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Up to the hour of this writing nothing has been made public as to the county audit. Having yielded sufficiently to public opinion to have the audit made it seems that the board might now go a step farther and let the people know what the audit shows.

ONE EXCHANGE ENOUGH

The telephone exchanges of Beaufort and Morehead City ought to be consolidated. This would be an advantage to both towns. It would give better service to telephone subscribers and would do away with the toll charges between the two towns. There is no reason why a person living in one town should have to pay twenty five cents to talk to some one who lives in the other place. The city of Greensboro with seventeen square miles of territory and a population of 50,000 people has only one telephone exchange. Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Durham, Raleigh, in fact all of the big towns have but one telephone exchange apiece. One exchange is a plenty for Beaufort and Morehead City and the company ought to consolidate the two it now has in the interest of economy and good service.

ADVENTURING IN SAMPSON.

Here's hoping that the Sampson county oil well will be a success, that is we hope there will be some oil in it. Most oil well adventures are failures and millions have been thrown away trying to find oil, but if somebody didn't take a chance occasionally not much would be done in this life in the way of finding oil or doing any thing else. Columbus took a big chance when he set out to cross the Atlantic ocean and no doubt many people called him a fool but his adventure proved successful and Columbus will live forever in history. So in the business world too one has to risk something to accomplish any thing worth while. The Sampson county folks who are furnishing the money to bore a hole in the ground in quest of oil certainly have the spirit of adventure and we trust they will be rewarded abundantly.

TIME TO STOP.

It begins to look as if the brakes on bond issuing in Beaufort were not put on much too soon. When a town gets to the place where it has only one bidder for a bond issue of \$125,000 it seems to be an indication that its bonds are not much in demand. It shows that a town can strain its credit just as well as an individual can. Bond buyers usually inquire into the financial standing of any town, county or state when they contemplate buying an issue of bonds. If their investigations show too much indebtedness in proportion to taxable wealth right then they consider a new bond issue an undesirable investment. People who think that there is no limit to a town or county's ability to borrow money have very crude ideas about public business. No doubt the time will come when Beaufort will be able to issue more bonds and if there is a real need it should be done. The present is not the time though.

ORGANIZED CHARITY.

In recent years a good many cities in North Carolina have adopted the plan of handling the charitable donations thru some central agency, usually called The Board of Associated Charities. This method of

relieving people who are in distress has several advantages. The principal one is that instead of scattering charitable work around among church societies, fraternal orders, clubs and individuals it is put in the hands of one organization. The secretary, or whoever has charge of it, becomes thoroughly familiar with local conditions and knows how and when to apply remedies. Then too those who are in need of help know where to go to get it and are relieved of considerable anxiety and embarrassment. The public is protected to some extent at least from unscrupulous persons who try to get assistance which they do not deserve. All in all the plan is a good one, if carried out well, and Beaufort might well give it a trial.

NEW USE FOR GUM TREES.

Recent scientific investigations reveal the fact the swamps of North Carolina and other states may be a source of supply for the pulp used in the manufacture of paper. For many years the mountains of North Carolina have furnished a great deal of the wood pulp used by paper mills in this country and now the swamps may be called upon to furnish some of the raw material needed for making paper.

In the mountains spruce is the tree used mainly for wood pulp. A new pulping process has been invented which makes it possible to use gum, aspen, birch and maple. This addition to the pulp supply will be a great help to the paper industry which is getting to be somewhat handicapped by the growing scarcity of raw material. In the swamps of eastern Carolina there are millions of gum trees and it may be that the paper manufacturers will begin to draw upon these sources of supply in the near future. Second growth gum is worth very little for lumber but makes good paper pulp. Trees that have been considered heretofore as not much account now promise to be in demand. The tupelo gum grows rapidly and sprouts well from the stump. By proper attention the swamp lands may furnish an inexhaustible supply of wood pulp and thereby become valuable assets to eastern Carolina.

GOOD ROADS AND CARS SIGNS OF DEVELOPMENT

The United States is far ahead of all countries on this terrestrial ball in building good roads and in the number of automobiles that use them. In fact there are more motor cars in the United States than in all the rest of the earth. Some may regard this as a doubtful advantage but we do not think so. The self propelled vehicle is as necessary in modern life as the ox cart was in ancient times or the railroad train was twenty five years ago.

It is gratifying to note that North Carolina, while it does not lead the Union in number of automobiles and miles of good roads is well up in the procession of states and is still going forward. The agitation for better roads started in our State about twenty five years ago. It took a long time before the masses of the people got enough interested in the matter to be willing to pay any taxes of much consequence for road purposes. Now the demand for good roads is universal and there is not much objection to any reasonable taxation for roads, especially when the money is spent wisely. The State Highway Commission has done a great service to the State. The commission is not perfect of course and no doubt has made some mistakes but it has functioned much better than most governmental bodies, due probably to the fact that it is not a political machine. The good roads built by the State and the counties have contributed tremendously to the development of the commonwealth and will continue to do so. So we may take a just pride in the thought North Carolina has several thousand miles of fine roads and some 400,000 motor cars and trucks.

