

Board Makes Effort To Liquidate Debts

Arrangements Made To Pay Past Due Interest On Bonds. Legislature Will Be Asked To Pass Special Act To Get Matters Straightened Out

Three main items of business engrossed the attention of the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting last Friday. The most important of these and the one for which the meeting was mainly called was to discuss ways and means of meeting payment on coupons due the first of January, which had not been paid. This amounted to \$2,862.50 and the auditor advised the board that \$9,887 more would be due February 1st. In view of this condition the board decided to accept the offer of Eyer and Co., of New York, of a loan of \$40,000. This was done and the county is no longer in default in its payments.

It was imperative that something be done as the credit of the county was endangered by this default. Carteret County is not the only one that has defaulted in its payments but the amount defaulted by this county was the largest of any in the state.

Another important matter was taken up in a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education. The county tax rate is \$2.35 and the school tax is \$1.30 or 55.3 per cent of the county wide rate. There has been collected for 1928 taxes approximately \$98,000 and 55.3 per cent of that amount would be \$54,200. The Board of Education has already received \$69,500 which is \$15,300 more than their proportional share of the taxes collected. The law provides that the per cent of taxes belonging to the school fund should be turned over to the Board of Education as they are collected.

As taxes are not being collected fast enough to meet the running expenses of the schools and as the Board of Education claimed to have no authority to borrow money and the Board of Commissioners are handicapped by the statute forbidding borrowing more than \$50,000 for floating indebtedness which amount having already been borrowed by the preceding board, the Board of Commissioners informed the Board of Education that they could not in the future expect any more than their proportional part of the taxes as they are collected.

The only way in which money could be borrowed for the schools it appears, would be for the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education to have the act limiting the amount borrowable to \$50,000 rescinded, as otherwise the Board of Commissioners can only turn over to the schools the school taxes as collected. The Board of Education refused to take any action on the matter at that time and there will be a joint meeting of the two boards February 4th to further discuss the matter. (A resolution covering this will be found elsewhere in this issue.)

The Board of Commissioners kept faith with the people of the county by inviting a number of business men to sit with them and discuss the financial condition of the county. Those who met with the board were: W. J. E. Shull and L. A. Mann of Newport; W. A. Mace, U. E. Swann, J. A. Hornaday and E. W. Hill of Beaufort; C. G. Gaskill of Straits and E. H. Chadwick of Beaufort up upon Gorham, of Morehead City. W. S. Chadwick of Beaufort was unable to attend because of illness and C. S. Wallace and E. A. Council of Morehead City were not able to get here because of a meeting of their Board of Education.

At the present time the county owes short term notes and other obligations amounting to \$515,000 and has been carrying this indebtedness in the form of short term loans at a high interest rate. Many thousands of dollars a year can be saved by converting these short term notes into long term serial bonds at a low rate of interest.

In view of these conditions the joint meeting of commissioners and citizens adopted a resolution requesting the passage of a bill by the general assembly, giving the County Commissioners authority to issue long term serial bonds for the purpose of paying these short term obligations and putting the county on a sound financial basis. A copy of this resolution will be found elsewhere in this issue.

In 1926 German passenger planes carried 55,000 passengers and had but one fatal accident.

Styron Takes Appeal From Mayor's Court

The only cases in police court Friday were those charging Richard Weeks and John Styron with fighting. Weeks submitted to the charge and was fined \$2.50 and the costs of the action. Styron plead not guilty through his attorney, Luther Hamilton of Morehead City. He was found guilty by Mayor Chadwick, but took an appeal to a higher court.

Styron and Weeks had some words out at Noes Filling Station, while Weeks was fixing a tire for Styron, as to whether or not the tube Weeks was using was large enough or not. Styron testified that when he opined that the tube was not large enough for the tire, that Weeks said that if Styron would go with him he would show him if it was large enough or not and that when he got out of his car and followed Weeks, that Weeks assaulted him.

