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MANY MEASURES NOW BEFORE LAWMAKERS IN RALEIGH

Among Others A New Election Law, Increase of Judges, A State Constabulary, County Government, And Various Others. State Institutions Want More Money. Tax Question Looms Up

Raleigh, January 24.—The General Assembly got down to its definite work the past week and a number of important legislative proposals are soon to be considered. Among the outstanding bills due to receive attention are those providing for a State wide law the Australian ballot law, several measures looking to a reform of the Judiciary coming out of the Judicial Conference, a large batch dealing with various phases of county reform, the appropriation and revenue bills, a State constabulary measure, two or three bills which would increase the powers of the State Highway Commission in locating roads, and many others.

The General Assembly, of course, occupied the center of the State in Raleigh during the week, but there were other events of interest. The fight by the University of North Carolina for a larger appropriation than the budget report specified was to have begun before the joint committee handling the appropriation bill from each branch of the Assembly but it was suddenly postponed, the reason for which was not stated. Some believe it was on account of the resolution presented by the Presbyterian of the State protesting against the type of speakers the University gets for the McNair lectures may have had something to do with it. University trustees at a meeting here took the resolution under consideration and then postponed appearance before finance body. It is a matter of general knowledge that the University does not feel that it has been allowed enough money for its educational program. So far as known it has never been entirely satisfied on that score and has plenty of company in asking for more. A number of State departments and institutions seem to feel that they have been "short changed" by the budget Commission.

The Survey of women in industry, it appears, has died a natural death. When the program of the Women's Legislative Council was published recently it failed to contain any reference to the survey and inquiries of leading women have not developed anything on the subject. They seem disinclined to discuss the situation. When there was disagreement on the survey several months ago it was said that the matter would be presented to the General Assembly, but nothing has since been done about it. Apparently, the women have decided the time is not favorable for this move and will mobilize their forces for other important measures now pending.

Taxes are getting their share of attention and it is urged that the people back home let their legislators know what they think of the tax system. Governor McLean is behind the move to drastically reform the State's laws and thinks a tax commission should handle the matter and report its findings before adjournment of the General Assembly. The trend generally appears to be for some measure of tax reform. County and city taxes are, also, figuring in this reform and as a result of the heavy county burdens, there will most certainly be passed some county government legislation which may reduce taxes in the long run.

The division of sentiment in the members of the Educational Commission on the eight months school term indicated in the report made to the Governor during the week, was not at all pleasing to supporters of the move for longer schools. The question of financing, is the point of division, the majority of the members feeling that the time is not ripe to put out the necessary money. However, the proposition is still "wiggling" and the General Assembly will most likely be called on to submit the issue to a vote of the people at the next general election.

Legislative committees have under consideration bills to require license plates front and rear for automobiles, planting shrubbery along highways, lights on horsedrawn vehicles at night, increase speed limit to forty miles an hour, modification of the grade crossing stop law so as to make it more effective, State constabulary, State-wide chauffeurs license, to reduce fire hazards in hospitals and theatres, give juries discretionary power in capital crimes so as to make the life sentences possible, create a National Park in Western North Carolina.

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Police Court Begins To Do Business Again

After being on their good behavior for about two weeks to such an extent that the Police Court had nothing to do the morally stunted seem to have had a relapse. At any rate several defendants faced Mayor Thomas in court Monday afternoon.

The case of most interest set for trial was that of Mack Hunnings and Harvey Hunnings charged with having liquor in their possession and also with transporting liquor. The evidence was that they were arrested on Pollock street last Thursday night by Deputy Sheriff Chaplain and Chief of Police Longest. Their car had in it nine half gallon fruit jars filled with whiskey. Attorney C. R. Wheatley represented the men and entered a plea of not guilty for them. The Mayor held them for Superior Court under bonds of \$500 each. Mack Hunnings is a married man about 35 years of age and lives on a farm near Beaufort on the North River road. Harvey Hunnings is a youth of about 17 years of age and is a nephew of the other man.

