. Livers has had much experience in this kind of work. He is one of the very best authorities in the state on this kind of work.

In addition to the work which Mr. Livers does to aid the regular P. T. A. work he also leads community singing.

The programs planned for the week will be enjoyable as well as educational. The schedule for the week is as follows:

Monday, January 24	Atlantic	7:30 P. M.
Tuesday	Harkers Island	2:30 P. M.
	Beaufort	7:30 P. M.
Wednesday	Smyrna	7:00 P. M.
Thursday	Camp Glenn	2:30 P. M.
	Morehead City	3:45 P. M.
Friday	Newport	3:30 P. M.
	White Oak	6:30 P. M.

Judge Cranmer to Hold Court Here Very Soon

A one weeks term of Superior Court will convene here on Monday the 31st of this month. It will be for the trial of criminal and civil cases Judge E. H. Cranmer, who was in Beaufort five years ago will preside over the court. The calendar for the week is as follows:

Carteret Superior Court

Hon. E. H. Cranmer, Judge
Monday & Tuesday Jan. 31st and
February 1st, 1927

CRIMINAL CASES
Wednesday Feb. 2nd.

No. 40 Styron vs Baker et al.
43 Watkins vs Jones.
36 Britt vs Transportation Co.
42 Sheppard vs Transportation Co.

Thursday Feb. 3rd.
14 Hendrix vs Bryan.
23 Helms vs Willis.
26 Eubanks vs Holland.
33 Boone vs Dickinson.
35 Mallissa Lewis vs Wilbur Lewis.
37 Raleigh Co. vs Willis.

Friday Feb. 4th.
41 Morris vs Bogue Development Co.
44 Sasween vs Hamf & Gilson.
Carroll vs Piner.

Saturday, Feb. 5th.
MOTIONS
2 McCain vs Shull.
4 Iron Works vs D-B Co.
34 DeNoyer vs Staney.
39 Jerkins vs Hawkins.
48 Levinson vs Simmons Construction Co.

L. W. HASSELL,
Clerk.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only one marriage license has been issued by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace this week. It was to V. H. Hawks and Elizabeth Harper of Morehead City.

OLDEST BANK HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Officials of Bank of Beaufort
Optimistic As To Outlook
For Business

The stock-holders of The Bank of Beaufort held their annual meeting on the mezzanine floor of the Bank Tuesday, January 11th, 1927 from twelve o'clock noon to one o'clock, p. m. The meeting was well attended, the number of shares represented being larger than for several years past. The report of the Cashier showed that a larger volume of business was done by the bank during 1926 than in any other year of the twenty-six years of its history. To the adequate facilities by their attractive building and modern equipment is attributed in part, no doubt, their large increase in patronage. During the year dividends of eight percent were paid to stock-holders, \$1,500.00 was added to the growing surplus, which makes this fund \$7,500.00, a modern electric posting machine and a modern note recording system have been installed together with other equipment which makes it compare favorably with any bank in the state in convenience or arrangement and equipment. The service rendered by this good institution has evidently been most satisfactory and it is stated as their purpose that their sphere of service may grow larger during the year ahead. The officers of this bank were optimistic in their forecast of business conditions during 1927.

All former directors were re-elected, as follows: W. A. Mace, John Forlaw, T. C. Wade, W. P. Smith, A. J. Cooke, W. B. Blades, J. R. Morris, Joseph House, J. A. Hornaday. Immediately following the stock-holders' meeting the directors met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. A. Mace; Vice-President, John Forlaw; Cashier, J. A. Hornaday, Assistant Cashier, Mrs. Mary Tillet, Teller and book-keepers, Miss Neva Willis and Mrs. A. B. Cooke.

CHILDREN OF CONFEDERACY GIVES CAKE CONTEST

The Cake Contest by the Junior Chapter of U. D. C. was held on Friday January 14th. Three judges were invited to judge the cakes, when cut, from the texture. Prizes were awarded for the best cakes. The prize money was donated by a large manufacturer of cake shortening. The first prize was won by Mrs. Chas. Case, \$5.00.

The second prize of \$3.00 was won by Mrs. W. P. Smith.

The third prize of \$1.00 was won by Mrs. Hardy Lewis.

The prize money was then turned over to Mrs. H. D. Norcom, who was manager for the Chapter. The cakes, 25 in number were then sold at different prices. The amount of the sale including prize money was \$39.65.

