

INTEREST GROWS IN CITY ELECTION

Five Candidates For Board of Commissioners Announce Themselves. Three Running for Mayor

As the time for the city election draws nigher interest in it correspondingly increases. For several weeks there has been a strong under current of interest; now it is being openly and plainly manifested.

In the beginning of the campaign there were six candidates for mayor and not a single openly acknowledged candidate for the board of commissioners. Now there are only three mayoralty candidates in the field and there are five who have announced themselves for the board. C. H. Bushall, L. J. Noe and W. O. Williams who had announced for the mayoralty have all retired from the field.

Those who are still running for mayor are the present incumbent T. M. Thomas Jr., W. S. Davis and D. M. Jones. Considerable activity has been displayed by the candidates and the friends and if they all remain in the race until election day politicians here say that a large vote will be polled. So far Chief of Police W. R. Longest has no opponent. The other policemen, town treasurer, clerk and city attorney are appointed by the board. The five who are running for the board, and whose announcement appears in this issue of the News, are C. T. Chadwick, J. J. Whitehurst, Hugh Hill, Holoway Mason and Ed. Potter. Well informed citizens here have expressed themselves to the News as regarding this ticket as a strong one. For some time it was thought that all, or most of the members of the old board would run again. Street rumors now say, which the News does not vouch for, that none of them will run again.

Persons who are not on the registration books are being urged to put their names there.

FROST DAMAGES TRUCK SOMEWHAT

Potatoes Will Recover But May Be A Little Late. Strawberries On Local Market

According to all reports frost Monday and Tuesday nights did right severe damage to some of the truck crops. Beans, cucumbers, watermelons and cantaloupes were hurt the worst and potatoes were injured some what too. County Farm Agent Overstreet thinks the potatoes will recover but may be a week later on account of the frost than they would have been otherwise. The stand of potatoes in the county is fairly good and if conditions are favorable an average crop should be made.

It is reported that around Aurora and Pantego the potato stand is poor, due to the fact that many of the seed rotted in the ground caused by too much moisture. At present potatoes are bringing good prices on the northern markets and truckers around here hope that prices will remain high until they get their crops on the market.

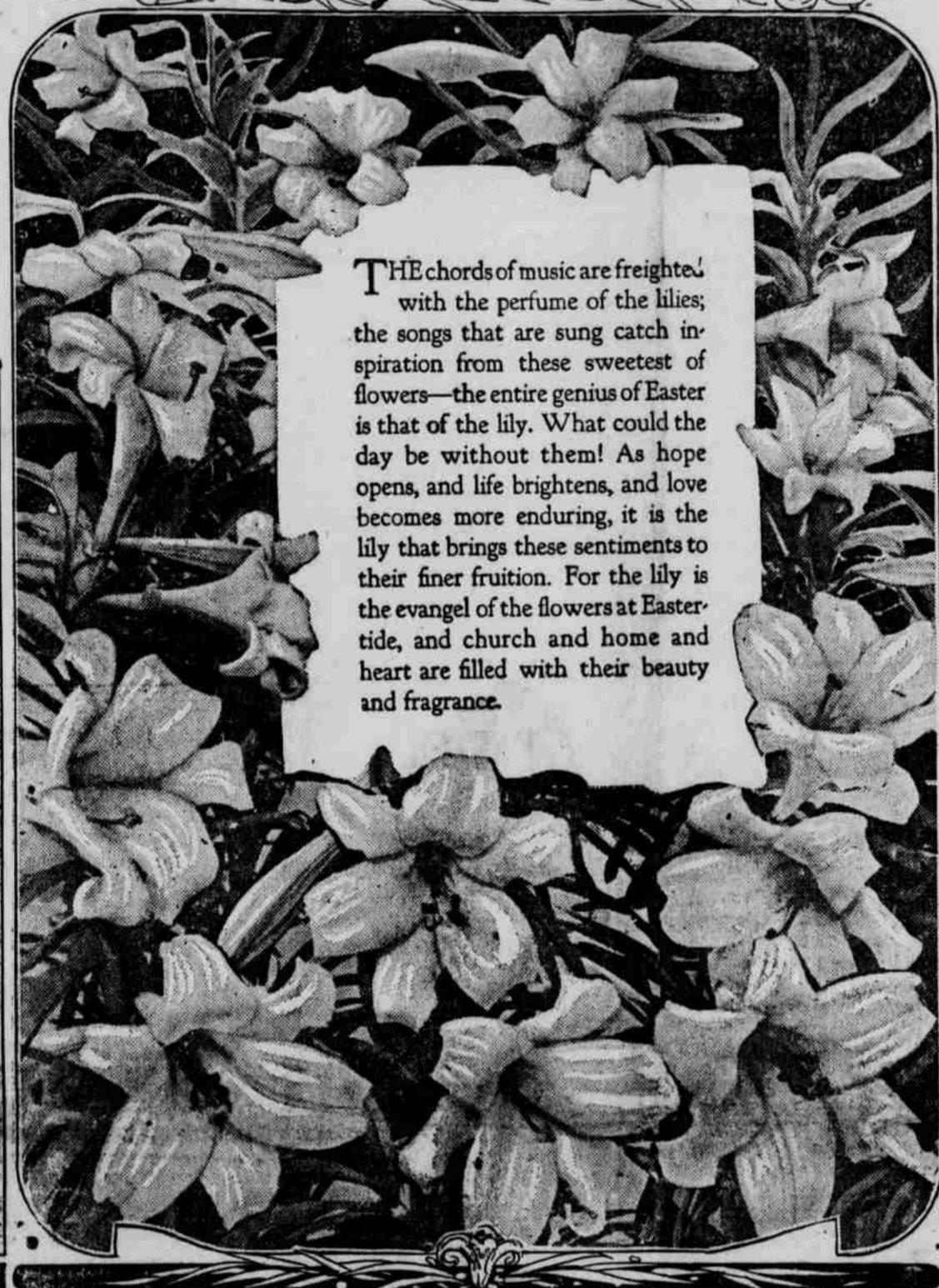
Strawberries are coming into the local market now, in fact they began coming in last week. As usual the early berries are bringing good prices, selling around 35 cents a quart in the grocery stores. According to the information given the News those who brought in the berries last week were Messrs G. L. Cotton, W. P. Smith, Robert Russell, and Aleck Wade. By next week it is considered probable that strawberries will be plentiful in this section. Some will be shipped from here this year although not enough are grown hereabouts to do much in the way of shipping them to the big markets.

