

# HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

## Bond Issue Hearing Set For Next Monday

**A Meeting Of The County Board Was Held Last Week At Which Various Resolutions Were Adopted Regarding \$300,000 Bond Issue. If Any One Desires To Protest Can Be Heard at 10 O'clock.**

Another meeting the third concerning the proposed \$300,000 bond issue was held Wednesday the 21st by the Board of County Commissioners. The action taken seems to have been a sort of repetition of what was done on the 28th of November when the matter first came up. The second meeting was held on December the 8th.

The new bond issue is said to be for the purpose of "funding outstanding indebtedness incurred for necessary expenses." The resolution adopted says that the debts were incurred for the purpose of constructing highways and bridges and for the purchase of equipment and of a building for county offices and other necessary expense. It is provided that a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the bonds shall be levied. The statement is made that the county debt, including the proposed bonds will be \$3,253,500 and that the assessed valuation of property is \$15,092,468.

The public was invited to attend the hearing of the bond matter on December the 8th and a few did go there for the purpose but arrived too late and as a jury drawing was in progress were not allowed to go in the room where the board was in session. Under the county government act adopted by the General Assembly at its recent session, board of commissioners must hold a public hearing and give persons who may desire to do so an opportunity to protest against an issue of bonds. In making the announcement of the hearing the board is simply complying with the law. The law says the hearing shall be at 10 o'clock a. m. on the first Monday. At the meeting held Wednesday the 21st a resolution was passed to hold a public hearing on Monday the 2nd of January at 10 o'clock. Persons who wish to do so have the right under the law to protest against the issuance of the new bonds. The News does not know whether any one will lodge a protest or not but has heard many expressions of disapproval.

## New Chevrolets Will Be Exhibited Monday

It seems that Carteret county folks who want to buy new style automobiles in 1928 will have plenty of opportunities to do so. The News is carrying this week a large advertisement of the General Motors of their low priced car the Chevrolet which will go on sale January the first. They describe it as being a remarkably fine car and want the public to call on their local agency and inspect it on the opening day. The Carteret Motor Company is the agent in Beaufort for the Chevrolet and today received a shipment of cars. As the first of January falls on Sunday the cars will not be exhibited until Monday when the public is invited to call and see them.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deeds have been recorded by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace since last week:  
J. F. Duncan, Commissioner, to Solomon Willis, tract Beaufort Township, for \$450.  
Avon D. Davis to A. F. Davis, 1-4 acre, Davis, for \$100.  
Wm. Fulcher et al to Roy Fulcher, 1-10 acre, Davis, for \$2000.  
A. F. Davis and wife to Avon Davis 3-4 acre, Davis, for \$400.  
Richard Willis and wife to Alvin V. Willis and wife, 1 lot Morehead City for \$100.  
H. L. Joslyn and wife to B. C. Van Wye and wife, tract Straits, for \$100.

Miss Blanche Barbour after spending several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Barbour left Monday for Thomasville where she is employed.

## Matrimonial Market Very Active Lately

Activity in matrimonial circles for several weeks was not great prior to the beginning of the Christmas holidays but it has made up for lost time since then. Last week and this Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace and his assistant Mr. J. R. Jinnett have been very free with the greatly desired permits and many couples have been launched upon the matrimonial sea. The lucky ones so far have been:

- Clyde Willis, Atlantic and Julia Currier, Morehead City.
- Alton B. Wade, Smyrna and Leona Day, Lela.
- Geo. T. Lewis and Jennie H. Springle, Beaufort.
- W. B. Guthrie, Stacy and Mary Price, Grantsboro, N. C.
- Victor C. Holland, Pelletier and Carrie B. Taylor, Bogue.
- Carl M. Willis and Clara Davis, Harkers Island.
- Luther Mason and Annie L. Fulcher, Stacy.
- Chas. R. Eubanks and Lucy M. Parkin, Beaufort.
- J. V. Waters and Lila M. Odum, Morehead City.
- Roland Buck and Pearl Smith, Morehead City.
- Leon Salter and Esther Hamilton, Sea Level.
- Tilton Davis and Marie Salter, Harkers Island.
- Everett Willis, Stacy and Carrie E. Gilikin, Otway.
- Edward C. Ballou and Weltha Willis, Morehead City.
- Charles Bell and Janie Fuller, Wildwood.
- Ben Hester and Etta Henderson, Morehead City.

## OWNER OF WALKING STICK WANTS TO GET IT BACK

Mr. R. W. Scott of Mebane, N. C., wants to find a walking stick of his which was lost about a year ago in this county. He values the stick mainly because it belonged to his father. He lent the cane to a friend who was lame and he left it in a car on a trip to Morehead Bluffs. The car was taken to a garage and when he went there the next day the stick was missing. Mr. Scott describes it as dark wood, like hickory with yellow spots on it and with a long knife fastened in the handle of the stick. He is anxious to get it back and will pay a liberal reward for its return.