Polk Johnson, a one legged negro was held for Superior Court on the charge of having sold John Bunyan Congleton a pint of whiskey.

John Bunyan Congleton was bound over to court on two charges. One was that of drunkenness and the other was breaking out of the town calaboose.

Luke Johnson, colored, drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty and got 30 days on the streets.

Bate Pigott, colored, disorderly conduct, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Roy Potter, colored, transporting liquor, bound over to Superior Court.

George Copes, selling liquor to J. B. Congleton, case continued.

Julian Austin, charged with injuring a bicycle, case continued.

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STORES MOVING EAST.

Mr. L. N. Moore is having one of his store rooms in Front street remodelled and expects to move in it very soon. New windows and doors are being put in and new fixtures also. A novel feature of the store will be two nice rest rooms for men and women. The new place will be much larger than the one Mr. Moore now occupies at the corner of Front and Craven streets. If the other stores that have been talked of are built in this block there will be a considerable movement of the retail trade towards the east.

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INGENIOUS WHISKEY STILL

A whiskey still of unusual construction was taken by Deputy Sheriff R. E. Chaplain and Chief of Police W. R. Longest up Bogie Sound near Broad Creek Tuesday morning. The still was a very ingenious affair. It consisted of a wooden box with a copper bottom and a beer keg for a cap. It had a capacity of about 40 gallons. Some 40 or 50 gallons of mash were found and destroyed. No one was about the still and its owner is not known.

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A MANTLE OF SNOW COVERS BEAUFORT TODAY

Beaufort citizens awoke this morning to find the town covered with a mantle of snow and ice. The school children seemed to be highly pleased with the situation but grown ups took the matter rather more seriously. The snow began falling last night at about seven o'clock and kept it up most of the night. Although for a while it melted about as fast as it fell but the temperature dropped below freezing and then it began to stick. This morning on the level it was about 1/2 inches deep which is a pretty deep snow for Beaufort. The sun came out though and while rather cold the day was a pretty one.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following permits to wed have been issued by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace since last week:

Louie Gurhrie and Ella Lewis, Harkers Island.

Raymond Frazier and Pauline Frazier, Beaufort.

Lemuel C. Mann, Newport and Clara Fuller Fuller, Boston, Mass.

PRIZES OFFERED STORY WRITERS

Rural School Children Have A Chance To Show Their Skill As Story Writers

Who knows but that in Carteret county some embryo Bret Hart or O. Henry may be waiting for an opportunity to bud forth as a story writer? Genius has a way of bursting out in unexpected places. The Beaufort News wishes to find out if there is any special talent for writing among the school children of the county and is offering prizes for that purpose. Even though nothing wonderful in the way of a story may be produced the children who compete will get some practice in composition that may be very valuable to them.

The Carteret County School News of this week carried the announcement that the Beaufort News is to give \$10 in prizes for story writing. As the matter is explained quite fully in this article from the School News is reprinted here. It says:

We take pleasure in announcing a story telling contest offered by the Beaufort News for the grades from 4th to 7th inclusive. There will be \$10.00 offered in prizes for the best original stories. This is a chance for the boys and girls in the grammar grades to do some real thinking. We feel sure the teachers will allow you credit on your English work. You may write on any subject, but imaginative, local history, early settlement of the country, or any subject along this line is preferable, just so that it is original and done by the pupil.

The prizes are \$5.00 first prize; second prize \$2.00; third, fourth and fifth prizes \$1.00 each.

The rules and regulations governing the contest are as follows:

1. Teachers judge stories and send in list to Beaufort News.
2. Judge stories on best of standards worked out at Group Meetings and printed in December School News.
3. Story to be original, local history preferred.
4. Story not to exceed 300 words. Beaufort News.
5. Contest ends March 1st, 1927.
6. Beaufort News will print all stories sent in.