DISGRACING ITS NAME.

In a by gone era Robert Toombs was a noted Georgia statesman. There is a county named for him in Georgia now but if he knew how its inhabitants had been conducting themselves recently statesman Toombs no doubt would ask the county to change its name. It would be more fitting to name it after some Ku Klux potentate. A county where white people disguise themselves and go around committing assaults on other white people and black ones too, under pretense of correcting their morals, is not civilized and no re-

spectable person would want such a community to bear his name.

There is another county down there in Georgia called Treutien, which seems to be just as rotten as Toombs. Both of them are a disgrace not only to themselves but to all Georgia and for that matter to the whole United States. For more than a year hoodlums in that part of Georgia have been indulging in weekly whipping parties. They spare no one that according to their standards needs punishment. A good many women have been beaten, they took a preacher out of a church and flogged him, whipped a lawyer soundly and beat an editor nearly to death. They killed a young farmer who tried to defend himself. They have terrorized the public and the courts have almost ceased to function. Many people have been run out of their communities and some have left of their own free will because they did not want to live near such ruffians. Some of these outrages have been committed by what is called the "whiskey crowd" and others by the so called "moral forces." One set though is as bad as the other and all ought to be in the penitentiary. Verily Georgia has sowed the wind and is reaping the whirlwind.

It is well enough to condemn mob law in Georgia but let us not forget the fact that we have occasional outbursts of it in North Carolina. Recent occurrences in Durham, Wake and Craven counties come to mind. The latter however was very effectually attended to by Judge Cranmer.

CHILDREN'S CONTEST

THE HISTORY OF BOGUE.

Fifty or sixty years ago the little settlement of Bogue was founded. Bogue is in the western part of North Carolina, it is fourteen miles from a railroad station the banks of Bogue Sound. In its younger days Bogue was mere house or two, with roads of sand and clay.

To go to Morehead City or Newport was a trip of several days, by horse and buggy or ox and cart. Altho the railroad station is some distance away the trip is now accomplished in an hour or two with a hard surface road three miles away.

Bogue has one of the finest consolidated schools for a country place, in the county. It's excellent teachers and good students will be much toward making Bogue a town some day. Black Beard or Teach the pirate is said to have paid several visits to Bogue in its younger days, Bogue will some time in the future have a name of its own. As it is considered a royal place to hunt and people from all over the state comes here to hunt such game as quail, rabbits, squirrels, turkey, deer and bear.

In imagination I can see Bogue say fifteen years from now with up to date lodges and clubs to entertain the huntmens.

Bogue consists of four stores, a lodge building, post office, a large school building and sixty or more homes all containing large families. I prophesy that in fifteen or more years Bogue will rank among the best cities of western North Carolina.

Come on good people and make this prophesy come true. We all know it takes unity to pull a job like this through, so on with the hard surface.

GERLDINE RUSSELL,
Bogue, N. C.

CARTERET COUNTY.

The industries of Carteret county are fishing and farming. Carteret County furnished, fish, clams, oysters and escallops. It is eighty miles long and almost surrounded with four consolidated schools. Roads from Morehead and Newport have been paved to within three miles of Bogue in the western part of the county.

Carteret county furnishes a lot of game, especially bear. There have been so many bear killed that it has become expensive. Carteret County soil raises just about all kinds of crops; especially watermelons. Bogue Sound watermelons are known as the best. The Atlantic Ocean is two miles from the mainland. The beach is about seventy five miles long. People come from up the country every year to visit Carteret county. There is a deep channel that goes along the coast of Carteret county. This channel has becons along it to show the boats the deep water.

ROBERT MEADOWS,
White Oak School.

NAUGHTY MARY.

Once there was a little girl, her name was Mary. She had a little brother named Ben. He was a good little boy, he always played alone, he had no bad habits.

Mary was naughty and bad, she liked very well to quarrel.

One day Ben was in the yard playing nicely with his toys, suddenly Mary came running toward him, she

stopped and started picking on him quarrelling and fighting him. He sat down and started to cry, when Mary started running toward the house, calling her mother, and telling her that Ben had nearly killed her, with a large stick, her mother punished him badly. The poor little child had to bear all of Mary's meanness, his mother was very cruel to him, he had to take all punishments, and Mary got none, not.

Many years after that poor little Ben died, on his death bed he told his mother of the punishments he had taken from her. She wept bitterly but too late. He was gone, to suffer no more in this world. We should learn from this story to treat all alike we would prosper more.

