

## GOOD MANY BILLS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE LAST WEEK

Thirty Million Dollar Road Bill, Game Bill, New Judges Bill, And Several Others Passed. Australian Ballot Bill Killed By Nine Votes In House

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, February 28.—Outstanding legislative accomplishments during the week was approval of both branches of the State-wide game bill, the Smith-Hargrett highway bill, the creation of four additional judicial districts, final enactment of the Great Smoky park proposal, bill requiring vehicles driven or operated upon the highways of the State to carry lights at night, provide for the construction of a bridge across the Cape Fear at Wilmington, change date of motor vehicles license from June 30th to December 31st, bill to prohibit the lending of money to bank examiners by state banks and tentative acceptance of the revenue bill, the machinery act and appropriation bill. The Australian Ballot Bill met with ignominious defeat in the House and will not be revived again during the session, for that body applied a clincher which prevents, under the rules, consideration of any bill of State-wide significance containing the subject matter of the Falls measure. More than a score of representatives wanted their counties exempted from the provisions of the bill and in the melee which followed a motion to table prevailed by a vote of 58 to 49. The Senate agrees to extend franchises to bus operators from three to six years, but reopened the request for permission for a 90 inch bus width proposed in the Womble bill.

A spirited fight occurred in the House on the \$30,000,000 Highway Commission bond issue endorsed by Governor McLean, but it went thru with a whoop on call of the roll. Representative Folger, of Surry, offered an amendment reducing the amount to \$24,000,000, while Graham, of Orange, wanted only \$20,000,000 and called to the attention of the House the fact that the State debt is rapidly approaching its constitutional limitations, the session having started out facing a bonded indebtedness of \$143,000,000, to which has been added \$5,000,000 for permanent improvements; \$2,000,000 for the Great Smoky Mountain park, and one million and a quarter for a Cape Fear bridge. Another \$30,000,000 would bring the total to \$181,250,000. Proponents argued that many counties that had loaned money to the State Highway Commission could not be reimbursed if the amount should be reduced without retarding the road building program and county interests walked away with the committee bill on its second and decisive reading by a vote of 99 to 12. And the Senate heartily concurs. The Smith-Hargrett highway bill relative to the location of roads, as amended in the Senate and slightly in the House, was piloted through the latter body by Pete Murphy by a vote of 78 to 24. The proposed \$30,000,000 of highway bonds is expected to complete the program of the construction of around 5,000 miles of hard-surfaced highways and to repay "in the neighborhood" of \$17,000,000 of county loans.

Only ten of the 109 House members voting had their names recorded against the bill carrying appropriation of \$2,000,000 worth of bonds of the State for purchase of lands in the North Carolina and Tennessee mountains upon which the Federal government may establish the great Smoky Mountain Park. Western senators and representatives supported wholeheartedly by their constituents voted solidly for the measure.

If the House agrees to the bill of Senator Horton, of Chatham, Confederate soldiers and widows will receive the following pensions: Blind and maimed, \$420 annually; disabled, \$365; blind widows, \$300; other widows, \$100; ten old servants, \$200. The total pension fund under the Horton bill would be \$1,500,000 instead of \$1,200,000 recommended by the Appropriations Committee. For the past biennium it has been one million. Another bill of the Chatham Senator which the House will be called upon to okeh would place the names of candidates for congress on the State ballot.

The House has passed the revenue act on its final reading and the Senate must do likewise within the next few days if the Assembly expects to complete its task by the end of the week, the date fixed by many members for final adjournment. A number of important amendments have been written into the committee bill which the Senate will be asked to

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## TURNING BASIN WORK IS STARTED

Croatian At Work On Long Deferred Project. Inlet To Be Deepened

The U. S. E. D. dredge boat Croatian arrived in the harbor Tuesday morning and is now at work making a turning basin in the western end of the harbor. This project which has been talked of for many years is now about to be realized. The depth of the basin will be 13 feet and it will cover a very considerable area. The turning basin will be a great help to the big menhaden boats, the freight boats, yachts and other craft. Traffic in the harbor has increased greatly in recent years and at certain times vessels have been put to serious inconvenience for lack of room. Boatmen say the turning basin will be a great help. They also say it would be still better if the shoal in front of town could be removed as this would give a great deal more harbor room. There seems to be no funds available for this project though at present. It is reported that another dredge will arrive soon and start work on deepening Beaufort inlet. The report is that this is to be made 20 feet deep which will permit vessels of large tonnage to come in the harbor.