## THINKS COOLIDGE COULDN'T BE DRAFTED

Winston-Salem, Dec. 27—David H. Blair, United States Commissioner of Revenue, of Washington, was in the city a few hours today looking after some business matters. He left for Washington tonight.

Questioned about the political situation as viewed in the national capital, Mr. Blair said as yet the Republican Presidential race had not warmed up to the point where a definite trend in favor of any one candidate was apparent, but that he expects developments within a few weeks, as the forces were lining up and the friends of the several candidates are preparing to wage active campaigns.

Mr. Blair does not believe Mr. Coolidge wants the nomination again, and in fact, he doubts if the President could be drafted for another term.

Mr. Blair sees Governor Smith as the Democratic nominee, declaring it looks as if the New Yorker will win from the entire field in the convention.

## WAYNE COUNTY ADDED TO FIRE-PROTECTED TERRITORY

Goldsboro, Dec. 28—Wayne has been added to the list of counties co-operating in the Forest Fire Protection work in District No. 4. The addition of this county goes into effect January 1st, at which time it will begin co-operating with the State and Federal governments, having appropriated \$500 for the six months period to July 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daughy and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Watson all of New Bern spent Christmas day here with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis. D. C. is here on a visit to her parents Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Duncan.

## AUTOMOBILES COLIDE WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS

An automobile collision occurred on North River road yesterday evening at about six o'clock that wrecked two cars pretty badly and injured the occupant of one car rather seriously. Mr. Clyde Peterson of Davis sustained a cut on his neck and had his back sprained right badly. He was brought to the Potter Emergency Hospital for attention. A traveling man named Weaver was driving the other car and apparently was not hurt. The cars were turned completely over and considerably smashed up.

## Abernethy Introduces A Number Of Bills

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—Bills introduced during the week before congress recessed for the Christmas holidays included the following House measures sponsored by Representative Charles L. Abernethy of North Carolina:

- A bill to authorize the erection at Clinton, Sampson County, N. C., of a monument in commemoration of William Rufus King, former Vice-President of the United States. This bill was referred to the Library Committee of the House.
- Bills for the relief of R. F. Fulford and Charles Thomas Wooten. These measures were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.
- A bill to authorize the preliminary survey and examination of a portion of the inland waterway from Beaufort to Jacksonville, N. C. Also a bill to authorize the preliminary examination and survey of channel from Beaufort Inlet N. C. to New Bern. Both of these measures were referred to the House rivers and harbors committee.
- Mr. Abernethy also participated in the debate in the House over the numerous bridge bills in which the authority of congress has to be given to construct structures over navigable streams.

## G. C. LANGDALE PASSES AWAY

Mr. Grover Cleveland Langdale died at the Potter Emergency Hospital Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He had been in the hospital for about a week but had been suffering from Bright's disease of the kidneys for several months. He is survived by his widow, a son and his father Mr. D. E. Langdale, two sisters and other relatives. The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon at Harlowe church and was attended by a large crowd of sympathizing friends.

## CHARGE COUNTY HOME INMATES WITH ARSON

Charlotte, Dec. 27—Willie May Smith, 19, and Mary Busby, 18 inmates of the county industrial home, were arrested today on a charge of attempted arson following what police said appeared to be an attempt to burn the home. A quantity of gasoline, paper, and matches was discovered at the foot of the wooden stairs leading to the basement early today and led to inquiries by officials of the home. Reports from the other inmates disclosed an alleged plot by the two girls to set fire to the building, police said.

## LEWIS-SPRINGLE

On Friday evening the 23rd of December Mr. George T. Lewis and Miss Jennie Springle were united in marriage by Reverend W. W. Lewis. The marriage occurred at the home of Mr. Lewis and was witnessed by several relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

## TRAVELING IN ROW BOAT NEW YORK TO FLORIDA

Wilmington, Dec. 28—Charles Seilitz 60, who set out from New York City on October 23 miles in a twelve-foot row boat for Florida arrived at Wrightsville Beach this morning on schedule time. Seilitz will bring his boat to the city by railway from the beach and placing it in the Cape Fear River will continue his trip within a day or two to Florida, where he expects to spend the winter.

Captain G. W. Smith who bought the yacht Minelaira from Baltimore last week expects to start with her very soon for Charleston, S. C.

## Police Court Record Was Broken Last Week

Mayor Jones made a record in Police Court last week, for number of cases disposed of in one week. The record perhaps exceeds any ever made before under any previous administration. There were about 70 cases handled, of which 59 were for violations of the traffic laws. Acting under orders to enforce strictly all ordinances Officers Longest and Styron rounded up the 59 traffic law violators and sent them to the Mayor. They were let off without any fine or costs and a request to go and sin no more. Other cases tried were as follows:

- Carl Morton, carrying concealed weapons offered no evidence and was bound over to Superior Court under \$100 bond. The same defendant on a charge of drunk and disorderly was fined \$10 and costs.
- Ellis Baxter, colored, drunk, submitted, \$10 and costs.
- Hardy Bailey, colored, dog running at large, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- H. H. Lewis dog running at large, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- E. A. Davenport, dog running at large, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- R. E. Chaplain, dog running at large, judgment suspended on payment of cost.
- Randolph Johnson, dog running at large, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- H. G. Perkins, dog running at large judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- John Springle, drunk and disorderly submitted. Fined \$1 and costs.