Styron came down to the Potter Emergency hospital and had his wounds dressed and then summoned Chief Longest and related his tale of woe to him. According to the testimony Styron did not strike Weeks a single blow but he did grapple with him while on the ground.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

J. R. Piner and wife to W. R. K. Butler, 50 acres White Oak township, con., \$10.00.
Nora Dickinson to Willie Simmons, 5 acres Newport township, con. \$25.00.
J. F. Lockett and wife to J. R. Garner, tract Newport township, con. \$200.
H. P. Whitehurst and wife et al to Alice Hoffman, 360 acres Morehead township, con. \$100.00.
J. H. Cofer Realty Corp. to E. H. Gorham, 1 lot Sunset Shores, con. \$-0.00.
Hattie D. Davis and husband to Abbott Morris, tract Morehead township, con. \$10.00.
E. H. Gorham, trustee, to Ed. H. Fahrnerhorst, lot Sunset Shores, con. \$3,000.

W. H. Henderson and wife et al to Bertie Thelma Cherry, 2 half lots Sunset Shores, con. \$1.00.
Edwin Joseph (single) to Edwin R. Oettinger, 3 lots Morehead City, con. \$10.00.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to J. T. and B. M. Corey, 2 lots West Beaufort, con. \$500.00.

G. W. Huntley and wife to J. W. Humphrey and wife, tract Beaufort township, con. \$500.00.

D. R. Lewis et al to J. W. Lewis, 2 1-3 acres Marshallberg, con. \$1.00.

J. K. Gilliken and wife to T. C. Gilliken, 2 tracts Marshallberg, con. \$2,300.00.

Rebecca Gilliken et al to T. C. Gilliken, 1 tract Marshallberg, con. \$10.00.

Carolina Mortgage Co. to J. J. Davis, tract Atlantic, con. \$100.

D. J. Willis and wife to Richard Duffy, 1-4 acre H. Q. township, con. \$50.00.

J. W. Salter and wife to J. R. Battle, 2 acres Portsmouth, con. \$200.

J. W. Salter and wife to J. R. Battle, 15 acres Portsmouth, con. \$10.00.

J. D. WEBB FOLLOWS HIS FATHER TO GRAVE

Funeral services for T. J. Webb, Jr., who died Sunday morning at 6 o'clock were held from the home of his sister Miss Sudie Webb, Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was made in Bay View cemetery.

Mr. Webb only survived his father by a few days as his father T. D. Webb, Sr., died on January 17th.

Mr. Webb had been an invalid for the past three years as the result of a fall from a truck. Before that time he had been in the hardware and furniture business in Morehead City. About six years ago he married Miss Bessie Willis of Marshallberg and to this union one child was born, Virginia May Webb, age 5.

Besides the widow and daughter Mr. Webb is survived by two sisters and four brothers all of whom live in Morehead City. They are: Miss Sudie Webb, Mrs. R. T. Willis, D. M. Webb, Norman R. Webb, M. S. Webb, and W. S. Webb.

CLUBS COUNCIL MEETS SATURDAY

Addresses To Be Made On Several Interesting Subjects. Luncheon Will Be Served

On Saturday, February second, the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold its regular meeting in the office of the Home Agent. A luncheon will be served for the Council by the Wiregrass Club. Just after the luncheon, several items of business will be disposed of, and then Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, District Agent, will address the women, outlining to them the goals for the year. The women of the Home Demonstration Clubs have elected clothing as their major work for the year, and so the Council will arrange for a Fashion Show later in the year.

Miss Georgia Piland, Landscape Architect from the State Department of Education, is expected to address the Council on "Beautification of Home Grounds". Miss Piland was a home demonstration agent before taking her course as landscape architect at Cornell, and so she knows the problems of the rural women and can offer very practical suggestions to them. Beautification of the home grounds is one of the minor projects being undertaken by the women of the home demonstration clubs. There are so many beautiful native shrubs in Carteret County that it seems a perfect waste of beauty not to use these plants to help relieve the barrenness of the yards.

