

Annual Report Heard And Budget Adopted

Amount Necessary For Current Expenses To Be Raised By Taxes Is \$345,817.56; General Fund Expenses Decreased; Road Maintenance \$22,000; Slight Tax Increase.

At a recessed meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday the budget for the ensuing fiscal year was adopted. The annual report of County Auditor W. J. Plint was also submitted. The tax rate has not been finally adopted but it is indicated in the auditor's report that it will be \$2.42 which is a slight increase over last year's and is caused by the fact that the rate last year was not high enough to take care of the county's expenses and caused a deficit of some \$90,000. The school tax rate this year will be \$1.05. All members of the board were present except Commissioner Klein.

At its meeting Tuesday the board adopted some regulations for the County Home which it has a right to do under the law. One rule is that inmates who are able to work must be put in keeping the Home in order. Another rule is that inmates must not leave the Home without notifying the Keeper and must return by 9 o'clock. Those who wish to do otherwise must get permission from the Chairman of the board.

The auditor's report and the budget will be found on the back page of this newspaper. Citizens who file this issue of the News away may find it interesting some time in the future. The auditor's preliminary statement follows:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GENTLEMEN:

We submit herewith our annual report for the period beginning July 1st, 1928 and ending June 30, 1929.

While the report speaks largely for itself, we feel it but fair to make the following

COMMENTS

The report is divided into two periods, that covered by the former administration, or from July 1st, 1928, to November 30th, 1928 and that covered by this administration; that is, from December 3rd, 1928 to June 30th, 1929—we also present a total column, covering the entire fiscal year.

The figures covering the dates December 3rd, 1928 to June 30th, 1929 were taken from our records, while the figures for the period covered by the dates July 1st, 1928 to November 30th, 1928, have been obtained in various ways, and should any errors appear therein there has been no intention to do the slightest injustice to any one. However, we believe that is the main thing we correct.

We also submit herewith a Financial Exhibit showing the financial condition of the County.

The Probable Assessed Valuation for the 1929 levy does not contain the amount of Excess Corporation Tax, as this will not be reported by the State Department before September 1st. The assessed valuation for the 1928 levy does contain Excess Corporation Tax of \$523,865. It is probable this figure will be approximately the same for 1929, and thus our assessed valuation will doubtless remain practically as for 1928 levy.

We also submit the Budget as amended for the Fiscal year 1929-1930 and the rate calculation covering the various funds.

You will note that while there was expended during the last fiscal year \$73,000, in the General Fund, the Budget for the coming year is only \$47,000, a reduction of \$26,000. Gentlemen, only rigid economy can maintain these figures and we warn you as we warn the head of each department, the strictest economy will be required of all, and should a disposition to exceed the budget appear, we shall not hesitate to remind those concerned.

In the Road Maintenance the figures require no comment beyond calling attention to the fact that during this Administration the bridges have been repaired, necessitating large expense, and while this work is not yet completed as we plan, by careful planning we shall experience no difficulty in keeping within the Budget. We would also remind you that we found the Road Equipment at low ebb and this has been built up at considerable expense. We do not anticipate this item to occur again soon.

The Debt Service is predetermined and needs no comments.

The School Budget perhaps is the most disappointing; with increased amount from State Board of Equalization, we felt sure the rate for schools

would be reduced at least \$1.00 but unless some way is found to reduce the budget, \$1.05 is the minimum rate for schools.

Before concluding, I feel it but just to remind you and perhaps thru you the general public that the increase in the tax rate suggested is due to the fact that the tax rate for a number of years has not produced the necessary revenue needed for the various expenses incurred. In plain words the levy has been insufficient as evidenced by the large amount of outstanding notes covering past years and the deficit in the Debt Service Fund last year of approximately \$90,000. The outstanding notes have been funded by the sale of Bonds, but, although by strict economy, we have reduced the deficit to around \$65,000, this amount must be cared for in our 1929 levy and means a figure of around 50c in the tax rate, that is but for this deficit the tax rate this year would have been below \$2.00 instead of \$2.42.

