

Time Drawing Near For Opening Bridge

The time when a great parade of automobiles will move across the great State highway bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City is drawing nearer and nearer. On the past Saturday the concrete deck of the last span of the bridge was poured. There were five remaining to be poured on the Monday previous and by Saturday night the job had been completed.

Of course there is considerable work remaining to be done on the bridge but it is small in comparison with what it was twelve months ago. At this writing there are 22 spans of concrete railing to be made, the asphalt wearing surface is to be laid, the two draws are to be completed, the lamp posts to be put in place, the concrete roadway on the fill to be laid, the approaches to be made and the paving from the Atlantic hotel in Morehead City to the foot of the bridge to be put down. Some of this work is going on now and the rest will be very shortly.

The wearing surface of the bridge itself will be an inch and a half coating of Kentucky asphalt. Kentucky asphalt does not have to be melted. It is put down cold and can be used immediately after it has been rolled. Wooden blocks will be used for a surface on the drawbridge. The Sanford-Brooks Company, the concern that has done the concrete work on the bridge, has the contract also for the asphalt surfacing. This work they have subtlet to a concern that is now at work on the bridge across the Chowan river and they will come here soon and go to work. The State Highway Commission will let a contract very soon, in fact it may have been let by the time this is in print, for the paving on the fill and that between the western end of the bridge and the work will start shortly and be rushed as fast as possible. The Roanoke Bridge and Iron Company are working steadily on the two drawbridges and making very good progress. It is impossible to say positively when this part of the big bridge will be finished. It seems likely to take five or six weeks yet. It will take about thirty days to finish the railing.

BEAUFORT AND MOREHEAD REAL ESTATE SALES GOOD

Deeds recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds show considerable activity in real estate in Beaufort and Morehead townships. The list is as follows:

- F. E. Willson and wife to Beaufort Lumber & Manufg. Co. 4 lots H. T. Beaufort for \$1.
- Beaufort Lumber and Mfg. Co. to G. W. Huntley, 53 1-2 acres Beaufort Township for \$100.
- L. W. Hassell and wife to E. W. Piver, 10 acres Beaufort Township, for \$10.
- E. L. Cobb, Mortgagee to L. W. Hassell, 10 acres Beaufort Township, for \$200.
- C. W. Scott et al to Sarah Jones Dey, 1 lot Beaufort for \$10.
- Beaufort Realty Corp. to T. D. Hewitt, 2 lots West Beaufort for \$240.
- B. A. Hoff and wife to F. D. Sutton and wife, one half interest in lot Morehead City for \$10.
- Mary Lee Oglesby Dennis to E. H. Gorham, 11 38-100 acres Morehead Township for \$100.
- David S. Dixon and wife to Rebecca Dixon Sabiston, 1 1-3 acres Morehead Township for \$100.
- J. E. Woodland and wife to Mrs. Carrie R. Turner, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$10.
- David S. Dixon et al to Tom D. Dixon, 1 1-3 acres Morehead Township for \$100.
- Rebecca Dixon Sabiston to Tom Dixon, 1 1-3 acres Morehead Township, for \$1.
- D. F. Adams and wife to Mrs. Nettie Ellis, 1 acre Morehead Township for \$1.
- Mrs. Nettie Ellis et al to Mrs. Viola Dixon, 5-6 acre Morehead Township for \$10.
- Theodore Arthur to Arendell Arthur, tract Straits Township, for \$12.50.

ONLY ONE CASE TRIED IN POLICE COURT FRIDAY

Only one case was tried in Police Court Friday afternoon, that of Barney Dixon, white, charged with drunk eness. He plead guilty and was fined only \$2 and costs as he was a first offender. There were several other cases but they were continued on account of the absence of City Attorney M. Leslie Davis who was out of town.

School Supervisors Have Enjoyable Visit

A number of North Carolina County Supervisors spent the last week end at Atlantic. They were very much impressed with the hospitality of the people, and the beautiful water views. They enjoyed the seafood and thought it was better because it was served on the coast and cooked by those who understood the art of cooking sea-food. The weather was ideal for boat riding and the water was just right for surf bathing.

Those who had visited the crowded resort beaches found special delight in collecting the sea shells. One supervisor from the mountains left with a large shell for every school in her county. These shells will become a part of the science equipment in those schools.

They visited Core Sound Coast Guard Station, Cape Lookout Light-house, Harkers Island, Beaufort, Morehead City and Morehead Villa.

