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Investigation Starts Into County Affairs

Former County Officials Examined And Several Other Persons; Asked To Produce Books And Papers; Hearing Again Friday.

As stated in this newspaper last week would be done, an investigation into the affairs of Carteret county for several years prior to the present administration, began at the county courthouse Wednesday at 10 o'clock. Chairman Bushall presided over the meeting and board members, Messrs. S. D. Edwards, Norman Gaskill, Denard Lewis were present. Examination of witnesses was conducted by attorneys E. H. Gorham and E. Walter Hill, C. F. Delamar of Durham who was employed some time ago to make an audit of the county's books was present at the hearing. The testimony of the witnesses was taken down by two stenographers.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Hedrick of the firm of McLendon and Hedrick of Durham, the hearing was continued until Friday morning the 12th. It will be resumed that morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Hedrick was unable to be present on account of illness. This law firm will have charge of the investigation but will be assisted by local counsel. The witnesses will be examined one at a time and no one will be allowed in the room except those who have some official connection with the matter.

The witnesses examined yesterday were former county engineer George J. Brooks, former county attorney Luther Hamilton, former commissioners T. B. Hall, H. C. Taylor, G. W. Huntley, Rudolph Peletier, George Whitehurst, former auditor W. L. Stencil, R. C. Carter, accountant, F. M. Simmons of the Simmons Construction Corporation, T. E. Kelly, C. K. Howe. Only a few questions were asked the witnesses, principally as to whether they had any books or papers in their possession relating to the county's business, especially as to receipts and disbursements. The testimony taken at the hearing will be made a permanent record and can be seen by one who is interested in the matter in due time and it may be published also. There has been for some time a demand upon the part of the public, or some of it at any rate, for definite statement as to the large expenditures made in the county in the past three or four years for roads, bridges and other purposes. The investigation now under way is said to be a response to that demand.

Monday and Tuesday the commissioners sat as an Equalization Board to hear complaints as to property valuations. These matters were also taken up again Wednesday after the other hearing had been adjourned. About thirty applications for relief were made to the board. A few of these involved right large amounts but for the most part they were of comparatively minor importance. In some instances the complaints were as to errors in acreage, timber having been cut off lands, houses burned down and the like. The board expects to spend a short time Friday again in clearing up these equalization complaints.

**DR. AND MRS. N. THOS. ENNETT
LEAVE ON EUROPEAN TRIP**

Information has reached the News that Dr. Thos. Ennett and Mrs. Ennett of Richmond Va. were booked to sail yesterday on the steamer Majestic for Europe. They will be gone about two months and will tour England, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France. Dr. Ennett belongs to a well known Carteret county family. For a number of years he has lived in Richmond and is the Medical Director for the public schools of that city.

Road Sentences Given In Recorder's Court

Several cases were listed on the docket for trial in Recorder's court Tuesday morning but only two were actually tried. The first of these was the case in which two young Negro men, James Cox and Aleck Smith, were charged with an assault and Binnie Murray for aiding and abetting in the same.

In this matter Moses Wilson, colored, and his wife Sarah were the prosecuting witnesses. They live on the place of Mr. J. F. Sabiston on the New Bern road and the defendants live in the colored community of North River. The testimony of Wilson and his wife was that the three men and another one, Fairleigh Wilson, came to their house Sunday morning. Moses took a drink with them and they then got to suarrelling about some liquor which Fairleigh said Moses had taken. The men were ordered to leave, there was a scuffle and to frighten them Moses fired off his gun. Nobody was injured apparently.

Mr. J. F. Sabiston and his son North testified they heard the row and went over to try to stop it. Mr. Sabiston carried his gun along and when the men threatened him pointed it at them and ordered them to leave which they did. He said the Negroes were all about two thirds drunk. The defendants all plead not guilty and tried to make the best showing they could under the circumstances.

After hearing all the evidence Judge Hill decided that all of three of the men were guilty, although not to quite the same extent. He gave Aleck Smith 30 days on the roads, or a chance to pay a \$25 fine and costs. James Cox and Ben Murray were given 60 days each on the roads. He said he gave Murray 30 days extra for not telling the truth on the stand.

A family dispute from the Mill Creek section was also aired in court. This was an effort on the part of members of his family to have C. H. Haskett put under a piece bond. His wife was the first witness and she testified that she was afraid he would do her bodily harm. Said that he had threatened to "sprit" his grandson Lester. After considerable discussion it was agreed by all sides that "sprit" is a nautical expression and means to spread out as a sail is flattened out by a sprit. Mrs. Haskett said he talked about killing somebody but had not named any one in particular. She said they had been married 38 years and for the past ten weeks ther had been more or less bad feeling.