To the ladies who so generously contributed cakes for this sale and to those who patronized the sale, to the judges and to Messrs. Guthrie & Bell for the use of their store and kind hospitality, also Mr. Fred King Jr. for such nicely made posters, we wish to thank you all. Our aim is to place marks at each Confederate Soldier's grave in our cemeteries in Beaufort, and you who have assisted in this contest, have helped us make our "Aim" possible.

We thank you all.
Mrs. H. D. Norcom,
For the Children of Confederacy.

Inlet Inn Will Open About First of Month

The Inlet Inn which has been closed for several weeks will re-open for business in a week or ten days. That was the statement made by W. L. Derrickson of New Bern who has leased the hotel to the Board of Commissioners of the town Wednesday evening at a special meeting.

The object of the meeting was to afford Mr. Derrickson an opportunity to ask to be relieved of city taxes on the property. He stated that he understood the taxes to be \$427.50 for the year 1926. He said that he expected to spend considerable money in furnishing the hotel and making repairs to it and that he would run it as an all the year round house. He thought he would be able to bring a good many people to Beaufort who are not coming now. After some discussion the board passed a resolution relieving Mr. Derrickson of the 1926 taxes on the property not including the street paving assessment. Those present at the meeting were Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Noe, Smith and Whitehurst.

EYE SPECIALIST HERE.

Dr. O. H. Johnson, eye, ear and throat specialist who has been practicing in Morehead City for several months, has opened an office in Beaufort. He will be in the Potter building in the offices of Dr. C. S. Maxwell and will be there every afternoon between 12 and 3 o'clock.

The Bishop's Crusade Starts Here Feb. 14th.

(By Dr. G. W. Lay)

We are now in the midst of a National-wide movement in the Episcopal Church called the Bishop's Crusade, because it is an effort to carry the Cross to all people, led by the Bishops, and to fit ourselves to be better Cross-Bearers. This is something that should enlist the sympathetic interest of all Christian people, and we in East Carolina should feel a very peculiar interest, since the plan was conceived by Bishop Darst and he is the Chairman of the National Committee on Evangelism to carry it out.

Preparatory work has been going on for some months, and in January about four hundred National Crusaders held Missions in the principal cities in every State. In East Carolina the cities chosen were Wilmington, January 23rd. to 30th., Elizabeth City, January 30th to February 4th., and Washington, February 6th to 12th. To each of these centers those in nearby places are invited. Thereafter it is arranged to have similar meetings in every Church in the Diocese. The Rev. Frank D. Dean, one of the National Crusaders, will conduct the Crusade in St. Paul's Church, Beaufort, February 14th to 20th and the Rev. Archer Boogher, of Fayetteville, the one in St. Andrew's church, Morehead City, Feb. 21st. to 27th. The Rector will be absent during these two weeks conducting the Crusades in Vanceboro and Lumberton. The prayers of all Christian people are desired for results that we all surely wish, that is, that all Christian people should dedicate themselves to a more faithful and loving service, that they should carry the Good News to others and that all men may be gathered in and made faithful servants of God. The workers in the Crusade include laymen and women as well as the Clergy. The hope is that thereafter the laity may feel as never before that they have a responsibility in Evangelism no less than that of the Clergy.

Tomorrow, Friday, is the day for Special Intercession for the Crusade. The Holy Communion will be celebrated in St. Paul's Church at 10 A. M., the church will be open for the prayers of the people all day, and special ones have been asked to be there for prayers for a half hour each until 6 P. M.

Of course all are cordially invited to the above mentioned services.

ESCAPED PRISONER CAUGHT.

Alton Wilson a negro boy who escaped from the county jail along with two men not long ago has been retaken and put back in jail. The two men have not been heard of since they escaped. The Wilson boy was found at the home of his mother in Beaufort. He says he went away with the men because they made him do it. The charge against him is stealing chickens.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT REFORM GETS LEGISLATIVE ATTENTION

Many Bills Introduced Looking To Improvement In County
Government. May Have New Election Law
Also

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C. Jan. 17.—With two weeks of the General Assembly session ended it is increasingly apparent that the reforms in county government and the approval of the budgetary system for operating the state government are outstanding matters.

More than half the bills thus far introduced have a bearing on reforms of various parts of the county government along the lines suggested by the county government commission and it is increasingly apparent that some definite state-wide reform of counties will be handled by the legislature.