George Wheatly Lives Though Badly Injured

A very distressing and serious accident happened last Friday afternoon to Mr. George Wheatly of Beaufort while enroute to Clinton to work with the highway force. A truck towing a log wagon was in front of him and just as he attempted to pass a log from the wagon rolled off and smashed into his car and struck him with tremendous force. The driver of the truck did not even know the accident had happened but a car was just behind and the occupants of it carried the young man to the hospital in Kinston. The accident happened between Kinston and Pink H.

At the hospital it was found that Mr. Wheatly was very dangerously

On Easter Morn



THE chords of music are freighted with the perfume of the lilies; the songs that are sung catch inspiration from these sweetest of flowers—the entire genius of Easter is that of the lily. What could the day be without them! As hope opens, and life brightens, and love becomes more enduring, it is the lily that brings these sentiments to their finer fruition. For the lily is the evangel of the flowers at Easter-tide, and church and home and heart are filled with their beauty and fragrance.

Two New Bern Lads Rescue Little Mate From Death In Neuse

New Bern, April 11—The life of Billie King Bryan, six-year old son of Mrs. and Mrs. James S. Bryan, was saved from drowning early this afternoon by his two young six-year old playmates, Charles Turner and George Willis Jr.

While playing on a wharf in Neuse river and in attempting to get from the dock and attempting to get into a row boat, young Bryan fell into water five feet deep and would have drowned, had not the two small boys rushed quickly to his aid in great presence of mind. The boys jumped in the boat, caught the sinking

lad and pulled him up. Charles stated that he would hold him up while George ran for aid. For about seven minutes the small fellow held on to the boy by his hands. Holding his head above the water, although the waves were high and rough. It was no easy job as the boy had on a heavy soaking overcoat. When George returned posthaste with his mother, Mrs. George Willis, he found Charles still holding grimly to Billie, who was too weak to assist. Charles was pretty well exhausted from the heavy burden. Mrs. Willis pulled the boy to safety and he is recovering from the shock.

City Board Prepares For Commencement

A recessed meeting of the board of commissioners of the town of Beaufort was held at the city hall Tuesday night. Those present were Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Noe, Parkin, Smith and Whitehurst.

County school superintendent J. H. Workman came before the board and discussed the county commencement which is to take place very soon. The board passed a resolution to rope off Turner street between Broad and Cedar so as to keep traffic from using that part of the street near the school grounds. Chief of Police Longest was instructed to secure as many extra police officers as might be needed for the day. Cars will not be allowed on the public square grounds. The board passed a motion to have the town's books audited as soon as possible. The Beaufort Ice Company was permitted to pay its paving tax in full.

hurt. His left arm was broken in several places, his jaw was broken and he had sustained other bruises and injuries. The latest news from the hospital is that he has a chance for recovery but is not yet out of danger. The young man is a brother of State Highway Commissioner C. R. Wheatly who has been to Kinston several times to see him.

