

COOLIDGE SAYS NOT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Announcement Made Tuesday On Anniversary Day He Was First Inaugurated

CAUSES GREAT SURPRISE

Rapid City, S. D., Aug. 2—President Coolidge today issued the simple statement that "I do not choose to run for President in 1928," taking his close associates by complete surprise.

This typewritten announcement was handed to newspapermen by Mr. Coolidge in his executive office at noon today and a faint smile lighted his face as he replied to the astounded group that there was no comment.

Lights Political Fires

The fourth anniversary of his taking the oath of office upon the death of Warren G. Harding was selected by the President for making the announcement which tonight seemed to have lighted the fires of the 1928 political campaign.

Throughout the remainder of the day Mr. Coolidge retreated alone to the quietude of his favorite fishing hole near the state game lodge, where he is spending the summer.

The statement's wording seemed to have left some political leaders still speculating tonight whether Mr. Coolidge would be brought into the approaching campaign.

Mr. Coolidge will have served five years and seven months at the close of the four-year term to which he was elected in 1924. Having entered the White House in 1923 upon the death of President Harding. It was just four years ago that Mr. Coolidge was the central figure in an event of world-wide interest when he took the oath of office by light of an oil lamp in the Vermont home of his father.

Comes As Surprise

There are few things within reason that Mr. Coolidge could have done which would have caused more complete surprise here than his brief announcement today. It is safe to say that no single person with him had the slightest inkling of what was going to happen.

At the close of his regular Tuesday morning conference with the press correspondents, the President requested the newspapermen to return at noon, and the two and a half hours consumed in waiting were fraught with the widest range of speculation.

Promptly at 12 o'clock the correspondents were requested to enter the President's private office. He sat behind the long mahogany table which he uses for his desk in the school room, leaning far back in his chair and smoking a cigar which was held in an ivory holder. Just a trace of a smile, more around his eyes than his lips, lighted up his face.

Air of Expectancy

No doubt it was the air of expectancy that the newspapermen brought with them that caused the taut atmosphere, but when the incident is recalled, it seemed as if Mr. Coolidge himself gave the appearance of knowing he was about to make an announcement which was destined to electrify the nation.

He rose quickly even before all had entered, took his cigar from his mouth and looking toward the back of the room asked:

"Is everyone here now?"

The last filed into the room and the group moved close to Mr. Coolidge's desk. Except for the news writers, there were present only the members of the President's personal staff and Senator Capper of Kansas, himself a publisher.

"Will you please file past me," no one waited until all had been given out, but no sooner had each man received his slip than he opened it to be taken so completely by surprise that only a blank look of amazement was discernable to the men who were still in line.

Finally all of the slips had been given out and for a moment there was a dead pause. Some folded their slips mechanically, looked around and then reopened them to read again for fear their eyes had deceived them.

No Comment by President

"I do not choose to run for President in 1928," it read, standing out boldly in black typewritten words on thin white paper. Then some one to the rear of the room recovered from his astonishment to ask in a low voice, but one which seemed to be a shout, "Does the President care to comment further?"

Mr. Coolidge promptly answered, "No." And the wild rush for the door commenced. Every one forgot the President and remembered only

Snowden Farm Leased By Virginia Trucker

Recognizing the possibilities of growing truck in Carteret county Mr. K. W. Knight of Portsmouth, Virginia, who is an experienced trucker, came here last week and closed a deal with the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company for the place known as the Snowden farm. Mr. Wright leased the farm with an option of buying it later if he wishes to do so.

Mr. M. S. Snowden who once owned the place referred to operated it very successfully for several years. He raised some fine crops of potatoes there. The land there is well adapted for potatoes and in fact most any kind of truck. There are 100 acres in the place of which 25 are cleared. Mr. Wright will bring a number of cold frames with him from Virginia and raise early vegetables. Next spring he expects to plant a good many potatoes. He has been negotiating for some other land nearby and it is possible that he will increase his acreage. Mr. Wright comes from a trucking section and it is possible that others in that vicinity may come to Carteret county in order to get the advantages of a milder climate.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The list of recent real estate transactions as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds is as follows:

H. L. Potter and wife to Beaufort Realty and Investment Corporation, tract Beaufort Township for \$100.

C. P. Deu Mortgagee to Frank L. King et al, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$1555. Beaufort Realty Corp to E. M. Thompson, 5 lots West Beaufort for \$10.

G. L. Cotten et al to G. W. Duncan et al, 1 lot Beaufort for \$1500.

R. B. Gillikin and wife to Beaufort Banking and Trust Co., 102 acres Beaufort Township for \$7,500.

C. O. H. Boyd to W. C. Gorham, 2 lots Morehead City, for \$450.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Irvin J. Davis, 2 lots Morehead City for \$1000.