We have tried to do conscientious work in preparing our figures and with malice toward none and the spirit of greatest charity toward all we submit our Report and Budget herewith.

Yours very truly,
W. J. PLINT.

BARBER SHOP INSPECTOR VISITS LOCAL SHOPS

As a result of the law passed by the General Assembly regulating barber shops inspectors are now going around examining them. L. G. Whitley representing the State Board of Health arrived in town yesterday and began an inspection of the shops here. A placard setting forth 14 regulations governing the operation of barber shops has been placed in the shops here. The rules are for the purpose of making barber shops sanitary and safe for their patrons.

FISHING BOAT RETURNS FROM NEW JERSEY COAST

The menhaden fishing boat Edwards, owned by C. P. Dey of Beaufort and commanded by Captain Ned Lewis returned Monday from the New Jersey coast where she has been fishing for some weeks. The fishing there was fairly successful. The fishing around Beaufort has been fairly good also this summer both in the sounds and the ocean. In about two months, now the fall menhaden fishing season will begin.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HAS ANOTHER MEETING

Raleigh, July 24—The State Board of Equalization will meet here again Friday and Saturday of this week to distribute the \$1,250,000 "tax reduction" fund set apart by the past General Assembly for the purpose of equalizing between special schools districts the cost of maintaining a school term of more than six months and not more than eight.

An immense amount of calculating is involved in this job and Leroy Martin, secretary of the board, has had extra help with calculating machines for the past few days. Distribution of the "tax reduction" fund will leave the Board of Equalization only \$170,000 left to distribute this year. This is what is left of the \$300,000 emergency fund.

CONCERT SOPRANO TO SING AT ATLANTIC HOTEL

Morehead City, July 25—Marie de Kyser, celebrated concert soprano, of New York City, will sing Sunday night July 28 at 9:30 at the Atlantic Hotel. Madame De Kyser has sung before in North Carolina making her first appearance in the state in a beautiful recital at Guilford College in 1922. She was liked so well she was engaged to appear, and did sing at the college again the next year. During her visit to North Carolina this time Madame De Kyser is making one appearance only, at the Atlantic Hotel on Sunday night.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Carlos Conleton and Ruth M. Buttry, Beaufort.
W. L. Cuturie and Frances Stowe, Morehead City.

SCHOOL BUILDING IN N. C. DECLINES

Million Dollars Less For Building But Maintenance Cost Million More

North Carolinians spent \$1,000,000 less for their public schools in 1927-28 than they did in 1926-27, so declares State School Facts, the official publication of the State Department of Public Instruction in its current issue.

"A comparison of the two years" the publication continues "shows that in 1926-27 the total sum of \$36,701,501.36 was spent for these schools, whereas during the school year 1927-28 the sum of \$35,655,440.70 was expended for all public school purposes below college grade.

"The explanation of the decrease" the publication states, "is the fact that more than two million dollars less were spent for capital outlay purposes—new buildings, sites, and equipment. In 1926-27 more than eleven million dollars were paid out for this class of expenditures, whereas in 1927-28 slightly more than nine million dollars were put into new building and school equipment.

"The year 1927-28 marks the lowest point that capital outlay expenditures have reached since 1921-22, when the cost of the new buildings erected and equipped slightly exceeded six million dollars."

On the other hand, as the publication points out, the amount of money spent for the current operation and maintenance of the schools increased one million dollars over the preceding year. It cost \$26,580,686.40 to operate the elementary and secondary schools during 1927-28, whereas in 1926-27 twenty five and a half million dollars did the job.