Large Land Transfer Recorded This Week

Most of the realty deals recorded by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace for the past week were in Beaufort township. A very large transaction involving the sum of \$150,000 which was for the Bryan land in several counties was recorded. The deeds recorded are as follows:

- L. H. Springle and wife to E. R. Guthrie and wife, part lot Beaufort for \$10.
- H. T. Springle and wife to E. R. Guthrie and wife, part lot, Beaufort for \$10.
- E. R. Guthrie and wife to W. L. Staniel, 3 tracts, Beaufort for \$10.
- J. L. Morton and wife to Charles Piner, 1 lot Beaufort for \$10.
- Bank of Beaufort to Trustees Baptist church, 2 lots Beaufort, for \$5000.
- Charles L. Piner to Floyd F. Loftin, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.
- C. T. Eubanks and wife to M. M. Eubanks, 20 acres, Beaufort township for \$10.
- A. L. Hamilton, Trustee to Chas S. Davis, 1 acre, Harkers Island, for \$10.
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- A. L. Hamilton, Trustee, to Chas. S. Davis, 2 1-4 acres Harkers Island for \$10.
- James E. Morris and wife to E. H. & J. A. Meadows, tract, Merrimon

TRUCK OUTLOOK SEEMS FAVORABLE

Strawberries And Lettuce Beginning to Move. Some Potatoes Damaged

Raleigh, April 11th.—The present outlook for commercial truck in eastern North Carolina is very promising, according to observations recently made by the representatives of the Department of Agriculture. Weather conditions have been very favorable for seed bed preparation and plantings. Very little damage to truck so far; however, potatoes planted a few days previous to the big snow early in March failed to germinate, with much rotting reported around Bethel in Pitt county.

Early planted peas suffered some, but on an average, weather conditions have been more favorable than last year.

Lettuce growers are beginning to realize from the 1927 crop. Strawberries will begin to move in carlot shipments this week. Those two crops are in splendid condition.

Chadbourne and Kocky Point are experimenting with Broccoli. Eighteen cars had been shipped from Chadbourne on April 2nd. Strawberries, radish and beans are gaining a foothold at Aurora. However, radish growers suffered on account of marketing conditions.

While all truck crops are not yet planted, the estimate of growers on intentions to plant indicate an increase in truck acreages for the State. With a good growing season no Tar Heel should suffer from the lack of vegetable vitamins at a very reasonable market price.

- Township, for \$10.
- D. F. Adams and wife to M. P. Marshall and wife, 17 acres, Newport Township, for \$10.
- Frank X. Leonard and wife to Clare B. Lumsden, 2 2acres, Newport Township, for \$300.
- Griffin and Ward, Trustees to Chas. S. Bryan et als, 30752 acres in Craven, Jones and Carteret Counties, for \$150,000.00
- John E. Lewis and wife to Effie

FLAWS IN COUNTY FINANCE ACT SAYS NEW YORK BOND ATTORNEY

Test Case Will Be Taken To Supreme Court To Decide The Matter. Charges Against State Hospital Investigated. Veterans' Loan Declared Constitutional

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, April 11—Investigation of the charges of filthiness and neglect at the Morganton State hospital, talk of flaws in the county finance act which some thought might necessitate an extra session of the General Assembly. The action of the Supreme Court declaring valid the provisions of the Veteran's Loan Act, the meeting of the new County Government Commission to discuss plans for making up the county budgets and the decision of the State Highway Commission to take over additional miles of roads for improvement and maintenance may be considered among major topics discussed in official circles during the week. Governor McLean and State Treasurer Lacy put the "finishing touches" on the recent issue of State bonds and returned from New York early in the week.

CROWD EXPECTED AT COMMENCEMENT

Big Out of Doors Pageant. Contests To Be In School Auditorium

Beaufort is making plans for County Commencement which will be held here on April 22. Last year a large crowd was present for that day and the crowd will probably be much larger this year.

The contests in the morning will be held in the school auditorium. In the afternoon a pageant will be staged out of doors. A large stage will be built and some seats will be provided so that many people will be able to see and enjoy the pageant.

President Robert H. Wright, of East Carolina Teachers College, will be the principal speaker of the day.

In order to meet the expenses of the day the town has agreed to let the three churches each run a stand. Each stand will be responsible for a limited amount of money to be used in meeting the necessary expenses of the day. In return for this the town will ask all other organizations or individuals not to have public stands on that day. This arrangement is probably the most satisfactory one that could be made for practically every citizen of Beaufort is identified with or at least interested in one of the three churches.

The ladies are preparing to manage the stands so that there will be sufficient food to accommodate the crowd.