J. C. Mason and wife to James Pittman, 1 acre Merrimon, for \$100.

Rainfall During July Was Less Than Usual

The official weather report for the Beaufort area shows that the rainfall for the month was less than an average and that the temperature was quite cool at times and also pretty hot at other times. There was a good breeze from the southwest for 14 days, from the south for 6 days and northerly and easterly winds the rest of the time. The lowest temperature, 56 degrees, was recorded on the 1st. The hottest was on the 28th and reached 93 above zero. The rainfall for the month was 3.82 inches. The average is 5.49 inches. The temperature figures are given below:

	Max.	Min.
1	82	56
2	85	69
3	81	70
4	86	71
5	82	63
6	83	62
7	85	71
8	89	71
9	86	66
10	87	70
11	83	72
12	89	76
13	89	77
14	82	72
15	82	72
16	86	74
17	85	75
18	87	76
19	84	70
20	87	65
21	87	71
22	86	71
23	88	72
24	88	72
25	84	80
26	87	70
27	89	73
28	93	72
29	89	77
30	92	78
31	89	78

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Two permits to marry have been issued at the office of the Register of Deeds recently. They were to:

L. A. Williamson Rocky Mount and Allie E. Harrell of Beaufort.

Stephen Buck, Morehead City and Julia E. Currier, Morehead City.

that he carried in his hand an announcement of the first importance to every newspaper in the country.

County Farm Agent Hugh Overstreet and family who have been living on Ann street moved Monday to their farm on New Bern road.

Restraining Order Stops Work On Approach To Big Bridge

Work on the approach to the New-Port River bridge on the Morehead City side has been indefinitely suspended. This is due to the fact that a restraining order has been issued by United States Judge Johnston J. Hayes forbidding the town of Morehead City to proceed with the work. The action was brought by the Norfolk-Southern Railroad through its counsel, Moore and Dunn of New Bern. The matter will come up again before Judge Hayes Saturday in Goldsboro when it will be decided whether the injunction shall be made permanent or not.

As the News understands the matter, the railroad company complains

that the roadway being constructed by the town from the Atlantic Hotel to the foot of the bridge is too near their tracks. They claim that it interferes with the loading and unloading of cars. The company claims a right of way of 100 feet on each side of their road. They want the roadway built on the south side of their right of way and the complaint says they offered to give the town 40 feet on that side. A conditional offer for a roadway on the north side was also made. Work on the two drawbridges is still going on. The News is informed that it will be several weeks yet before they are finished.

BOARD REFUSES N-S REQUEST

Shifting And Cinder Ordinances Not Repealed. Mayor Casts Deciding Vote

A considerable number of matters were discussed by the board of town commissioners at their meeting Monday. The one that took the most time was that of the repeal of the ordinances in regard to the shifting of cars after nine o'clock at night and that in regard to discharging smoke and cinders by locomotives. Superintendent L. P. Kenedy and agent Seth Gibbs were present and asked the board to repeal the ordinances.

Commissioner Hill led the fight against repealing the ordinance. After a length discussion a vote was taken which resulted in a tie. Commissioner Potter and Whitehurst voted to repeal and Messrs Chadwick and Hill against the motion. Mayor Jones voted in the negative and so the motion was killed. Commissioner Mason was not present.

A petition was presented to the board, signed by 46 people, asking that the artesian well on Front street be repaired. It was referred to the street committee. Messrs. U. E. Swann and W. A. Mace, representing the city school board were present and asked for an appropriation of \$500 to connect the new school building for whites with the city sewer system. After some debate it was voted on and carried three to one. Commissioner Chadwick voting in the negative. An application of Henry D. Smith to lease a piece of land at the end of Gordon street for \$15 a year was granted conditionally. A motion was passed to have water put in the home of Mrs. Mattie Parkin. Several bids for put-

Average Attendance At Police Court

Police court Friday afternoon was about an average in attendance and number of defendants tried. Those on trial made no resistance and threw themselves on the mercy of the court. The following is the record:

Dave Sarrow having liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale. He was arrested Tuesday by Chief Longest with two containers filled with liquor. Held for Superior court under \$150 bond.

Mark Washington 5 days on streets plead guilty to charge of fighting.

Carl Gabriel drunk and disorderly. Plead guilty, \$1 and costs.

Tom Sadler, drunk and disorderly, \$1 and costs.

Steve Dudley, drunk and disorderly, \$2 and costs.