On the subject of the State budgetary system, the opinion of the general assembly members is overwhelmingly in favor of the governor's budget plans and hardly a Governor ever been so heavily indorsed during the past two years and the plans which he has for its operation during the remainder of his term. The report of the governor and budget commission, it is believed, will be adopted almost without changes, or if there are any changes they will be so slight as to not amount to much. The research and experience of the governor and budget commission in drawing up their recommendations are the guiding posts of the legislature.

The body has gotten definitely to work and the committees appointed during the past week are functioning at top speed. A number of State-wide measures are up for consideration and before long the fur will begin to fly fast and furious. The election system, judiciary, operation of motor vehicles, state constabulary and other matters are receiving attention.

The budget commission report revealed that the value of the State property in and nearby to Raleigh has a valuation of twenty million dollars. The bill to repeal the titles registration law probably will be snowed under when the aid which it has been in recovering autos has been detailed to the legislators. The condition of the state general fund as of December 31, 1926 showed an overdraft of \$790,459 but when the heavy collections of revenue start coming in between now and June 30, it is expected the overdraft will be turned into a large surplus. A number of biennial reports have come in since the legislature started and these will furnish a great deal of food for future legislation, it is believed. Among these are the education department, state prison attorney general's office and highway commission. The budget and appropriation measures have been introduced and it is expected that the committees will grant hearings before finally reporting them back for action. Heads of departments and institutions are to be questioned as usual and committees will investigate recommendations of the budget commission before passing finally upon them. There is to be no guess work in handling fiscal matters by this legislature. The State is said to be worth around fifty-six millions dollars over and above its entire indebtedness, the value of the State Highway System heading the list of values with \$126,656,675. The University is "second rank" with a value of \$6,492,414 and the State administration plant at Raleigh "tips the scales" at \$6,036,409. Next in rank is the College for Women at Greensboro valued at \$5,488,645.

If the budget acts are approved by the General Assembly it is said that a cash surplus will accrue by the end of Governor McLean's administration two years hence. If it appears that appropriations made by this Legislature are excessive the Governor and his Commission may use the pruning knife and pass the excess along to the next administration. Cuts in appropriations during the last biennium amounted to \$351,939. With half a million more revenue than at first estimated available a surplus may reasonably be expected without much guess work. Any calculation may as well take into consideration the additional sum provided in the Turlington Pension bill now well on the road to ratification. This would provide relief for all Confederate soldiers who hereafter apply for a pension and deserving widows of the same. Pending third reading of the bill in the House it was sent back to the Appropriations Committee to

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TRUST COMPANY'S GROWTH IS LARGE

Big Gain Made In Deposits.
Thirty Second Annual
Dividend Paid

The Beaufort Banking & Trust Company closed December 31 one of the best years in its history. During the year deposits in this bank increased \$81,083.90 or 15 per cent over the previous year. On January 1st the thirty second dividend was paid making a total the bank has paid its stockholders since opening for business \$45,225.00. This bank has the largest Savings Department of any bank in Carteret County. Since beginning operation the handsome sum of \$132,557.92 has been paid to depositors as interest on Savings Accounts.

The Capital stock of this bank is \$50,000.00. This with the double liability of stockholders and a Surplus fund of \$7000.00 makes a total protection to depositors of \$107,000.00. In addition to this the officers and employees are bonded in reliable bonding companies, burglary and forgery insurance is carried also fire insurance.

In addition to the above safe guards, this bank is managed by a board of directors composed of conservative, strong, successful business men. The active officers have had long service and experience. They are glad at all times to give their customers the benefit of their experience in business matters.

At the annual meeting of stockholders held January 11, 1927, the following were elected as directors for this year: R. L. Davis, C. P. Dey, C. L. Duncan, C. G. Gaskill, J. H. Potter, Sr., U. E. Swann, N. W. Taylor and W. H. Taylor.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

People are getting so good around Beaufort now that the Police Court has almost gone out of business. Week before last there was not a single trial in court and this past Monday only two cases were tried.

George Murray Thomas and Jesse Smith for failing to stop car at stop corner were required to pay the costs.

Louis Cotton charged with having imbibed too freely of intoxicating liquor was let off with the costs under suspended judgment.

MRS. GUTSELL ENTERTAINS.

A very interesting bridge party was given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. J. S. Gutsell at her home on Ann street. The party was given complimentary to Mrs. Edmund Jones of Petersburg who is here on a visit to Mrs. C. P. Dey.

It is hard to sympathize with those 250 American tourists who visited Damascus at a time when the Druze tribesmen were staging an assault. Always there are persons who are consumed with curiosity to see if a revolving buzz saw has teeth—Seattle Times.