## New Realty Project Gets Under Way

Work on Beaufort's latest suburban subdivision is now making good progress. The subdivision is known as Highland Park and is the tract of land on the outskirts of the town formerly known as the Hancock place. There are forty three acres in the tract, 1900 feet on which front on the highway going north, out of town.

The streets being laid off in Highland Park are 70 feet wide and they are being well graded. The News understands the sidewalks will be laid and water lines run through the property. The land is high and well drained. Some of it is adjacent to the railroad siding and can be used for business purposes. The other is well suited for residential purposes. The property is owned by George J. Brook, J. S. Duncan, J. F. Duncan, and W. A. Mace.

## OHIO BUSINESS MAN IN TOWN LAST WEEK

Mr. H. D. Bokop of Fort Defiance, Ohio, spent a day or so in town last week looking after his business interests in the county and also combining a little pleasure trip with it. Mr. Bokop has been here a number of times before and says he enjoys his visits to this section. He is the principal owner of the Defiance Box Company, which concern owns about 8000 acres of land in Carteret county. He is now 73 years of age and has practically retired from business. However he is a very healthy man and gets a great deal of enjoyment out of life. Mr. Bokop is much interested in the development of this section. He is a regular subscriber to the Beaufort News and says that he keeps posted on what is happening in this section through it columns.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS NOT VERY NUMEROUS

Not very many realty deeds have been recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds this week. Of those recorded half were in Beaufort. The record up to Wednesday is as follows:

- G. W. Huntley and wife to F. E. Willson, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$1000.
- G. W. Huntley and wife to F. E. Willson, 1 lot Beaufort for \$10.
- G. W. Huntley and wife to F. E. Willson, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.
- W. P. Smith and wife to Richard Felton, part lot, Beaufort, for \$10.
- Thos. Gold to J. B. Gould, tract Cape Lookout for \$10.
- E. H. Gorham, com. to J. H. Beeton, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$141.
- A. N. Stenger and wife to J. B. Dawson, 2 lots Morehead Bluffs, for \$5.
- Thos. A. Dudley and wife to Wellington Wilkins, 1 lot Morehead City for \$1.

## TRAINING CAMPS FOR YOUNG MEN TO BE OPERATED

Seven Military Camps For Fourth Corps Area To Be Maintained

MEN'S EXPENSES PAID

Atlanta, Ga., March 1st.—The War Department will operate seven Citizens' Military Training Camps in the Fourth Corps Area during the summer of 1927, for the training of young men between the ages of seventeen and twenty four years. These camps will open on June 15 and close on July 14, 1927.

Four thousand young men will be selected to attend these camps from the Fourth Corps Area, which comprises the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

In the state of North Carolina young men from the counties of Buncome, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain and Transylvania will be assigned to Fort Olgethorpe, Georgia. Applicants from other counties will be assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The graduates of the White Course who have been recommended for the Blue Corps in the Field Artillery, Cavalry and Coast Artillery, will be sent to the camps where last trained.

All young men between the ages above designated who can pass the required physical examination, and are of good moral character, which must be certified to by some prominent and reputable citizen who is personally acquainted with the applicant, are eligible for selection for these camps. In case the applicant is under twenty one years of age, the consent of his parent, guardian, or nearest relative is required.

The purpose of these camps is to assemble ambitious young Americans for thirty days annually, and to train them in citizenship, self-reliance, initiative, good fellowship, moral and spiritual conduct, and how to work hard and efficiently. The moral and religious influence of these camps are kept at the very highest standards. Attendance at these camps constitutes no obligation of future military service.

Scholarships to leading universities, colleges and preparatory schools throughout the United States are awarded annually to young men attending Citizens' Military Camps.

These camps were inaugurated by the late President Roosevelt. They have been sponsored and endorsed by Presidents Wilson, Harding and Coolidge, and by the leading churchmen and educators of the United States. The sons of Presidents and of laborers all have an equal chance, and eat, drill, and bunk side by side.

The mornings are devoted to military training, calisthenics and instruction in citizenship, hygiene, first aid and marksmanship.

Afternoon are set aside for athletics, baseball, swimming, wrestling, tennis, etc. Every man must compete in some form of athletics. Can-

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## February Was A Mild Month But March Makes Bad Start

Poets and near poets have often gone into raptures over snow storms. They are not to be blamed for this. A snow storm is one of nature's most interesting and beautiful phenomena.