Chas. W. Smith, drunk and disorderly, \$1 and costs.

Autoists Will Make Another Attempt To Cross State In One Day

Raleigh, July 30—(INS)—Another attempt will be made to cross North Carolina's "Main Street"—State Highway Route 10—between dawn and dusk, it was learned here today.

The drive will be an effort to reverse the recent successful tour of R. T. Roughton, of Old Fort. The drive will take place Tuesday, when two natives of Sylva leave the Georgia-Carolina line, 10 miles beyond Murphy, and plan to reach Morehead City on the seacoast, before dusk.

The schedule calls for making the journey of nearly 600 miles in one hour and 13 minutes less than Roughton spanned the State on July 15. Roughton left Morehead City at 4:05 A. M. and arrived at the State line at 7:58 P. M. Eastern standard time. H. E. Buchanan and J. H. Powell are the Sylva citizens who will make

NEW MINISTER ARRIVES.

Reverend J. P. Harris and family are getting settled in their new home in Beaufort on Ann Street. Mr. Harris is the new minister of the First Baptist church and will resume his duties Sunday. There will be church service Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and again at eight. The public is cordially invited.

Reverend L. L. Smith wishes to commend to his congregation the Reverend J. P. Harris. Mr. Smith states that he has known him for a number of years and has found him to be a fine Christian gentleman. Mr. Smith hopes that his congregation will attend the First Baptist church during his absence.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD HAD MEETING MONDAY

A meeting of the County Board of Education was held in the offices of Superintendent J. H. Workman Monday. The session was not a very long one. The board decided to offer for sale Broad Creek school building and school. An order was passed to have a water pipe laid from Camp Glenn to Camp Glenn school.

A joint meeting of the educational board and the Board of Commissioners was held. At this meeting of the two boards Mrs. Ida C. Hall was elected County Welfare Officer for the ensuing year.

NEW DRUGGIST ARRIVES.

Mr. Frank Collier of Kenly arrived Monday and is now employed with the F. R. Bell drug store. Mr. Collier has had several years experience in the drug business and comes here well recommended as to character and ability.

ting roof on the city hall were opened. In order to smooth out some details the matter was held open for a few days. B. W. Arthur was allowed \$60 for taking care of the firetruck. A motion was passed allowing the fire department \$150 to be used for several purposes.

Fishermen Make Haul In Beaufort Harbor

Catching fish in large quantities in Beaufort harbor is somewhat unusual and yet it does happen occasionally. Of course sportsmen and small boys do catch a few fish rather often but the professionals hunt other grounds as a rule. There was an exception here Monday.

Captain Hol Mason's crew out looking for fat bass Monday noticed several schools in the harbor and went after them. They made a haul and caught 10,000 in their seine. Other boats also caught some. The large menhaden boats are not fishing now. Such fishing as is now going on is being done by the smaller craft in the sounds and rivers.

County Teachers Are In Summer School Now

Teachers in Carteret County Schools are taking advantage of the summer months to improve professionally. The majority of teachers who will teach in the county next year are attending summer school. Most of them are in the following schools. East Carolina Teachers College, North Carolina College For Women, Seashore Summer School, Neuse Forest Summer School, University of North Carolina, and Duke University. Two teachers in the Atlantic School, Miss Dorothy Grubbs, teacher of English, and Miss Mabel Evans, Normal Training Instructor, are traveling in Europe.

Study and travel in the summer gives teachers new ideas and enables them to make school work more interesting and of more practical value to the pupils. The County Board of Education requires all teachers in Carteret County to attend summer school at least every three years. However, Superintendent J. H. Workman says that most of the teachers of Carteret County Schools are attending school this summer because they want to improve professionally and are not there just to meet the requirements for teaching next year.

EAST CAROLINA CROPS LOOK GOOD

Tobacco And Corn Will Yield Abundantly and Cotton Looks Good

It may not be the biggest and best crop year on record in Eastern North Carolina, but if the farmers do not mop up on the products of this good year, it will not be for the reason the yield is not in evidence. Beginning with Wake county all along No. 10 highway to Morehead City through Johnston, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven and Carteret counties, and returning over No. 60 and 74 highways through Johnston, Harnett, Moore, Montgomery, Stanly and Cabarrus, one is greeted with a scene on the farms that would make the heart glad. On every side and in every field the cotton, corn and tobacco is bountiful in appearance. In some sections along the highways men were plowing their cotton probably for the last time. The tops of the stalks would brush the flies off the backs of the mules and the men at the plows had to use shields to keep the branches from flopping in their faces. There were many fields of cotton higher than the average man's head, but the general height was about waist high. Corn is well fruited and there will be an abundant crop. The tobacco farmers are the ones who will probably enjoy the greatest money crop. This plant has grown to above the average in size, it is said by those who raise tobacco, and the great plantations are literally covered with the weed. Farmers have stripped their first "pickings" and are busy now curing the leaf. The tobacco barns or curing houses are running full blast; the women and children are busy with the men folks in twisting the leaves for the hangers and everybody about the tobacco fields are busy. Anyone who has never seen tobacco growing, should get in their flivver and drift along down the highways in the east and view the wonderful sight. It is worth all the time and money it would cost you to see how prosperous looking are our neighbors of the east.