The president and secretary of each club are expected to attend the Council meetings. Those in attendance at this meeting will be: Mrs. G. C. Bell and Mrs. C. F. D. Bell from Harlowe; Mrs. J. H. Dickinson and Mrs. M. R. Whitley from Core Creek; Mrs. Nellie Merrill and Mrs. Grif Dudley from Wiregrass; Mrs. Charlie Pake and Mrs. Cleveland Gillikin from Betties; Mrs. Lydia Wade and Mrs. Ruby Willis from Williston; Mrs. Nellie Mason and Mrs. Florence Smith from Stacy; Mrs. E. P. Robinson and Mrs. Howard Nelson from Atlantic; Mrs. Clayton Guthrie and Mrs. Fred Guthrie from Harker's Island; Mrs. Emma Chadwick and Miss Ethel Whitehurst from Straits; Mrs. Odell Smith and Mrs. Ida Dennis from White Oak.

EDITH POWEL,
Home Dem. Agent.

CAR CAPSIZES ON BRIDGE NO ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

A slight accident in which fortunately no one was seriously injured occurred Sunday afternoon on the North River bridge when the car in which Misses Roma Morris and Mamie Mason of Atlantic, Miss Susie Wells of Teachey, N. C., and Messrs. H. D. Spence and Winston Adams of LaGrange were riding, skidded and turned over on the side. The occupants climbed out of a side window little worse for their experience except for a few bruises.

The girls who teach school at LaGrange had been to Atlantic for the week end and were on their way back to LaGrange.

THREE MEN VICTIMS OF MONOXIDE GAS

Greenville, Jan. 28.—Travis Stephe, formerly of Greenville; Elias Cox, of Bath, and Clarence Shepard, of Washington, were found dead this morning on the highway near Washington. Death was due to monoxide gas fumes generated by the automobile of which they were occupants when found, according to statement of officials who were notified immediately following the discovery of the dead men.

The body of Stephe was taken from over the steering wheel while the other men were in the rear of the car, one on the seat and the other crumpled on the floor.

The bodies were discovered by Eugene Cox, a farmer. George Harris, deputy sheriff and F. T. Paul, coroner, after an investigation, said the men apparently had gone to sleep in the automobile with the motor running. An inquest will be held later.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Albert Gible and Mary F. Smith, Morehead City.
Dalto Wood and Valerie Hurley, Morehead City.
Solomon Marshall and Betsey Renner, Bogue.

Chicago has a prohibition agent who is a "wise owl". He snoops around late at night, and when he hears the song "Sweet Adeline" issuing from a home, a search warrant is quickly secured.—Florida Times-Union.

OGLESBY TRIAL LONG DRAWN OUT

Both Sides Put Up Vigorous Fight. Defendant Convicted On Two Counts

Most of the time of Superior Court so far this week has been taken up with the trial of the case against Hugh Oglesby of the Mill Creek section. The charge against Mr. Oglesby was that on October 27 he ran over and badly injured Lillian Gish, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Styron of Morehead City. He was also charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor. He was convicted on these two counts.

Court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Judge Frank Daniels of Goldsboro, well known and highly regarded by the people of this section, is presiding over the court. Solicitor David Clark is prosecuting the criminal docket. Judge Daniels made a short charge to the grand jury explaining in a concise but explicit manner the duties of that body. H. L. Potter of Beaufort was made foreman of the jury. Jas. R. Glover was appointed deputy in charge of the jury.

The Oglesby case was taken up Monday and finished Wednesday afternoon. It was hotly contested from start to finish. Attorneys A. D. Ward of New Bern and C. R. Wheatly of Beaufort appeared for the defendant and Mr. Luther Hamilton of Morehead City assisted the Solicitor with the prosecution. The contention of the defense was that it was a case of mistaken identity; that the defendant was not even in Morehead City when the accident occurred. The prosecution contended that Oglesby was drinking, that he ran over the child and drove off without offering to help her in any way. She was badly injured and was taken to the hospital but has now recovered. After the jury had rendered its verdict of guilty Judge Daniels sentenced the defendant to pay the costs in the case and \$100 to Mr. Styron in one count and in the other he fixed the sentence at six months on the roads of some county in the district. Mr. Oglesby is about forty years old and has a wife and two children and several other relatives. The Judge stated that he thought that when the jury had convicted a person of a crime of this sort that he ought to have some real punishment for his act. The attorneys for the defense did not file a notice of an appeal yesterday. A bond of \$1,000 for the defendant was arranged until the matter was finally disposed of.