Some of the remarks which the visitors made are as follows:

"These teacherages are certainly nice, I think that Carteret county has done well to provide such comfortable and attractive places for teachers to live."

On Harkers Island one said, "Just look how those curtains are all down and the doors locked. I like to see a school building left like that. It shows that the principal is looking after the interest of school property"

At Beaufort court-house one looked around and said, "What beautiful grounds and so well kept. That is what I like to see for I think that public buildings and grounds should be the best kept place in a community."

At Morehead City they commented on the attractive city hall and when they reached Morehead Villa one said, "I shall certainly tell the people in the mountains about this beautiful hotel on the coast."

The Supervisors in the party were: Ida Seidel, Polk County; Ila Johnston, Henderson County; Sue Reese, Rowan County; Myrtle Brogdon, Pitt County; Carrie Wilson, Nash County; Vera Keech, Jones County; Margaret Hayes, Craven County; Helen Dunlap, Edgecombe County; Gussie Dill, Harnett county; Annie Holford, Wake County; Helen Wilson, Wayne County; Margaret Gustin, Carteret County. Others in the party were: Gertrude Trimble, Rowan County Home Demonstration Agent; Eva Simpson, Craven County Home Demonstration Agent; Edith Powell, Carteret County Home Demonstration Agent and Mabel Evans, Teacher Training Instructor Atlantic.

The supervisors left on Tuesday for a State Supervisors' Conference at Raleigh.

FORMER BEAUFORT LADY DIES IN NEWPORT NEWS

Mrs. Alexander Martin, formerly Miss Bessie Richardson of Beaufort, died Monday afternoon of this week at a hospital in Newport News, Virginia. She had been in the hospital about a month, went home for a few days and it was then found necessary to take her back to the hospital. She had been in failing health for some time. The funeral services took place yesterday at the home on North Street, Portsmouth, Virginia. Mr. David Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. James Caffrey of Beaufort attended the funeral.

The surviving relatives of Mrs. Martin are her mother Mrs. G. W. Richardson, a brother David C. Richardson, two sisters, Mrs. Paul D. Cooke and Mrs. James V. Caffrey. Mrs. Martin was a member of Ann Street Methodist church, Beaufort. She had lived in Virginia for about ten years but had many friends in Beaufort who were shocked and grieved to learn of her death.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MEETING MONDAY

The Board of County Commissioners held a meeting at the court-house Monday, all members being present.

The principal business transacted by the board was the agreement to change the highway through the village of Sea Level. A delegation of citizens from that place came before the board and requested that certain changes be made in the route. After discussing the matter it was decided to make some changes in the route and the County Engineer was instructed to re-survey the road. A motion was made and carried to transfer some sheriff's certificates from Mrs. John H. Skarren to Miss Sallie Phelps. The board then adjourned.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace Mason Monday morning at their home on Ann street. The infant has been named Rebecca Best for Mrs. Mason's mother.

NEW COUNTY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY INJUNCTIONS

Only Effect of Injunctions Is To Postpone Sale of Land For Taxes

MUST SETTLE BY OCTOBER 1

(County Government Information) Raleigh, May 28—Administration of the fiscal affairs of the counties is not affected by the injunctions brought in a few counties prohibiting the advertisement and sale of land for taxes; the only effect these injunctions can have is to postpone for a few months the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for the year 1926, but the administration affairs beginning July 1 will not be affected by those injunctions, according to a letter on this subject sent to the members of the board of county commissioners in the various counties by Charles M. Johnson Executive Secretary of the County Government Advisory Commission.

Mr. Johnson has discussed this matter carefully with Dr. E. C. Brooks, Chairman of the Commission and with the Attorney General. The opinion, therefore, represents the deliberate judgment of these officials on the effects of the injunction.

The statement also calls the attention of the county commissioners to their responsibility under the new legislation in the matter of making a settlement for all uncollected taxes, including taxes derived from the sale of land, before the tax books are turned over to the sheriff in October.

If the books are turned over to the sheriff on the first of October before settlement for the taxes of the previous year is made, the county commissioners are reminded that under the Act they are personally liable for the amount of taxes due by the sheriff.

The letter is as follows:

"In a few counties injunctions have been brought by taxpayers to prohibit the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for this year. The question has arisen as to the effect that these injunctions may have on the County Government Acts, beginning with July 1, when we go into the next fiscal year.