Thos. Haskett, aged 27, son of the defendant testified that his father had threatened to slap his wife and little son Lester and had talked of committing suicide. He is not afraid of his father but his mother is afraid of him. Mrs. Thos. Haskett testified about the same as her husband.

Upon cross examination of the witnesses by Attorney W. C. Gorham it appeared that Mr. Haskett had gotten after his son about beating a horse and a cow and that his wife had sided with her son. The defense claimed that this was the cause of the row.

Judge Hill said he did not see any reason for putting Mr. Haskett under a piece bond on the evidence submitted and dismissed the warrant.

The case against James Howland of Morehead City, charging false pretense was dismissed on the ground of not probable cause.

Cases against J. E. Lewis, worthless check and Florie Real, larceny, Fairleigh Wilson, assault were all continued until July 30. The Judge will be away and there will be no court until that time.

A. J. Dixon to P. L. Hoag, 1-2 acre Morehead Township, for \$400.
J. C. Long, Mortgagee to Luther Hamilton, Trustee, 10 acres Harlowe Township for \$100.
Luther Hamilton, Trustee to Emma Long, 10 acres Harlowe Township, for \$100.
J. F. Duncan, Comr. to I. T. Noe, part lot Beaufort for \$80.
Laura F. Davis, widow, to Lilly L. Everett and husband, part lot Beaufort, for \$10.

N. C. GUARDSMEN AT CAMP GLENN

Drills, Target Practice And Athletics Keep Soldiers Busy; Have Some Fun Too

The annual encampment of the 120th Infantry of the N. C. National Guard is in progress at Camp Glenn this week. For many years the encampment has been held at Camp Glenn. Last year however this custom was broken and the encampment took place at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Last Saturday night and early Sunday morning the troop train arrived and over 1000 men belonging to companies from all over the State were in camp. Nine companies are present. Colonel Don E. Scott of Graham is in command of the regiment. Captain E. R. Morgan is the regimental adjutant. A. L. Fletcher is ordnance officer with the rank of Major. Former Captain Silver Sprague is plans and training officer in the ranks of Major. Captain Theodore Patrick Jr., is chaplain and Major W. C. Goley is regimental surgeon. A considerable number of Boy Scouts are in the camp learning what they can about the life of a soldier. The soldiers are busy now with drills and target practice.

On Tuesday a parade of the first battalion and a review in honor of Col. H. G. Davis, senior instructor of the N. C. National Guard took place. On Thursday the 18th dress parade of the regiment will be given. Much interest is being manifested in the annual field meet when athletic contests of many sorts will take place. It is likely that baseball teams will be organized. When off duty the soldiers are enjoying themselves with trips to Atlantic Beach, Morehead City, Beaufort and other places. They also bathe in Bogue Sound and go fishing occasionally.

On next Thursday evening at the Atlantic Hotel a big military ball will be given. On Sunday night there is to be a military concert there. The encampment ends Saturday July 20 and that night and Sunday morning the various companies will train for their return home.

Second Annual Beauty Pageant At The Beach

The second Atlantic Beach beauty pageant will be held August 14 and 15 at the beach. The beauty pageant last year brought thousands of people to Morehead City, Beaufort and the beaches. It was estimated that more people came to the beaches than had come in a number of seasons previous to the beauty pageant. Plans are being made now to make the beauty pageant bigger and better in every way. Already girls from all over the state have indicated that they will be entrants in the contest. Some of the most prominent men and women in the state will be judges at the pageant. Special entertainment features to be announced later will be secured for two days of the pageant.

Miss Jessie Summerell, of Greenville, who managed the pageant last year, has been secured to handle it again this year. Miss Summerell has had special training in dramatics and coaching of plays and beauty pageants. Mr. Jack Lyles, manager fortunate in being able to secure Miss Summerell again.

Last year Morehead City was signally honored in the beauty pageant. Miss Zenovia Guthrie, of the city, won first prize in the Atlantic Beach beauty pageant, and going to the Feast of Pirates at Wilmington as Miss Atlantic Beach took first prize again. Second and third prizes were won by Miss Elizabeth Murphy, of Salisbury, and Miss Ada Allen, of Newport.

The girl winning first prize in the beauty pageant this year will receive a silver loving cup, represent Atlantic Beach at the Feast of Pirates in Wilmington, and have all of her expenses paid to Atlantic City, or some other resort town on the eastern coast for two weeks. The girls winning second and third prizes will receive silver loving cups. Last year the loving cups were presented by Atlantic Beach, The Atlantic Hotel and Morehead Villa.