There is a tendency for current expense to increase from year to year, but the rate of increase this past year is the lowest within the past eight years. This million dollars represents a 4 per cent increase, whereas in 1926-27 there was a 40.8 per cent increase; in 1921-22, 15.3 per cent; in 1922-23, 11.1 per cent; in 1923-24, 10.6 per cent; in 1924-25, 10.2 per cent; in 1925-26, 8.5 per cent; and 1926-27, 12.0 per cent. The increase the past year, therefore, is less than half the percentage increase of any of the preceding seven years.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

E. H. & J. A. Meadows Co. to G. K. B. Wade et als Trustees, part tracts in Craven and Carteret Counties, total consideration \$6000.

Jno. Hall Manning, Trustee, to Union Point Lumber Company, part tracts in Craven and Carteret counties, for \$25.

Union Point Lumber Company to Beuse Veneer & Box Company, part tracts in Craven and Carteret counties, for \$10.

Bogue Dev. Corp. to A. K. Burras, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$100.

Carolina Mortgage Co., to Central Investment Corp. 2 lots Morehead City, for \$3,300.

Cape Lookout Dev. Co., to Mrs. T. E. Bruton, 1 lot Cape Lookout, for \$90.

Martin Fulcher and wife to Willie L. Willis, tract Harkers Island, for \$25.

J. L. Stanton and wife to E. B. Whitehurst, tract Beaufort Township for \$10.

Maude L. Garner to Caroline H. Hyde, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.

Hugh C. Willis and wife to Charles S. Willis, tract Marshallberg, for \$10

POLICE COURT DOCKET WAS SMALL FRIDAY

Only a few cases were tried by Mayor Chadwick last Friday afternoon. They were C. W. Exum who plead guilty to a charge of driving too fast and was fined \$10 and costs. On the charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor he was sent to Recorder's court under a \$100 bond.

Alfonso Vann and William Vann, two colored youth, charged with playing ball on Turner street were fined \$2.50 and the costs each or 15 days work on the streets.

BENEFIT DANCE FOR ATLANTIC BEACH ORCHESTRA

Tuesday evening, there was a benefit dance given at the Atlantic Hotel for Happy Felton and his Kellogg Pep Boys, who lost their musical instruments in the Atlantic Beach fire. Morehead City and Beaufort people, guests of the hotel and others attended the dance. Music was by the Blue Devil Orchestra and Happy Felton's Kellogg Pep Orchestra. The two orchestras good naturedly vied with each other throughout the evening, and guests attending the dance had an enjoyable time.

CORONER'S JURY ACQUITS SMITH

No Criminal Fault In The Killing of William Willis Jury Says

Captain Roy Smith of Raleigh was exonerated by the Coroner's jury of the killing of William Willis a Morehead City youth, when it met last Friday. The death of the young man, who was sixteen years old, occurred as the result of an automobile collision which happened between six and seven o'clock Thursday evening the 18th.

Coroner L. J. Noe summoned a jury on the night of the fatality but didn't finish its deliberations until the next day. Those on the jury were E. W. Guthrie, W. P. Freeman, George R. Wallace, B. H. Braddy, Richard Rice, R. B. Wheatly. A considerable number of witnesses were examined including several soldiers from Camp Glenn. According to the testimony it appeared that Captain Smith was coming from the camp and going east on Evans street. William Willis and a companion Theo. Phillips, in their car entered Evans street at 19th and at this point the two cars collided. The rear of the Willis car was struck, it turned over and threw the young man out striking his head against something possibly a hydrant and killing him. Phillips was not seriously injured. Both he and the dead youth were taken to the hospital. Patrolman A. T. Moore went to the scene of the accident and testified that the Smith car skidded 32 1-2 feet before it struck the Willis car. He said it was 17 feet to the hydrant from where the collision occurred.

The coroner's jury's verdict was that "The deceased came to his death by being struck by an automobile driven by Captain Roy Smith without criminal fault on the part of the said Smith." William was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Willis of Morehead City. He was a likeable young fellow and his untimely death was deeply regretted by all who knew him, and in fact the entire community.