"After studying the Acts carefully and discussing the matter with the Attorney General and the Chairman of the County Advisory Commission, it seems to be very clear that the only effect these injunctions can have is to postpone for a few months the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for the year 1926, but the administration of fiscal affairs beginning July 1 will not be affected by these injunctions.

"Your attention is called to Section 3 of 'An Act to Provide for the Collection of Taxes Within the Counties of the State and for Settlement of the same.' You will observe after a careful reading of this section that the commissioners are prohibited from turning over the tax books for the year 1927-28 to the Sheriff until there has been a 'complete settlement for all taxes charged against him for the previous year.' And it is believed that this is the important feature of these Acts for the Commissioners to keep in mind.

"If the sale of land for taxes for the year 1925-26 is postponed by injunctions, the Sheriff may make some tentative settlement in accordance with the Act on the first of July. (See Section 6 of this same Act.) But the tax books cannot be turned over to the Sheriff in October until there has been a settlement for all uncollected taxes, including taxes derived from the sale of land. Therefore, it seems that this will make it necessary for the Sheriff to advertise and sell such land before October 1, in order that he may be able to make the settlement in accordance with Section 3 of this Act.

"Section 6 of the Act should be read carefully because it states definitely how the Commissioners shall settle with the Sheriff and what he may receive. If the Commissioners overpay him as a result of delayed settlement, they may have to account for the overpaid amount.

"I call your attention also to Section 8 of the same Act, which makes the County Commissioners themselves liable for the amount of taxes due by such Tax Collector if the books are turned over to the Sheriff on the first of October before the settlement is made.

"This opinion is given in order that you may not be embarrassed on October 1."

MARRIAGE LICENCES.

Thomas E. Collins and Bertha M. Dudley, Morehead City, N. C.

Start New Ferry Line to Harker's Island Soon

A ferry line between Beaufort and Harker's Island now seems to be definitely assured. It will start in the near future; that is just as soon as a new engine can be installed and some minor work done on the boat to be used.

Captain E. A. Davenport will operate the Beaufort-Harker's Island Ferry Line. He went to Washington, N. C. Tuesday and closed a trade for a boat suitable for the ferry business and in a few weeks will be making regular trips to the island. The boat is quite a good sized one. She is 55 feet long, has a beam of 17 feet and draws 2 1-2 feet of water. She can carry six cars at a load and has a capacity of 100 passengers. As she is of light draught the boat can be used, if desired, for carrying passengers to the ocean beach. The new ferry line will increase it. Merchants freight business as well as carrying passengers and automobiles. Harker's Island has a population estimated to be around 1000 and is increasing steadily. There is much business carried on between the island and the mainland and it is thought that the ferry line will increase it. Merchants and other business men in Beaufort are much pleased at the establishment of the new ferry. The landing place will be at the foot of Craven street, which is the docking place of the Beaufort-Morehead City line.

WOODLAND HOTEL HAS A BAD FIRE

No One Injured In Hotel But Joseph Wallace Killed On Street

Morehead City, June 2—A disastrous fire that occurred about two o'clock this morning caused one death and did serious damage to the Woodland hotel here. Guests of the hotel made their escape down ladders and while they had a pretty close call, none got hurt.

Mr. Joe Wallace who lost his life, was struck by a car driven by George Alferman, a fireman. Mr. Wallace was knocked down, had several bones broken and perhaps injured internally. He lived only a short time after he was struck. He was a brother of Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace and leaves his widow and four children. He was about 65 years of age.

The Woodland Hotel was a three story brick building and belonged to Mr. Rufus Cherry, formerly of Morehead City, but who has been living in Wilson for a number of years. Mr. Cherry has just moved back to Morehead City and was there last night. The hotel had fire escapes at the rear but as the fire started in the kitchen the guests were not able to use the escapes. The building and contents were badly damaged by fire and water but is reported to have been insured. A room in the building was occupied by a moving picture theatre operated by R. W. Wade. The News has not learned whether the hotel will be re-opened or not.

DEATH OF MRS. SAUNDERS.

Ocean, N. C. May 30—Mrs. Mattie A. Sanders died at her home here on May 29 at 3 o'clock P. M. at the age of 58 years. She had been a sufferer for several years with that dreadful disease cancer of the stomach. She had been confined to her bed about four months.