NELLIE SKINNER,
Seventh Grade,
Russell Creek School.

HE'S QUIT!

The blow has fallen at last! The Gazette's subscriber has quit! And Tillie the Toiler asked the editor: "What we goin' ter do 'thout a subscriber?" Our subscriber came in last week and up and told the Gazette office, all and several, that it was giving the town a bad name and to take HIS name off'n the mail list. Incidentally he told the staff not to mention that a lot of boys had been pulled up for shooting up his end of the town, but he didn't want anything said about it, for fear they would get peeved and make things disagreeable for him. Incidentally, the Gazette's subscriber, that it "has loved and lost awhile," entirely overlooked the little matter of an overdue subscription. But the Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb and nearly 200 new subscribers have taken away the sting of the sad loss—(Lexington, (Va.) Gazette.)

Letters From Our Readers

CARTERET COUNTY MAN WORKING NOW IN TEXAS

Editor of The News:
I am enclosing \$1.00 for six months subscription. I did not get a copy of the paper of last week.

This is a great country down here and I like it fine, but even so I sometimes long to see the folks back in Carolina.

I am having plenty of adventures and had a narrow escape on the morning of the 10th inst. I am with the Central Oil Co. drilling near town. The derrick at the Lumkin well pulled in. One man died from injuries received from falling tim-

bers, two others were hurt and one seriously. I had just walked across the derrick floor and entered the tool house at one corner when the crash came, I came out unscathed. We have rebuilt the derrick and resumed operations already.

Yours very truly,
S. C. CAMPEN
Walden, Texas, 3-24-27.

SATURDAY HAIR BOBBING.

Editor of the Beaufort News:

Men are not much to look at anyhow, so everything should certainly be done to help in their appearance. The Saturday evening shave is very important as a means for raising the already low average of male pulchritude. In this I am sure the ladies are interested. I met a man the other day with several days' growth on his otherwise rather handsome countenance. He explained that so many ladies were getting their hair bobbed the previous Saturday night that he missed his at least weekly shave. I am sure that no real lady would willingly be responsible for this sad result.

A delay of a day or two can make little difference in having the hair trimmed or bobbed; but it makes a big difference in the matter of a

shave. As a matter of practical Christianity I would suggest that shaves have the right of way on Saturday, especially in the evening, and that the ladies take their children or their own heads to the barber earlier in the week. I am not prompted by any selfish motive in writing this, as I shave myself; nor am I inconsistent, since I always try to get my (Now rather useless) haircut earlier in the week. So please urge the ladies to come early and avoid the stubbly cheek.

Yours truly for helping nature,
GEORGE W. LAY

MERRIMON

Miss Lottie Moore, the teacher here spent the week end with her parents at Morehead City.

Capt. Alex Truitt went to Beaufort Sunday.

Mr. Jas. Adams was in our berg this week and we all were glad to see him.

Messrs. Lionel Murdock, Alex Truitt and Misses Neta and Florence Carraway motored to New Bern Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Carraway spent Saturday and Sunday at Morehead City with relatives and friends.

Spring Time Is The Time To KODAK

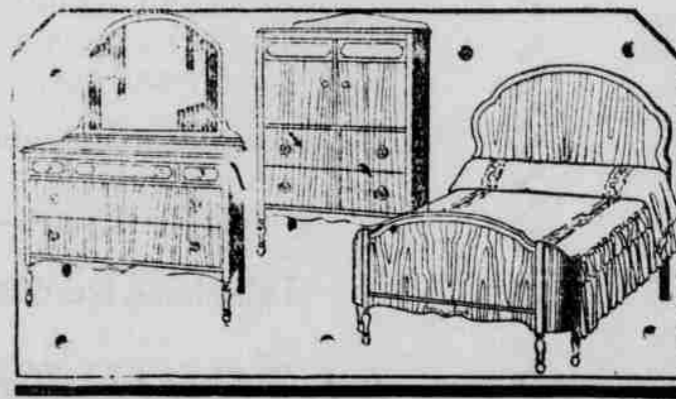
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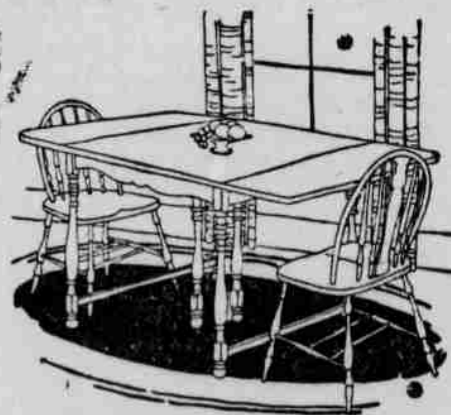
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