## Find Knife In Heart Of Lightwood Tree

Elizabeth City, Dec. 26—Imbedded in the heart of a "lightwood" trunk three and a half feet in diameter, County Superintendent of Roads J. E. Provo came upon a find that he believes is more than a century and a half old in the form of a knife blade slightly more than three and a half inches long and an inch wide. The blade is razor sharp, and evidently of hand construction.

Mr. Provo's theory is that the blade was driven into a pine sapling when the shoot was young and tender and that in succeeding years the tree gradually grew over and finally completely covered the blade. The pine grew to average size and in the course of time died, and had stood dead in the center of the Elliott-town road for the last several decades. Digging the tree up this week, Mr. Provo found the knife in the butt cut of the tree and little more than three feet from the ground. "The entire tree was lightwood," says Mr. Provo, from root to tip. It must have been not less than 150 years old. I have found nobody in the community who can remember when the tree died.

The knife blade lies now in state on the desk of the editor of the Elizabeth City Advance, where it may be examined by the curious. Could it but speak it might a tale unfold of Christmas doing in Pasquotank a century and a half ago that would sound as unbelievable today as what is happening right now would have sounded 150 years ago.

## New Ford Car Shown In Beaufort Yesterday

The new Ford car arrived here yesterday and was seen and admired by a large number of people. The fact that it was here was not very generally known so it is likely the crowd of visitors was not as large as it might otherwise have been. The car was on exhibit at the place of the Loftin Motor Company who are Ford agents here. A representative of the Ford Company was present and explained its good points to those who were interested. The car exhibited here is what is known as the Tudor sedan. It is a very pretty model, nicely trimmed and upholstered and equipped with all the latest devices. The car will sell in Beaufort for \$575. The Loftin Motor Company expects to get in a shipment of cars in a week or so. In the meantime they are taking orders and will furnish the cars as rapidly as possible.

## WILMINGTON MAN RUNS OFF BRIDGE AND IS DROWNED

**Two Others In Car Escape When George Rowan Loses His Life**

## FOG CAUSED ACCIDENT

NEW BERN, Dec. 23—George Rowan, of Wilmington, was drowned at four o'clock this morning when a car owned by him and occupied by two other persons went through the railing of Trent river bridge into the river.

Two men were rescued from the chilly waters by E. W. Lewis, drawbridge keeper but he said he did not get the names of either. Rowan's body was recovered about eleven o'clock today. One of the men rescued is said to be Early Green, of Raleigh, but this could not be confirmed as neither could be located.

The car was headed east said to have been enroute to Morehead City a heavy fog obscured the bend in the highway bridge and instead of making the turn the machine plunged through the railing into the twenty feet of water. Lewis heard the crash and rushed out and rescued the two men. They later left and came across the bridge to New Bern but could not be located this morning.

The body was taken from the car when it was raised to the surface of the water about 11 o'clock and was viewed by Coroner J. L. Hartsfield at noon. Mr. Hartsfield had the body removed to the Shaw undertaking parlors and is holding it there pending an investigation. What the coroner wishes to establish is who was driving the car at the time it went overboard. If it was Rowan, he said, there will be need for no further action on his part. In the event the identity of the two companions is established and it is found that one of these was driving the machine, then it will be likely that some action may be brought involving reckless driving.

Rowan was a man about 30 or 35 years of age.

Mr. Lewis stated this morning that he was awakened by the crash. He rushed out to find one of the men clinging to a bridge piling and the other to a row boat tied up there. He rescued both, took them in the house, but a fire and they remained until they dried themselves.

They then left for New Bern, he said. Mr. Lewis said that he did not learn from them the name of either the survivor or the man trapped in the car. The survivors told him there were three men in the party.

While the car had been brought to the surface of the water before noon it had not been taken out this afternoon as a delay was occasioned getting a flat to the scene on which to place it.

Mr. Hartsfield said that he understood there had been a small amount of whiskey in the car, but added that he had not established that as a fact.

## 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	Friday Dec. 30	Low Tide
12:11 A. M.		6:13 A. M.
12:26 P. M.		6:48 P. M.
	Saturday Dec. 31	
1:14 A. M.		7:20 A. M.
1:30 P. M.		7:43 P. M.
	Sunday Jan. 1, 1928	
2:17 A. M.		8:24 A. M.
2:32 P. M.		8:33 P. M.
	Monday Jan. 2	
3:20 A. M.		9:34 A. M.
3:39 P. M.		9:31 P. M.
	Tuesday Jan. 3	
4:21 A. M.		10:39 A. M.
4:43 P. M.		10:29 P. M.
	Wednesday Jan. 4	
5:19 A. M.		11:00 A. M.
5:43 P. M.		11:37 P. M.
	Thursday Jan 5	
6:15 A. M.		0:27 A. M.
6:37 P. M.		12:35 P. M.