AERIAL PASSENGER SERVICE AT WILMINGTON IS PLANNED

Wilmington, July 19—Regular week-end aerial passenger service will be conducted between Wilmington and Raleigh by the Coastal Airways company, following agreement reached Thursday between the company and the board of commissioners of New Hanover county for leasing the commercial rights to Bleuthenthal Memorial airport.

J. E. Calhoun, manager of the aviation company, is reported to have left for New York to purchase a plane which is planned to use in an aviation school in connection with the air transport company.

PAVILION AT HILLCREST, NEAR KINSTON, DESTROYED

Kinston, July 20—Fire early today destroyed the main pavilion at Hillcrest, a resort near here. The loss was \$7,000. Firmen were not called and the owner knew nothing of the blaze for several hours. The cause was not determined. The blaze occurred about the time the Pagoda at Atlantic Beach was burned with a loss exceeding \$75,000.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAYS

Two of Beaufort's coming debutantes celebrated birthdays this past week, entertaining their many friends at enjoyable parties. These young ladies were Miss Mary Taylor Hinman, who entertained last Friday night at her home on Ann Street, and Miss Louise Bailey who entertained in honor of her birthday Tuesday night at her home on Moore Street.

CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IS SHOWN IN POPULATION OF HARKER'S ISLAND

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Carteret Club Spends Week in Raleigh

(By EDITH POWELL, Home Demonstration Agent)

Twenty-four women of Carteret County are enjoying the good things at State College during the annual "Farm and Home Week." They put aside those home cares that demanded their attention every day in the week and every day in the year and came to spend this one week at their State Agricultural College to study ways and means to improve their home conditions. Aside from the daily instruction which the women get in Foods, Clothing, House Furnishing and Home Gardening, they are hearing some of the best lectures in the state on topics directly related to the improvement of rural life. They are also meeting other women from all over the state of North Carolina and are learning what these women are doing. This one thing is perhaps the greatest stimulus one could possibly have. Sight-seeing trips to points of interest in Raleigh are one of the big features of their entertainment here. The peak of interest will be reached Thursday night when the Master Farm Home-makers will receive recognition. In honoring the Master Farmers, agricultural leaders have not forgotten the part the home makers have in making Master Farmers.

In 1927 one woman from Carteret County attended this annual meeting. This year those whose names appear below are in attendance:

Mrs. Homer Piner, Mrs. Mamie Willis, Mrs. Irene Willis, Mrs. Lydia Wade, and Mrs. Madeline Wade of Williston; Mrs. Blanche Davis of Smyrna; Mrs. C. W. Smith and Mrs. Odell Smith of Bogue; Miss Madie Dickinson, Miss Nina Hardesty, Mrs. J. H. Dickinson, Mrs. M. R. Whitley, of Core Creek, Beaufort R. F. D.

Mrs. Sam Merrill, and Mrs. Manly Eubanks, Beaufort RFD.; Mrs. Rena Weeks, Mrs. C. E. Leggett, Mrs. D. S. Oglesby, Jr.; Mrs. D. S. Oglesby Sr., and Mrs. Mamie Willis of Crab Point, Morehead City RFD.; Miss Virgie Chadwick, Miss Fannie Chadwick, and Mrs. Carl Gaskill of Straits, Mrs. Geo. Ball of Harlowe, Mrs. D. M. Salter of Merrimon.

JUNIOR ORDER MEETING AT DAVIS SATURDAY NIGHT

There will be a fraternal-patriotic lecture at the Davis public school building at Davis Saturday night July 27th at 8 o'clock. The program will be under the auspices of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. The speaker of the evening will be Rev. J. A. Sharp of Morehead City. His subject will be Virtue, Liberty and Patriotism which are the three cardinal principles of the order. All home loving and patriotic citizens are urged to attend this meeting. The ladies and school children are especially invited.