There are several other cases on the criminal docket and court is working on them today. A submission was made in the case of Donald Mason of Morehead City charged with larceny in two counts. He got six months on one charge and seven months on the other. George Lynch of Smyrna charged with setting fire to some woods submitted claiming that the fire was an accident. He was put under a suspended judgment on payment of costs. Bogue Barnhill, charged with non support was ordered to pay his wife \$3 a week beginning the first of February.

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It is believed that this act of Congress will settle for all time the citizenship of the Cherokees, which has been the basis of many political battles in Jackson and Swain counties, and it is quite obvious that unless political organizations in these counties see fit to make the provisions of the State Constitution as to the literacy test, applicable to a large majority of the Cherokee Indians, this large body of heretofore non-taxpaying citizens will hold the balance of political power in the county elections, and in close races in the judicial and congressional districts.

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A number of Presbyterians from Morehead City and Beaufort were present and the proposition was discussed from various angles. Dr. E. H. Gillespie of Greensboro was present and also the Rev. R. C. Clontz of Wilmington, Superintendent of Home Missions, Rev. J. R. Phipps of Pollockville also participated in the meeting. After duly considering the matter a petition was drawn up requesting the Wilmington Presbytery to locate the church in Morehead City.

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On Sunday, February 3, at the morning hour the Woman's Missionary Society of Ann St. M. E. Church, South, will have charge of the services. They will render a special program as planned for an earlier date, but postponed until now, consisting of special music, readings, and papers of interest on mission work. Everyone is invited to this service. There will be no service at the evening hour, since at that time the Sunday School convention has its opening service at Morehead City.

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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, Feb. 1	
1:39 A. M.	7:45 A. M.
1:47 P. M.	7:45 P. M.
Saturday, Feb. 2	
2:34 A. M.	8:45 A. M.
2:46 P. M.	8:38 P. M.
Sunday, Feb. 3	
3:29 A. M.	9:43 A. M.
3:45 P. M.	9:32 P. M.
Monday, Feb. 4	
4:21 A. M.	10:37 A. M.
4:39 P. M.	10:24 P. M.
Tuesday, Feb. 5	
5:09 A. M.	11:05 A. M.
5:30 P. M.	11:27 P. M.
Wednesday, Feb. 6	
5:54 A. M.	12:12 A. M.
6:15 P. M.	12:11 P. M.
Thursday, Feb. 7	
6:35 A. M.	12:57 A. M.
6:57 P. M.	12:50 P. M.

BIRTH OF SON

Edgemoor, Del., Jan. 25.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brooks, a baby boy. The child has been named Charles, Jr. Mother and child doing fine.

The State Is Second As Federal Taxpayer

Washington, Jan. 29.—A decrease of \$43,792,717 in the total taxes collected by the government in the calendar year 1928 was shown today in figures issued by the internal revenue bureau which placed the year's collections at \$2,775,276,956.23.

North Carolina, with a total tax of \$236,642,027, went into second place behind New York among the states which return the greatest amount of taxes to the federal government, replacing Pennsylvania, which showed a decrease. Pennsylvania's taxes amounted to \$232,417,910, a drop of \$24,805,000 as compared with last year, while North Carolina showed an increase of \$19,414,000. New York's gross collections moved up from \$751,805,048 in 1927 to \$759,122,485 last year.

North Carolina's income tax increased approximately \$1,155,000 while its miscellaneous taxes increased \$18,260,000. The income tax aggregated \$20,685,000 and the miscellaneous tax amounted to \$215,955,788 which was approximately \$110,000,000 less than that levy collected in New York.