**ROLLIN LEWIS WILL SELL
THE BEAUFORT NEWS**

The Beaufort News is sold at news stands and also by news boys. The latest addition to the selling force of the News is Rollin Lewis who lives at the corner of Ann and Fulford streets. Persons who would like to have him deliver the News can have it done by notifying him or the News office.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH RECTOR ORDAINED

With Solemn And Imposing Ceremonial Reverend J. A. Vache Becomes Priest

Before a good sized congregation from Morehead City, New Bern and Raleigh, in a most impressive service, Mr. Jean A. Vache was ordained to the priesthood, Wednesday morning, at eleven o'clock at St. Paul's church. A full vested choir from Beaufort and Morehead City entered the church to the processionals, "Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus." Directly after a few prayers, the ordination sermon was preached by Reverend Frank Dean, Rector of the Episcopal church at Wrightsville. Reverend Mr. Dean gave a most inspiring address, taking as a basis for his sermon, his text, Esther 4:14, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this," stressing the point that the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ rests with the individual, not alone with the ministry.

Following the sermon, the Litany was said by the Reverend Stephen Gardner, Rector of St. Peter's church Washington. The Reverend Guy H. Madara, Rector of Christ Church, New Bern, then presented Mr. Vache to the Rt. Reverend Thomas C. Darst Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina to be ordained to the order of the priesthood. Those assisting in that service were Reverend Israel Noe, Dean of the Cathedral Memphis, Tenn., and Reverend Walter Raleigh Noe, Secretary of the Diocese of East Carolina.

Immediately after the ordination service, the Holy Communion was celebrated. The music rendered by the choir was exceptionally good and was highly complimented by the visitors attending the service.

All visitors and visiting clergymen were entertained at a buffet luncheon served at the Rectory after the services, with about fifty present.

GHERMAN HOLLAND ELECTED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

At a special meeting of the City Board of Commissioners held Friday night Gherman Holland was elected assistant chief of police. It will also be a part of his duties to look after the La France fire truck and drive the same when an alarm of fire is made. He will receive compensation of \$100 a month. His hours of duty will be from 2 P. M. to 2 A. M. and at any time that a fire might occur. As police officer and truck driver Mr. Holland succeeds John Pate who recently resigned.

Printing is the dynamo of business—Pacific Printer.

Twenty One Year Old Newspaper Shows Progress In Carteret County

Through the courtesy of Miss Sallie Phelps the News had the privilege recently of seeing a copy of "The Lookout" a newspaper published here some twenty odd years ago by Horace H. Hamlin now living in Clerwater, Florida and well known to many Beaufort people. The date of the paper referred to was December 11, 1908. It was an eight page, seven columns to the page publication, set by hand and very creditable in appearance. It carried considerable advertising but hardly enough to make it a very profitable enterprise. However considering the amount of business done in this section at that time it may be said to have had a very good patronage.

The principal advertisers in the Lookout were the Bank of Beaufort, the Beaufort Banking and Trust Co., the Paragon store of Morehead City Gaskill and May, Potter Bros., C. P. Dey, Guthrie and Co., N. W. Taylor, Richard Felton, the Beaufort Drug Co. Mrs. C. A. Moore, Albert I. Lewis, Hugh Fodrie and several New Bern and Morehead City firms. The Charles Hotel of Morehead City, operated by Charles S. Wallace, had an advertisement in the Lookout. Lawyers who had cards in the paper were Daniel G. Fowle, Abernethy and Davis, Claude R. Wheatly, Insurance agents were C. T. Chadwick, B. J. Bell, C. D. Jones, Thomas and Mace. A report of the proceedings of the board of county commissioners was carried in the Lookout. The new courthouse had just been completed and a resolution was adopted thanking the Building Committee composed of W. S. Chadwick, W. L. Arrington

House Drug Business Now In New Quarters

After having been closed for several months owing to the failure of the Beaufort Drug Company, the store room in the C. L. Duncan building at the east corner of Front and Turner streets is once again being used as a drug store. For many years this corner store has been used for the drug business and it had come to be regarded as a fixture in Beaufort.

The drug business of Joseph House, which has been conducted for several years in one of the store rooms in the building owned by the Bank of Beaufort on Front street, has been moved into the Duncan building. Mr. House has leased the store and has bought the fixtures that were in the store and which are very handsome ones. The stock of merchandise that was there and the fixtures in the House store were sold to out of town parties. Mr. House came to Beaufort in 1919 just after the close of the war. He was in the employ of the Beaufort Drug Company for several years and then went into business for himself in 1924 and has built up a substantial business. Mr. House finished moving into his new quarters yesterday and began business there yesterday morning.