She leaves a husband Mr. E. A. Sanders and four children two sons and two daughters, namely Messrs. Guy and Albert Sanders of Wilmington, Mrs. J. R. Kellum of Rocky Mount and Mrs. A. M. Weeks of Ocean.

She also leaves several grand-children and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Garner of Swansboro, pastor of the M. E. Church South and she was laid to rest in the family burying ground.

Many flowers were placed on her grave as a token of respect.

PAGEANT AT ATLANTIC SCHOOL

The Teacher Training Class of Atlantic High School is to produce a pageant there tonight. It is entitled "The Light" and is intended to show the progress and purpose of education. Some twenty five or more persons take part in the pageant. Miss Mabel Edwards who has charge of this department of the Atlantic School is managing the pageant.

The use of the shell of the freshwater clams in button making is causing the species to vanish.

FOURTEEN PUPILS GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Ten Girl Graduates In Beaufort High School. Several Win Prizes

Fourteen pupils of the Beaufort High School completed their work this year and were given their diplomas Friday night. Of the number ten were girls and four were boys. One girl, Miss Helen Hendrix completed the course in three years by doing some summer work. Mr. William Way will likewise receive his diploma in the three year period on completion of one course this summer.

The graduates were as follows: Lucy Dail, Clyde Duncan, Roy Eubanks, Albert Gaskill, Susie Guthrie, Virginia Guthrie, Luella Goodwin, Helen Hendrix, Margaret Hill, Eyvonne Langdale, Miriam Willson, Mary Elizabeth Weeks, James Wheatly, and Floyd Yeomans.

The address to the seniors was made by Dean Francis Bradshaw of U. N. C. He gave them valuable "common sense" advice. Pointing out that theirs should be no little place in the affairs of everyday life.

The program follows: Invocation—Dr. G. W. Lay. Chorus—I Know A Bank—Horn President's Address—Albert Gaskill.

Introduction of Speaker—Mr. M. Leslie Davis.

Address—Dr. Francis Bradshaw. Chorus—Pond Lilies—Farman.

Presentation of Gift to School—Miriam Willson.

Acceptance of Gift—Mr. U. E. Swann.

Presentation of Medals, Certificates and Diplomas—Superintendent.

Musical Number—Selected.

Benediction—Rev. L. L. Smith.

The following medals and prizes were presented:

To Miss Clyde Duncan a Scholarship medal, donor Mr. J. E. Duncan. Miss Duncan average was 95 1-4. Misses Louise Hudgins and Elizabeth Haywood deserving special mention—their averages were 94 4-5 respectively.

To Mr. James Whitehurst a medal for the best short story. The donor was Gaskill-Mace Company. Miss Virginia Guthrie received special mention.

To Miss Louise Hudgins \$5 in gold for the best essay from the sophomore and freshman classes. Donor Miss Lillian Duncan.

To Mr. Roy Eubanks, for the school a loving cup, for excellency in declaiming. Donor Beaufort Drug Company.

To Miss Helen Hendrix \$5 in gold for excellency in reciting. Donor Bell Drug Company.

To Miss Clyde Duncan \$5 in gold for the best essay from the Junior and Senior classes. Donor Mr. C. Clawson. Special mention Mr. James Whitehurst.

To Mr. Cecil Longest a bronze medal for the best essay from the entire High School. Donor Illinois Watch Company. Special mention Miss Clyde Duncan.

To Mr. Clarence Guthrie \$5 in gold for displaying the best qualities as follows:

1. Interest.
2. Loyalty to school.
3. Conduct in and out of school.

To Miss Sallie Belle Willis for excellency in spelling \$2.50 in gold.

The following boys won stars and letters for athletics:

Cecil Longest, letter; Cecil Sewell letter and star; Johnnie Way, letter. Frank King, letter; Clarence Guthrie letter.

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE ON WEST ANN STREET

The store of Mr. F. F. Longest, famous West Ann street grocer, politician and philosopher, has been repainted inside and out and is now ready for the opening of the bridge. That is to say it has all been painted except the assembly room in the rear part. This room is used as a gathering place for a coterie of Mr. Longest's friends who are accustomed to gather there and discuss a great variety of subjects with especial attention to town and county politics. They might not like to have the place changed too much. It is expected that the opening of the bridge will mean that the block on Ann street between Moore and the foot of the bridge will become business property. In fact one corner has already been bought, so it is reported, for the purpose of opening a filling station.