Spruce Up the Town For Commencement

The Civic Department of the Beaufort Community Club is most anxious that our town should look its best at the time of the County Commencement on April 22nd.

To help along the town authorities to that end the following committees are appointed to remind and encourage all householders to clean up inside and out to put out all trash to be collected by the town trucks on the days specified, and to make our little city spic and span in every way and one in which we can take more pride than ever.

Trucks will collect on the following days. On all streets west of Queen Street on Tuesday, April 19. On all streets east of Queen street in Wednesday, April 20.

Committees—West end of town, Mrs. Leslie Davis, Mrs. Hugh Overstreet, Mrs. Sam Darling.

Central part—Mrs. R. L. Fritz, Mrs. Charles Skarren, Mrs. M. S. Snowden.

East end of town—Mrs. Dave Whitehurst, Mrs. Wiley Taylor, Mrs. U. E. Swann.

Two Cars of Hogs Shipped Last Week

About \$3000 worth of hogs left Carteret county last Saturday and a good many are here yet. County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet who had the matter in charge, shipped two cars of porkers. One car went from Beaufort and one car from Morehead City. They were sent to the Union Stockyards at Richmond, Va.

The hogs shipped last week were in fine condition. They had been fed on balanced rations according to State Agricultural Department formula. Hogs of this type bring the highest prices. These were sold at 12 1-2 cents a pound on foot. Freight and commission charger amount to about half a cent a pound. A good many farmers are becoming interested in raising swine and County Agent Overstreet thinks that there is a great opportunity in the county for this business. Those who shipped hogs last week were Dr. C. S. Maxwell, Messrs. W. B. Norris, Bert Small, J. P. Thomas, Tom Dudley, M. C. Dickinson, Charley Alderman, Dave Merrill of Beaufort. The other car was shipped by Messrs. George Oglesby, T. C. Oglesby and C. T. Whitehead of Morehead City.

Lewis, tract, Straits, for \$10.

L. W. Whitehurst and wife to H. C. Whitehurst, tract, Straits.

T. C. Lewis to Rosa M. Lewis, tract Straits, for \$10.

Attorney General Brummitt began on Wednesday the investigation authorized by the General Assembly of the charges of mistreatment of H. B. Williams, of Beaufort County, while a patient at the State Hospital in Morganton on request of the Williams family. Revolting conditions in the quarters occupied by Williams were pictured by his wife who boldly charged that her husband had been murdered by the institution. She and other witnesses testified that he had gone there a sound man physically and came away in a horrible condition dying shortly after reaching home. The management of the hospital and a number of assistants who testified denied the charge of gross neglect and mistreatment, testifying that Williams was placed in the ward with other patients with like afflictions, his trouble being characterized as senile dementia which necessitates segregation from those otherwise afflicted. Superintendent McCampbell stressed the need for more money with which to employ additional assistants relating that there were about forty patients in the ward with Williams who were being looked after by three day and one night attendants, because they had no funds with which to employ a greater number.

Picks Flaw in Law

Chester B. Masslich, New York lawyer and bond attorney for the State, has found apparent flaws in the wording of the 1927 county finance act and suggests an injunction to prevent printing and publishing of the public laws by the Secretary of State. The suggestion of Mr. Masslich started talk of an extra session of the General Assembly to remedy the defects. This idea found few adherents and a conference of State officials with Governor McLean on his return from New York voted to have the constitutionality of the act determined in the usual way, through a test case, which will be brought when some county attempts to sell bonds under the act.

The test case brought against the Veteran's Loan Act to settle the allegation of paternalism, extravagance and class legislation has been settled by the Supreme Court favorable to the "boys" and the State may now proceed with the issuance of \$2,000,000 in bonds to provide long term loans for veterans desirous of acquiring homes of their own. Loans may be negotiated for fifteen years at 6 per cent interest on 75 per cent valuation, loans to each veteran not to exceed \$3,000.

The State Board of Equalization expects to arrive at a temporary basis on which to distribute the State's \$3,250,000 school equalization fund by June 1st. Officers have been secured in the new Revenue Building with Leroy Martin, general secretary, in charge and the big job of arriving at property values in the various counties has begun.

During the week Governor McLean granted eight paroles, revoked one and took no action upon twenty-nine other petitions, four of those for whom clemency was declined being men convicted of murder and eight serving terms for violations of the prohibition law; Johnson J. Hayes, of North Wilkesboro republican national committeemen for North Carolina and opponent of Senator Overman last year walked away with the judgeship of the newly created middle district of this State by appointment of President Coolidge and Frank A. Linney remains district attorney; county accounting methods, tentative forms etc., will be discussed at a joint-meeting of county commissioners and county auditors in Raleigh on April 20th; Hon. Josephus (Continued on page 11)