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FOSTOFFICE FIGHT BREWING IN MOREHEAD CITY

The News learns that a fight over the Morehead City postoffice is brewing. Postmaster Cleveland Willis' term expired in April. The Republican precinct committee of Morehead City has asked the county executive committee to call an examination of applicants for the position. The county committee forwarded this request with its endorsement to State Chairman Brownlow Jackson who has taken the matter up with the authorities at Washington.

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N. S. Railroad Official Fears Carteret Taxes Are Prohibitive

The tax question is being discussed quite a lot nowadays and is a matter of interest to many people. Some demand high taxes on the ground that it is not possible to have improvements without them. Opponents say that high taxes are harmful because they tend to drive capital away rather than to bring it in.

The News has been asked to print a letter addressed to the secretaries of the Chambers of Commerce of Beaufort and Morehead City as having some bearing on the tax question. The letter is as follows:

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD CO.
M. S. Hawkins
Assistant to President and Secretary
Norfolk, Va.

Mr. S. A. Chalk, Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Morehead City, N. C.

Mr. W. O. Williams, Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Beaufort, N. C.
Gentlemen:

I have before me an inquiry reading as follows:

"Some clients of mine are considering making some industrial investments in Beaufort and Morehead City, N. C. on your railroad.

I would be glad if you could send me any information on these two towns which you may have avail-

Sunday School Workers To Convene In Newport

For some weeks a series of meetings intended to aid Sunday School work in the county has been held. A meeting of this sort is to take place at Newport on Sunday the 6th of February. Mr. P. P. Garner of Newport is the township chairman. The program of the convention is as follows:

- 2:30—Devotional.
- 2:45—The Sunday School organized to meet the needs of children—U. E. Swann.
- 3:00—Organizing and using the Young People in the Sunday School—E. H. Gorham.
- 3:15—Song. Record of Attendance.
- 3:35—How to Reach and Hold the Adults in the Sunday School—C. R. Whently.
- 3:50—Better Administration.—M. L. Davis.
- 4:05—General discussion and Business Period.
- 4:20Adjourn.

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CHANGES MADE AT INLET INN

New Management Is Having The Hotel Made More Attractive and Comfortable

The work of renovating the Inlet Inn preparatory to reopening it has been going forward for several days. In fact while no formal reopening has taken place a good many guests have already been entertained there. By the first of the month the house will be very likely, in shape to take care of all who may wish to patronize it. Mr. W. L. Derrickson of New Bern, lessee and manager of the Inn, is giving his personal supervision to the work being done. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Saunders of Peoria, Illinois, who will have charge of the Inn are also assisting in getting things in shape.

For the present enough rooms to take care of immediate needs will be renovated and furnished. By the first of May or soon afterwards all the rooms in the hotel will be furnished and made ready for Summer guests. The kitchen, dining room, lobby and sitting room are all being overhauled and much is being done to make the house more attractive and comfortable. The management expects to advertise the Inn thoroughly and hopes to have it filled with guests all during the Summer. Next Winter efforts will be made to draw enough Northern visitors to keep it filled. It is expected that the opening of the highway bridge and the improvements that have been made in the roads will cause many visitors to come to Beaufort this Summer and that the hotels here will have one of the best seasons in their history.

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FIRE LIGHTERS CHASED BY GAME WARDEN GODWIN

There has been a great deal of game in Core Sound and other waters in this section this year and this has been a temptation to some persons to violate the game laws. Chief game warden D. J. Godwin has received reports from time to time that some person, or persons, was fire lighting and he resolved to make an effort to catch somebody and have him prosecuted. As the fire lighter knows he is violating the law and he is always armed catching one is no child's play.