In places like Beaufort, where snow storms are somewhat rare, they are novel and rather pleasant experiences. There have been two or three light falls of snow in this section this winter, which is more than usual. Yesterday another snowfall occurred. It had rained pretty nearly all night and yesterday morning between ten and eleven o'clock it began to snow and kept at it intermittently all day. But for the fact that most of the snow melted as it fell it would have been several inches deep. As it was the earth was covered with about an inch and half of it. As soon as the sun got up a little way in the heavens it began to melt and this afternoon it is practically all gone.

Although March came in with a rush and a roar of bad weather it was preceded by one of the mildest Februaries ever felt in this section. For eight days the thermometer went to 70 degrees or better and there were only three days in the month that could have been called cold. Flowers bloomed profusely and the fruit trees all came out in full bloom.

## BOARD FAVORS DEEPER CHANNEL

Abernethy Introduces Bill For \$55,000 For Harbor Improvements

It seems that if all the improvements that are designed take place, Beaufort will have a sure enough harbor one of these days. According to a telegram received by the News Tuesday from Congressman Abernethy the U. S. Board of Engineers has favored a project to deepen the channel from the present Inland waterway to the bulkhead and also to provide a 12 foot channel in front of town ranging from 100 to 400 feet wide. Congressman Abernethy has introduced a bill in Congress calling for an appropriation of \$55,000 to have this work done.

Mr. Abernethy's message reads as follows:

Washington, D. C. Mar 1, 1927

W. G. Mebane, Beaufort, N. C.

Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors and Chief of Engineers have recommended project which I introduced in Congress providing for channel twelve feet deep and one hundred feet wide from Inland Water way through Gallants Channel and Bulkhead and for channel twelve feet deep and ranging from two hundred to four hundred feet in width in front of the town of Beaufort at estimated cost of \$55,000. The District Engineer recommended that Beaufort pay one half of the cost. I secured elimination of this recommendation and the government will pay all the cost. CHARLES L. ABERNETHY.

## Story Writing Contest Expires March 15th.

A considerable number of articles written by children in the rural schools have been received to enter the prize contest put on by the News. These articles are to be published in this newspaper and it had been intended to start them this week. However it has been decided to extend the time until March 15 in order to give all schools that have not yet entered the contest an opportunity to do so.

Contestants for the prizes may write on any subjects they choose but fiction with a local flavor is suggested as the best field. The stories must be original and not too long. Write as clearly as possible, on one side of the paper and use pen and ink, typewriter or a good pencil. There is time enough yet to get in the contest and those who wish to enter should get busy and get their compositions into the News office by the 15th of this month.

## APPOINTED U. S. COMMISSIONER

Attorney S. H. Newberry of Morehead City has been appointed United States Commissioner by Judge I. M. Meekins. A Federal commissioner is something like a justice of the peace. Persons charged with violating Federal laws are first tried before a commissioner and sent to court or discharged as the case may be.

## COUNTY DEBT CONTROVERSY RESULTS IN A COMPROMISE

Will Validate \$1,250,000 Bond Issue But Commissioners Cannot Issue Any More Bonds Without Vote of The People. Most of The Money Will Go On County Debt

### ACCUSATION ANSWERED

Mr. Editor of The News: In the Carteret County Herald of last week there appeared an unwarranted and libelous personal attack upon me. I would confine my reply to the paper in which the article appeared but for the fact that quite a number of extra copies were sent out to non subscribers who will not get a copy of that paper this week.

The facts are as follows: I do not own a car. I was simply a passenger in another man's car; Mr. Hancock did not go to Raleigh in our car and had no earthly right to claim a return trip with us. Our car was loaded for the return trip before we even saw Mr. Hancock. At the time we left there were several other Carteret County cars still in Raleigh, more than one of which had ample room for Mr. Hancock. The attack was unwarranted from any standpoint and it is evident that it was made with malicious intent.

U. E. SWANN

### PERMITS TC WED.

Marriage licenses recorded at the office of Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace up to and including Wednesday are as follows:

- J. R. Sadler, Lowlands, N. C. and Delania Gillikin, Otway, N. C.
- J. A. T. Simmons, Beaufort and Carrie Johnson, Beaufort.
- Daniel Yoemans and Myrtle Rose, Harkers Island.
- M. H. Garner and Dorcas Swain, Newport.

### LENOXVILLE ROAD IS NOW ABOUT FINISHED

The work of grading the county road from Beaufort to Lenoxville has been finished. The road is broad and well graded and while it is rather rough for cars in some places, it can be used and a good many cars have been over it. It is more than two miles long and runs through open lands, woods and marshes. There are ten fills on the road and culverts have been placed where necessary in order to give drainage. The News has not learned whether the board of county commissioners intend to pave the road or not.

