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## PUBLIC SCHOOL LUNCH PERIOD WARM QUESTION

### Opponents Of Half Hour Period Raising Considerable Disturbance

#### SOME MAKE THREATS

One of the principal topics of discussion in Beaufort perhaps for the past ten days has been the question of whether the public school for white children should have a half hour or an hour for the noon recess. As stated in the Beaufort News of September 15th, a vote was taken on the question and the half hour period received 299 votes and the hour period got 164 votes. On Monday the 19th the rule went into effect and pretty soon thereafter trouble began. Some of those who favored the hour lunch period refused to allow their children to abide by the rule adopted. The children went home to dinner which was contrary to the regulations and in consequence they were suspended from school. The News understands that last week a delegation of men waited on Superintendent Fritz and used abusive and threatening language. Threats have been made not only against the Superintendent but against others connected with the school. And so the controversy has raged. At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held Tuesday night it was decided to change to the hour period instead of the half hour. A petition asking for this was presented. The petition had 266 names on it but it was said only 140 of those signing were patrons of the school. The parents of children who left on account of the half hour arrangement will have to sign an agreement to have their children abide by the rules before they can re-enter.

#### A PLEA FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS TO THE PATRONS OF BEAUFORT GRADED SCHOOL:

Shall we have a school in which to train our children and held up before them high ideals of manhood and womanhood or must they be fed, instead, on prejudice, ignorance, continual bickerings, malice and all other unchristian and unpatriotic propaganda and ideals? The Board of Trustees has labored incessantly, laboriously and at a great sacrifice, without one penny of remuneration, to spend the public money so that every dollar spent might bring back to the people, not only full value, but a good dividend in the development and training of the minds of the boys and girls. We do not believe any Superintendent ever worked harder for the betterment of his school than has our present superintendent. Both Trustees and Superintendent have hoped to make the Beaufort school a standard school and one in which every citizen would take great pride. We have done the best we know how, honestly and sincerely. We have been encouraged by the many expressions of approval of the magnificent building, but as soon as we are ready to run (Continued on page seven)

#### COMMUNITY CLUB WILL MEET NEXT THURSDAY

The Community Club will hold its first regular business meeting of the new club year next Thursday October 6 at 3:30 P. M., in the club room at the old graded school building. This promises to be a most important meeting, so all members are urged to attend. On September 15, Mrs. M. Leslie Davis, District President, called a meeting of all local presidents at New Bern. This meeting was well attended and proved to be very beneficial to all present. An informal round table discussion revealed many pressing needs of club work which will be discussed fully at the District meeting. On Tuesday October 11 Oriental will be hosts to members of the 12th District of Federated clubs at its annual meeting. All members of the Beaufort club are urged to go. These meetings are an inspiration to all club workers and this year Beaufort wants the best year it has ever had. Full details and plans will be discussed at the meeting next Thursday. Let all members attend the first meeting and then plan to attend the District meeting.

#### EUZELIAN CLASS MEETING.

The Euzelian class of the First Baptist church will meet at the residence of Mrs. Robert Fritz on Craven street next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

## Wife Tries To Help Husband In Trouble

Although her husband is charged with the crime of rape Mrs. Alex. Adams, who lives near Broad Creek, has not forsaken him. She was here today at the county courthouse for the purpose of getting testimonials from officials as to the man's character to be used in a trial in Florida where Adams is under arrest. Mrs. Adams is a middle aged woman with five children. Her husband who is forty eight years old has been in Florida for two and a half years and men around the courthouse say that they understand that he has done very little for his family since he left. The News was not able to learn the particulars of the crime with which Adams is charged.

#### LARGE FRESHMAN CLASS AT N. C. W. COLLEGE

GREENSBORO, Sept. 27—An unusually enthusiastic freshman class, composed, to be exact, of 649 students is this week beginning its third week of work at North Carolina college. With but little homesickness among the new girls and an aptitude for work unusual among classes of freshmen, the newcomers promise to be an asset to the big institution for women during the coming years. Most of the more than 600 students are North Carolinians, or course; but a pretty good representation comes from other states in the union, among them the following: South Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Arkansas, Maryland, Florida, Georgia and Virginia. About 100 of the neophytes are studying in the commercial department, where they are preparing themselves with a background which will be helpful in business. Many of them, 68, are studying in the school of home economics. About 37 are making a special point of physical education; six are studying in the school of music; and the rest, by far the largest division, are hoping to receive the degree of bachelor of arts at the end of four years.