Mr. Godwin spent several days recently at the Carteret Gun Club on Core Sound and while there kept a lookout for the fire lighters. One night he saw a light in the water and he went out with one or two men in it evidently after game. He tried to get up with them but as he was unable to do so he fired two shots which caused them to put out their light and get out of sight as fast as possible. He could not find out who was in the boat. Hunting wild fowl at night is a violation of the Federal game law and those who do it are liable to be fined or imprisoned. So far this season 76 licenses to non resident hunters have been issued. The charge is \$10.50 for each license. The hunting season for wild fowl ends January the 31st.

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R. Q. WILLIS RETIRED.

The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation recently notified Mr. Rubin Q. Willis of Beaufort that he had been placed on the naval retired list. This retirement comes after thirty years service in the navy and a pension goes with it. Mr. Willis served on the U. S. cruiser Montgomery during the Spanish-American war.

The Greeks had the first written music.

COUNTY BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR LARGE BOND ISSUE

Money Already Spent Amounts to \$850,000. The Rest To Be Used In Paving More Roads Will Levy Tax To Pay Interest And Sinking Fund

Carteret County Debt Is Over Two Millions

Some light has been thrown on the question of Carteret county's indebtedness by a statement put up one day last week on the bulletin board in the corridor of the court house. This statement is signed by Mr. Carter who has been auditing the county's books. It is not his full report which has not been made public yet.

According to the statement mentioned the county has bonds outstanding amounting to \$1,473,000. It has notes outstanding amounting to \$1,375,000. The bonds and notes together amount to \$2,848,000. As an offset to these debts the county has owing to it according to the statement the following:

State of N. C.	\$446,000
Town of Morehead City	100,000
Town of Beaufort	20,000
Total	\$566,000

The notes which the county owes are due to the following named creditors:

Spreyer & Co.	\$1,075,000
Curtis & Sawyer	150,000
Town of Beaufort	100,000
Beaufort Banking & Trust Company	15,000
Bank of Beaufort	35,000
Total notes	\$1,375,000

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LAKE SCUGOG DUCK WAS KILLED IN CORE SOUND

For several years the United States Biological Survey has been making efforts to obtain information about the habits of wildfowl. Birds are caught, banded and released in their far away northern homes. Occasionally they are killed and the leg bands sent back to Washington or to some Biological Station.

A few days ago Mayor T. M. Thomas Jr. shot a black head duck that had a band on its leg. This band was turned over to Superintendent S. F. Hildebrand of the Biological Station at Beaufort. Dr. Hildebrand sent the band to Washington, D. C. and the following information was obtained about it:

"The bird carrying band No. 464450 was a lesser scaup banded at Lake Scugog, Ontario on November 8, 1926 by H. S. Osler." So the fact was established that this duck had come from a province in Canada to the feeding grounds in Core Sound.

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TWO PROMINENT LAWYERS VISITORS TO BEAUFORT

Two eminent attorneys are spending a few days in Beaufort this week. They are Messrs. William W. Fuller of New York and Clement Manly of Winston-Salem. Both have visited Beaufort before but it has been about thirty years since either was here last. They are here just to see the country and to take a little vacation.

Mr. Fuller lived in Durham for a number of years and practiced law there and in various counties in this State. He afterwards moved to New York and was at the head of the legal department of the American Tobacco Company for many years. Some years ago he retired from active practice but still makes his home in New York. His grandson W. V. Fuller the second accompanied him here. Mr. Manly is a native of New Bern and practiced law there and in the nearby counties for several years. He was once county attorney of Carteret county and practiced regularly in the courts here. He is quite familiar with the history of this part of the county and tells many interesting reminiscences of men and events of the time when he was living in New Bern. Both of these gentlemen noted with interest the many changes that have taken place in this section since they were last here.

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JUDGE CRAMMER TO SPEAK AT ANN STREET CHURCH

Judge E. H. Cramer of Southport will speak at the evening services at Ann Street Methodist Church Sunday night. The hour for services is 7:30 o'clock. Judge Cramer will preside over Superior Court here next week. He was in Beaufort five years ago and is well known in this section.

There are 27,000,000 rats in the freight traffic of the United States.