Cotton, corn and tobacco are not the only things that will attract the attention of the "tourist." You will see many fields of sweet potatoes, late beans, peanuts, melons; and then just a little south of No. 10 you will run into the great sandhill or peach section. All around Sanford and Carthage and further south from there, peach packers are busy just now day and night, shipping their wonderful peaches. And then when you near the coast after leaving New Bern all along the highway there are long stretches of marsh flowers—bay blossoms, cape jessamine and a very pretty pink flower that stands upright in the marsh grasses and blinks and winks its pretty petals in greeting to every one.

Morehead City has made the most progress within the past two years of any town its size on the eastern coast. The city proper has been transformed from the old dilapidated appearance to a perfectly beautiful city. The streets are wide and are paved in every part of town; beautiful grass and flower plots adorn the parkways in the center of the streets; the homes are fresh and the entire city puts on a clean and wholesome appearance. The change is somewhat remarkable and it is evident that somebody has had an awak-

COUNTY TAX RATE SOME HIGHER NOW THAN LAST YEAR

Rate Is Now \$2.35 Instead Of \$2.25 Which Was The Old Rate

SCHOOL BUDGET ADOPTED

The Board of County Commissioners, at its regular monthly meeting last Monday, raised the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927 to \$2.35 per hundred valuation, which is an increase of ten cents over the \$2.25 levy of last year. The increase is due to the necessity of providing funds to meet increased expenses. A levy of three cents for health work and five cents for welfare and poor relief were included. Nothing was done toward a continuation of the County Health Department and no mention was made officially of the proposed county hospital.

The Board of Education and County Superintendent Workman presented their school budget for the year and the sum of \$189,000, was agreed upon. This will take care of an eight months term in all the schools of the county. An additional month is provided by extra levies in Morehead City and Beaufort.

A motion was made by Commissioner Huntley and duly passed to ask for bids on painting the metal and woodwork on the exterior of the court house.

The chairman read a letter from the Governor requesting that unusual care be taken to prevent forest fires, and requested the board to include some item in their budget to take care of the cost of fighting forest fires. The letter stated that fires not only decrease the chances of the people to earn a livelihood, but seriously impair the value of the taxable property in the County. The matter was considered and filed for further reference.

Mrs. Eleanor Hill Verra came before the Board and complained that a dwelling house of hers in Atlantic had been moved by the road engineers in a manner not to her satisfaction, and she requested the Board to have the matter corrected. The Board made note of her complaint and promised that the matter would be attended to.

Cleveland Daniels and J. B. Goodwin of Cedar Island asked the Board, on behalf of the people of Cedar Island, to provide a ferry boat to run between the unconnected points of the fill between Atlantic and Cedar Island. These men claimed that the Board had promised this ferry on some previous occasion when the original estimates were made for the fill. The chairman of the Board contended that the agreement was for the County to build the fill and some

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On Labor Day, the bridge that will connect Beaufort with Morehead City will be opened to the general public. It will bring Beaufort within three mile drive of Morehead, whereas until then it requires a drive of forty miles to go around Beaufort sound to get there. Morehead City was formerly the summer capital of North Carolina. It is now a mecca for thousands of summer visitors—

(Mooresville Enterprise.)

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday, August 5	
12:54 A. M.	6:58 A. M.
1:40 P. M.	7:42 P. M.
Saturday, August 6	
1:48 A. M.	7:46 A. M.
2:33 P. M.	8:41 P. M.
Sunday, August 7	
2:46 A. M.	8:37 A. M.
3:26 P. M.	9:39 P. M.
Monday, August 8	
3:45 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
4:18 P. M.	10:35 P. M.
Tuesday, August 9	
4:39 A. M.	10:21 A. M.
5:07 P. M.	11:05 A. M.
Wednesday, August 10	
5:30 A. M.	11:26 A. M.
5:54 P. M.	11:13 P. M.
Thursday, August 11	
6:08 A. M.	12:13 P. M.
6:41 P. M.	12:04 A. M.