#### Forest Fire Threatens Harker's Island Homes

A forest fire that started on Harker's Island Sunday afternoon has given the inhabitants there considerable trouble. So far the damage done has not been very great but this writing it is still burning, although apparently under control. Some little girls playing at cooking got the fire started and it spread from the grass and weeds to nearby woods at the eastern end of the island. Easterly winds brought the fire along and several houses were in great danger. The house of Mr. George Wade did catch fire but the blaze was extinguished. Practically all of the men on the island have been fighting the flames for several days. Fortunately the wind has not been very strong since the fire started. There has been some talk of taking the Beaufort fire truck to the island and this may be done if it is possible to do any good with it.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Real estate transfers recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds for the week ending Wednesday the 28th are as follows: Beaufort Realty Corp. to D. Capilos, 1 lot West Beaufort, for \$180. D. W. Bell and others to A. N. Bell, 23 1-2 acres Harlowe for \$75. Joseph Robinson and wife to James Downing and wife, tract, Stacy, 20 acres, for \$5. Thos. L. Goodwin and wife to J. J. Day, 5 acres Cedar Island for \$10. George W. Goodwin to J. J. Day, 5 acres Cedar Island for \$5. J. H. Smith and wife to Carteret Supply Co., 1 ot Morehead City. Bogue Development Corporation to Mamie J. Webb, 2 lots Morehead City for \$1000. Bogue Development Corp. to Fannie K. Mewborn, 5 lots Morehead City for \$1000. W. W. Roberts et al to Elizabeth B. Davis, 2 lots Morehead City, for \$100. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Davis to W. W. Roberts, et al 1 lot Morehead City for \$100. Eulice C. Bell to D. Ira Garner, 1 lot Newport for \$10. Ella M. Smith to Laura Fulford tract, Straits for \$230.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following permits to wed have been issued by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace since last week: Lloyd N. Pigott, Gloucester and Mabel Davis, Gloucester. Henry Weeks and Mrs. Mollie Larsen, Beaufort.

## BLIND AT BIRTH WOMAN NOW SEES

### Operation On Eyes Of Fifty Year Old Woman Enables Her To See

DURHAM, Sept. 26—Blind since birth, Miss Matilda Pickett, 50-year old Carrboro woman is discovering a new world, one of color and beauty, as the result of an operation performed upon her eyes here September 15. Brought to McPherson hospital after physicians had given her hope that she might be given her sight the operation was performed by a physician whom the hospital refrains from naming, and is proving a success. Miss Pickett has returned to her Carrboro home which she had never seen, and is reported to be gradually gaining full vision. Walls that she knew so well in darkness, relatives and friends she knew only by the sound of their voices and touch of their hands are becoming more real as Miss Pickett's eyes become gradually adjusted to the brilliance of sunlight, something she had never known before. Bearing her lifelong affliction with great fortitude, Miss Pickett has been one of the most beloved women in her community, and is known as a Christian of pronounced character. Her successful operation and evident recovery have been the source of much rejoicing among her friends and neighbors, while she is giving thanks to a God whom she has loved and worshipped since childhood. Owing to the delicacy of the operation and sensitive condition of her eyes, her room is being kept with drawn shades, and her bandages are being removed but for a few minutes at a time. Gradually, as her vision becomes accustomed to the new wonders about her, Miss Pickett will be relieved of the bandages, and it is hoped that she will never again have to move about with outstretched hands and cautious steps. Physicians are still extremely careful that a blinding ray of light, excessive of brilliance, does not strike the delicate optic nerves, and it may be weeks before she will be discharged from surgical care. The operation, however, has been pronounced a decided success, and the woman who grew from childhood without a knowledge of the world's appearance will see after half a century of groping at the things she knew only through her fingertips. Miss Pickett is being brought to the Durham hospital every few days for further examination and treatment. She has been a resident of Orange county virtually all her life, not until recently receiving much hope of ever seeing.

#### Large Crowd Heard Dempsey-Tunney Fight

Beaufort, like every other town in the United States, was considerably interested in the Tunney-Dempsey fight that took place in far away Chicago last Thursday night. The radio carried the news to all parts of the country and everybody knew not only how it turned out but kept up with the contest as it progressed round by round. The Carteret Broadcasting Company and the Sea Breeze theatre both got the returns and furnished them to the public free of charge. Large crowds were at both places and more than a thousand men, women and children were interested listeners. People from as far away as Atlantic were in town for the event. Most of the crowd seemed to favor Dempsey but Tunney had a strong following too and when he was announced the winner a mighty cheer went up. The next big athletic event will be the world's series baseball games which will begin on the 5th of October.