### FRONT STREET RESIDENCE IS NOW BEING MOVED

The job of removing the residence of Mr. W. P. Smith from its present location on Front street to one on Queen street began Tuesday. Mr. M. N. Woodward of La Grange has the contract and it is probable that he will finish the work in about ten days. After the residence has been moved construction will start on three stores on the Front street property; two of which will be erected by Mr. Smith and one by Mr. Richard Felton. Mr. Woodward will also move the residence of Mr. James Rumbley from Front street to a lot on Queen street formerly owned by Ann Street Methodist church.

### POLICE COURT HAD FEW DEFENDANTS MONDAY

Only four defendants faced Mayor Thomas in Police Court Monday afternoon. All were convicted.

Rosa Belle Pigott charged with having been drunk said that she was not intoxicated but sick. Chief of Police Longest differed with her however and said that she had imbibed too freely. The Mayor decided to let Rosa Belle off with the costs in the case amounting to \$4.85 with the understanding that she would leave town before next Saturday. She said that she would certainly leave and that she is going to New York.

Louis Cotton charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty. He said he didn't know where he got the liquor. The Mayor gave him the choice of paying \$10 and costs or serving five days on the streets. He chose the former.

Captain Aleck Mason and Fred Lloyd were tried on the charge of fighting. The evidence showed that a fight did take place but neither party showed much signs of it. They were let off with the costs amounting to \$4.25 each.

The controversy that has been raging in Carteret county for several weeks about the county's indebtedness apparently came to an end in Raleigh last week. Two opposing delegations of citizens after wrangling practically all day Friday finally agreed on a bill that was in the nature of a compromise. Neither side could have things exactly its own way and on the advice of Senators Hargett and Tapp both made concessions.

The bill which Representative Bell had passed through the House of Representatives was held up by Senators Hargett and Tapp who refused to allow it to pass unless changes satisfactory to each side were made in it. The new bill was drawn on Friday afternoon by attorney M. Leslie Davis and County Attorney Luther Hamilton. Those who participated in the conference and the discussion about the bill were, on one side—Chairman of the board of commissioners J. E. Woodland, County Attorney Hamilton and J. R. Morris. Those who were on the other side and who were against enlarging the county's indebtedness any more than could possibly be helped were attorney M. Leslie Davis, Wiley H. Taylor, J. J. Whitehurst, W. G. Mebane. Contractor Simmons was in Raleigh and much interested in the proceedings but did not take an active part.

The bill finally agreed upon provides that \$1,250,000 worth of bonds may be issued. That \$850,000 of the money shall be used to pay debts already made. This leaves \$400,000 for road purposes. It restricts the board of commissioners from issuing any bonds or notes without a vote of the people, except \$50,000 that may be used for current expenses. It also permits the borrowing of \$20,000 to be paid on the school building bought by the county from the town of Beaufort. It provides that the county may employ an engineer whose salary shall not exceed \$250 a month. It may also employ assistants for the engineer at salaries of \$4 a day each. The bill also requires the board to use any money collected from the State Highway Commission, the towns of Morehead City and Beaufort only for the purpose of paying the county's debts.

The text of the bill as agreed upon by both sides reads as follows:

### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN BONDS OF CARTERET COUNTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The resolutions adopted by the board of county commissioners of Carteret County on the tenth day of January, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-seven, authorizing the issuance of one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of highway bonds of said county, for the purpose of funding outstanding temporary indebtedness incurred for highways (approximating eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars,) and for the purpose of fulfilling the highway contract set out in the resolutions, and providing for the levy of a sufficient tax for the payment of said bonds, are hereby validated, and the said bonds may be issued and the said special tax levied in accordance with said resolutions.

Section 2. That the board of commissioners of Carteret County is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the board of trustees of the Beaufort Graded School District, from any funds now on hand or which may hereafter come into its hands, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the purpose of paying for the school building and grounds situated in the courthouse square in the town of Beaufort, as per contract entered into and agreed upon October fourth, nineteen hundred and twenty six, said amount to supplement the balance of contract to be hereinafter provided for in section three.

Section 3. That excepting the bonds provided for in this act, it shall be unlawful for the said board of county commissioners of Carteret County, excepting by a majority vote of the votes cast in an election especially called for the purpose to issue or sell at either public or private sale any bonds, notes, debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness binding upon the said county of Carteret in excess of the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and this amount or any part thereof only in anticipation

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