Morehead City School Has Business Course

Morehead City, July 10.—There is a growing demand for business training all over our state. In the larger communities this demand is being met in our public schools, but so far those desiring a commercial course have had to leave Carteret County to secure this training at a great deal of expense in a business school. The management of the Morehead City Graded Schools, realizing the importance of this demand have been anxious to make such a course possible to all in the County desiring this training. The Board of Trustees have arranged for the expense of needed equipment but the teachers salary will have to be secured by tuition.

The work will therefore be open to any high school graduate in the county at a tuition fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for the nine months. Book keeping, typewriting and stenography will be given. It is an opportunity for those interested to secure this work at home at a small fraction of the cost at a business school.

This class will be limited to thirty pupils. If interested get in touch with Supt. H. L. Joslyn at once and make application.

Canada is enlarging her forest patrols to protect her extensive timber forests from fire.

A little moonlight now and then Will marry off the best of men.

STATE IS WEAK IN LIVE STOCK

Farm Forecaster Contains Much Information About N. C. Crops

(State Agricultural Dept.)
Raleigh, July 8.—Of the 44 pages in the annual issue of the Department's quarterly agricultural FARM FORECASTER, almost every feature of agricultural statistics is presented. The crop and livestock data for the past three years is tabulated in detail by counties. Many features never published before are included. The Crop Reporting Service collects original material from thousands of trained reporters. The Farm Census alone included 191,000 actual farm records for determining the county crop acreages.

North Carolina's rank in total crop value is quite creditable in view of the fact that we rank 21st in the total acres of crops (6,722,000 acres). Those States ranking ahead of us in value per acre or crops are either primarily truck crop areas like California, Florida and certain New England garden plots. Arizona uses only her best irrigated soils on which are grown vegetables and cotton. So after all, as a strictly general crop State—well diversified—the value per acre gives us a leading place.

The other side of the story is that the cost of production is also high with the profits per acre being low. Then, too, our cultivated acres per farm are low. Most farmers depend for their income on less than 20 acres of land.

Our greatest weakness is in livestock. As Dr. Clarence Poole, of the Progressive Farmer, told the 1,000 Wake County farmers assembled at State College recently, "A one-armed farmer is handicapped. Just so is the farmer who does not include livestock in his plans. By using that other arm almost twice as much could be accomplished." Livestock offer a home market. This is especially true of our cheapest and easiest crop—grass. We work and plan to kill it instead of encouraging it. Good pastures are easy to produce on any of our soils.

Mrs. Potter And Son Hurt In Car Accident

Burlington, July 7.—Mrs. G. D. Potter, of 1727 West Lee street, Greensboro, suffered a broken right arm and her son, Roland Potter, seven years old, suffered a fractured skull and broken right thigh in an automobile collision about 7:45 o'clock this morning just outside Elon College on the highway to Burlington. The condition of the child, who was most severely injured, was declared favorable tonight by hospital authorities.

J. R. Potter, of Winston-Salem, brother of G. D. Potter, who drove the car which his wife and child were injured, was also injured internally in the accident and was taken to hospital in Winston-Salem after his return home. The driver of the car and Mrs. J. R. Potter, only other occupants, were not injured.

The identity of the other motorist who struck the Reo touring car in which the Potter families were riding was not learned here today. His Dodge coupe was badly smashed. The touring car was almost demolished.

Details of the collision were not available. Mr. Potter declares that while he was driving along the open highway the other automobile swerved into his. No reason for the change of direction by the Dodge could be given.

Members of the Potter family here say that those injured in the accident referred to above are making as good progress as could be expected when the seriousness of their injuries are considered.

WELL KNOWN DOGS DIE

Two dogs familiar to the people of Beaufort met tragic ends the past week. Rex, the eight year old pet of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Lewis was killed by an automobile dying a short time after being struck. Rex was well known to all of Beaufort by his familiar presence on the Beaufort Water and Light Dept.'s truck, and his manly bark. Boy, the Airdale dog belonging to Mr. E. Z. Chappell was killed by an automobile on Front Street, the driver not stopping to see to what extent the dog had been injured. Boy was a familiar figure on Front street, playing with the Chappell boys.

City police enforce department of commerce aviation rules at the Memphis, Tenn., airport.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jno. F. Lewis to A. J. Dixon, 1-2 acre, Morehead Township, for \$10.