#### WILL OPEN NEW HOTEL ON BOGUE ISLAND BEACH

The News is informed that another summer hotel will be opened on Bogue ocean beach next season. Mr. V. Asbury of Asheville has bought the old pavilion there from Mr. C. T. Gillikin which was sold not long ago under foreclosure proceedings and will remodel and convert it into a summer hotel. The place will have about 20 rooms and Mr. Asbury states that he expects to equip each one with a shower bath and make it as attractive in every way as possible. It will be run exclusively for white patrons. Mr. Asbury owns other property near this and expects to offer for sale a number of lots at moderate prices.

#### BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Salamy of Beaufort, September 16, a daughter, Julia Janulah.

## Duke Interests May Expend Two Hundred Millions in N. C.

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 24—About two hundred million dollars worth of construction in North Carolina is tentatively planned by the Duke interests, it was learned here today, but the program is dependent upon the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding application of the Piedmont and Northern railway to extend its interurban electric lines. W. S. Lee, executive head of the Duke interests, which includes the Southern Power Company; the Piedmont and Northern railway and the Southern Public Utilities company,

## SHERIFF TO SELL MOREHEAD BLUFFS LANDS AND HOTEL

### One Tract To Be Sold Tomorrow. Hotel To Be Sold Monday At Noon

#### LARGE INVESTMENT THERE

Considerable interest has been manifested in Beaufort in the sale of the Morehead Bluffs hotel and surrounding property which has been advertised in the Morehead City Herald for several weeks under foreclosure proceedings. Two tracts of land are to be sold embracing about 900 acres of land. One tract was sold by Mary C. Mansfield in August 1925 and the other by J. M. Willis and wife in February 1925. The hotel is to be sold under an execution to satisfy a judgment in favor of the Cincinnati Fly Screen Company. The hotel is to be sold at noon October 3rd and the Willis tract of land is to be sold Friday, September 30th. The Mansfield tract is advertised to be sold on Monday October 10th. The Morehead Bluffs development was started in the latter part of 1925 by New Bern business men, those principally interested being W. B. Blades, O. W. Lane and J. S. Miller. L. M. Howard of Norfolk was also interested and was the sales manager. Several tracts of land on Bogue Sound a few miles west of Morehead City were acquired and extensive improvements made there. Much dredging, filling and grading was done. Many sidewalks were laid and some street paving was done. A four story hotel, said to have cost over \$300,000 was erected at a record breaking speed and opened on July the fourth, 1926. A great deal of advertising was done and a force of salesmen put in the field. It was reported that a large number of lots were sold, mostly on the installment plan. From time to time deeds have been recorded indicating that some of the lot purchasers had finished paying their installments. When the Florida land slump took place it affected the real estate business all over the country, especially summer and winter resort developments. The Morehead Bluffs development was affected just as many others were in western Carolina and elsewhere. People in Carteret county regret that the Morehead Bluffs development has experienced financial difficulties. Several of the leading business men of Beaufort have expressed themselves to the News. It is hoped that the company will be able to get on its feet again and bring its plan to a successful conclusion. Morehead Bluffs has a beautiful location on Bogue Sound and is served by a paved Highway and the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Many people think the place has great possibilities as a winter resort as well as a summer resort.

#### NEW HUNTING CLUB ON CORE BANKS

A deal now underway and which seems to be about completed assures a new hunting club for Carteret County. Mr. W. D. Allen of Newport who had an option on about 1000 acres of land on Core Banks across from Atlantic, has been conducting the negotiations. Messrs Herman S. Crossman, William Jackson and associates of New York are the parties who are backing the new club. Plans for the new club building have been sent to Mr. Allen and contractors are getting up estimates as to the cost. The club house will have a frontage of 80 feet and considerable depth. It will be built of wood, the outer part being logs. There will be a large living room, seven bed rooms, dining room, kitchen, gun room and porches. It will be equipped with a water supply, baths and lighting system. It is expected that work will start very shortly and that the club will be ready for use when the hunting seasons opens.

#### BANK DIRECTORS GET A PLEASANT SURPRISE

On Monday, September 19th, the Board of Directors of the Beaufort Banking & Trust Company were summoned to attend a special meeting at 7:30 P. M. No purpose was stated in the call. Special meetings are rather unusual so that all Monday afternoon these directors walked around with long faces wondering what could be wrong. When all had arrived at the bank for the meeting, they proceeded to the directors' room in column expecting to hear of threatened loss or impending danger of some kind. As they entered, they faced an unusual sight. On the director's table, which was beautifully decorated, they saw a large cake set with twenty candles all burning brightly. When all had found their places around the table and were seated, the Cashier announced that the purpose of the meeting was to celebrate the twentieth birthday of the bank. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served by the lady members of the force assisted by Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Swann, after which the Cashier read a comparative statement showing the growth of the bank year by year since its organization. Mr. Hamilton, Assistant Cashier, read an article entitled "Why Bankers Should Talk More About Their Troubles."