The total income taxes collected throughout the country decreased \$26,089,767.32 in the year, totaling only \$2,169,417,231.64. Miscellaneous taxes dropped \$17,692,949.95 to \$605,859,724.59. Of the income taxes corporations paid \$1,234,366,865.98 and individuals \$935,050,365.66. It was a decrease of \$102,000,000 in corporation payments and an increase of \$75,812,000 in the individual tax.

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SECRET BALLOT LAW WILL PASS

Governor Gardner Fighting For New Election Law. Prospects Seem Favorable

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Considerable interest is being felt here now as to the outcome of the effort to pass a secret ballot law at this session of the Assembly. There seems to be no doubt but that some sort of bill will pass but whether it will be a makeshift or a real honest effort to enact a law that will safeguard the rights of the voters remains to be seen.

Governor Gardner is standing by his guns in his fight for the election law bill but Lieutenant Governor Fountain is said to be opposed to it although he denies it. Speaker of the House Graham is also counted against the bill as is Senator Higgins, chairman of the Senate Committee on Elections and Senator Clark of Edgecombe a member of the committee. The Johnson-Broughton bill, as it is called, has been referred to a subcommittee where it may be considerably altered. The governor went before a joint session of the lawmakers Monday night and urged the passage of the secret ballot law.

The Senate had a right hot debate Monday on the Boren divorce bill but finally passed it by a vote of 31 to 16. It had already passed the House. This act makes five years imprisonment a lawful ground for divorce. The Senate killed the Person bill which aimed to allow drug stores to sell alcoholic fluids on prescription. A bill to sterilize mental defectives has been introduced and referred to a committee.

A workmen's compensation act has been introduced and seems to have a fair chance at passage this time after failing for many years. A bill introduced in the House by Representative Spence of Moore County to require public schools to teach the effect of alcohol and opiates on the human body was referred to a committee. A bill to increase the gasoline tax to five cents has been introduced by Representative Flanagan of Pitt County. This provides that the extra cent shall go to the counties and also a million dollars additional if the State Highway Commission sees fit to allow it. There is considerable difference of opinion as to whether the various counties shall have the spending of the road money or whether it shall be handled by the State Highway Commission. Governor Gardner favors the latter method and a good many members agree with him. However, some think the road funds for the counties should be turned over to them to use as they see fit. It seems to be an assured fact that the road tax on gasoline will certainly be raised to five cents instead of four as it now is. It is estimated that the increase will produce \$2,500,000 annually.

A bill to create a board to examine and license barbers has been introduced in the House. A similar bill was defeated at the 1927 session. Representatives Boyd of Haywood County and Etheridge of Dare have introduced a bill to require all fishermen in inland waters to take out a license to fish. They propose to make it \$1.10 for county license and \$2.10 for a state license. As usual a large number of local bills of all sorts have been introduced and some passed.

WRIGHTSVILLE GETS STATE BAR MEETING

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Bar association, meeting here today, selected Wrightsville Beach as the next place of meeting, the sessions to be held June 27, 28, 29.

The principal address will be delivered by Gurney E. Newland, of Los Angeles, president of the American Bar Association. Approval was given of a proposed bill to be introduced in the Legislature, simplifying the procedure as to disbarment of attorneys.

Members of the executive committee here today were: I. M. Bailey, of Raleigh, chairman; Dickson McLean, of Lumberton; S. G. Bernard, of Asheville; W. D. Pruden, of Edenton and A. B. Andrews, president of the state bar association, and H. M. London, secretary, both of Raleigh.

MR. W. W. LEWIS IMPROVES

Mr. W. W. Lewis who was painfully injured last week when the horse he was driving became frightened on the Lennoxville road, reared, throwing Mr. Lewis out of the wagon is much improved. Mr. Lewis fell from the pile of shingles in the wagon striking his head on the pavement. He suffered skin abrasions about the face, and hurt his right leg.