#### MIRIAM REBEKAH LODGE HAS ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Sunday September 25th, 1927 was an ideal day, and also a Red Letter day for Rebekah Odd Fellowship in Beaufort. At 2:30 P. M. the members of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 141 assembled in their lodge room, where they were joined by a delegation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from New Bern and by a large delegation from Morehead City, Concordia Lodge No. 11 of Beaufort was also well represented. At 3 P. M. a procession was formed under the direction of Brother R. H. Hill, Marshal, which proceeded to the First Baptist Church, where the impressive Anniversary Exercises as laid down by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, was carried out by the officers of Miriam Lodge under the direction of Mrs. Rosa Chadwick, N. G. Rev. J. P. Harris, Pastor of the church was then presented by Brother J. R. Jinnett, and made a most inspiring and helpful address on the subject of Fraternalism.

#### 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.

## AUTO TIRE THIEF GETS BADLY SHOT BY D. C. BUTLER

### Caught In The Act Of Stealing Tire Frank Stone Gets Shot

#### TWO OTHERS PUT IN JAIL

The result of the stealing of a second hand automobile tire in Beaufort Monday morning was that four men are in serious trouble. One is in a hospital in New Bern badly wounded, two are in the county jail in Beaufort and the fourth is held under a \$3000 bond. Frank Stone of Wilmington is the man who was shot, his two companions Hubert Chappell and William Tate of Raleigh are in jail and D. C. Butler, formerly of Raleigh but who has been in Beaufort for three months, and who is said to have done the shooting is under bond. Butler is a barber and is employed in Miller's barber shop on Front street. Shortly after three o'clock Monday morning Mr. Butler, who has a room at the home of Mrs. Mamie Garner at the corner of Cedar and Orange streets, heard a noise in the back yard. Looking out he saw a man taking a spare tire off the rack of his car. Getting his pistol Butler went out on the street and saw a man going down the street with the tire on his shoulder. Butler fired at the man three times and it appeared that one of the shots struck him in the back, but he continued moving and made his escape. The next chapter in the story begins where three men showed up at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern. The two unwounded men first told a story that they had picked up Stone on the road and that they did not know him. Later they changed their minds and said that their names were Chappell and Tate and that the wounded man's name was Stone and that he had gotten shot in Beaufort. In the meantime the hospital authorities had informed Sheriff Lane that they had reason to believe that a crime had been committed. The sheriff investigated the matter and put the two men under arrest. Dr. Patterson who treated Stone and removed a bullet from his body said that he was dangerously wounded and would probably die. The bullet entered his back and was taken out on the front part of his body when it lodged near the skin. Monday morning Mayor D. M. Jones and Chief of Police W. R. Longest went to New Bern and brought Chappell and Tate back with them and lodged them in jail. All of the parties involved in this unfortunate affair are young men. Stone, Chappell and Tate had been around Beaufort several days and said they were looking for work. Wednesday afternoon the news from the hospital was that Stone was still alive and seemed to be doing pretty well considering the nature of his injury. Mr. Butler who was put under arrest by Chief of Police Longest Monday will have a preliminary hearing before Mayor Jones Friday afternoon.

#### NO COURT LAST WEEK.

Owing to the absence of Mayor Jones Friday afternoon who was in Greensboro, there was no session of police court last Friday afternoon. The cases set for trial were continued to next Friday.

#### High Tide Low Tide

High Tide	Low Tide
10:25 A. M.	4:04 A. M.
10:41 P. M.	4:42 P. M.
Saturday, October 1	
11:04 A. M.	4:42 A. M.
11:05 P. M.	5:28 P. M.
Sunday, October 2	
11:25 A. M.	5:25 A. M.
11:50 P. M.	6:20 P. M.
Monday, October 3	
12:14 A. M.	6:16 A. M.
12:45 P. M.	7:18 P. M.
Tuesday, October 4	
1:19 A. M.	7:16 A. M.
1:51 P. M.	8:21 P. M.
Wednesday, October 5	
2:30 A. M.	8:22 A. M.
2:59 P. M.	9:23 P. M.
Thursday, October 6	
3:36 A. M.	9:28 A. M.
4:02 P. M.	10:18 P. M.

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