The Junior Order was founded back in Revolutionary Days and since that time it has labored for the preservation of the Holy Bible, the American Flag, the Free Public School and the American Home. The Junior Order recognizes them as the bed rocks of civilization and every Junior has pledged himself to defend them from their enemies. This old order has done much for us but will be needed most in the future. In North Carolina it has a membership of over 52,000 and making gains every year.

Beaufort and Morehead City have a fine council each and it is hoped that other localities in the county will establish a council.

NO RECORDER'S COURT

No session of the Recorder's Court was held here this week. This was due to the absence of Judge Hill who is attending the officers' training camp at Fort Bragg. Court will be held next Tuesday at the usual time.

INVESTIGATION OF MENHADEN INDUSTRY IS TO BE MADE

Wilmington, July 19.—Seeking methods for making the menhaden industry more profitable, Dr. A. C. Robertson, associate technologist at the federal bureau of fisheries in Washington, will visit Wilmington within the next two weeks, it is learned here.

The federal representative will study the situation both at Wilmington and at Beaufort and will report his findings to the bureau in the national capital. The menhaden industry has been losing money for three years, and the government hopes to protect fishermen who engage in the industry.

METHODIST PICNIC TODAY

Ann Street Methodist Church held their annual Sunday School picnic today, leaving by trucks and automobiles early this morning for the beach, going to the old pavilion. The day was greatly enjoyed by all, but particularly by the bathers and youngsters.

ATLANTIC BEACH STARTS BUILDING

Temporary Arrangements Being Made For Bathers; Fire Loss Very Heavy

Despite a fire that swept away in a few hours the Pagoda, bath houses and other buildings at Atlantic Beach last Saturday morning this popular resort will not be closed for several weeks yet. Workmen went there yesterday and started at once erecting temporary structures to provide dressing room facilities for those who may wish to enjoy the splendid surf bathing the beach affords. Ever since the fire there has been a demand on the part of the public for some arrangement by means of which surf bathing might be had and the directors of the company decided to meet the situation in so far as possible.

Two buildings will be erected at once, one for men and one for women, each 24 by 50 feet. They will be west of the Pagoda on the board walk. Any one who wishes to do so can use these bath houses free of charge. This makes surf bathing at Atlantic Beach absolutely free and the only cost for going there will be the bridge tolls. A good many people have gone there every day since the fire and about 500 cars were there last Sunday.

Ever since the fire there have been many rumors that it was of incendiary origin and various theories have been suggested to account for it. How ever so far there is no tangible evidence that the buildings were purposely burned. The origin of the fire at this time is a mystery. Whatever the origin though it was a bad one and is regarded very generally as a great loss to the community. It was especially unfortunate that it should have occurred right in the midst of the season when Beaufort and Morehead City were filled with visitors. It means a financial loss to a great many people besides those who owned the place. The News has been informed that the actual loss by the fire to the company that owned it is placed around \$110,000. There was only \$17,500 insurance on the property. The insurance rates there were quite high and the management did not feel justified in carrying a large amount of insurance. The buildings destroyed were the Pagoda, restaurant, bath houses, several places used for amusement concessions, verandas, board walk, furniture and equipment of various kinds. There were no facilities at the beach for fighting a fire and while the Morehead City and Beaufort outfits responded to the call they could do nothing. A watchman had made the rounds shortly before the fire broke out, which was around 3 A. M. and saw no sign of fire. When it got started it went very rapidly and in an hour or so the buildings were nothing but a pile of smoldering ashes.

Atlantic Beach is owned by a corporation composed of Beaufort, Morehead City, Charlotte and New York capitalists. They have a large investment there and even after the fire it is considered very valuable property. The patronage last season and this has been large. There seems to be no doubt but that the burned buildings will be replaced with possibly better ones in time for the 1930 season. Luther Hamilton of Morehead City is President of the company, W. A. Mace of Beaufort General Manager and J. F. Duncan of Beaufort is Treasurer. George A. Eyer of New York is a large stockholder in the enterprise and Earl Whitton of Charlotte holds a considerable block of stock in it.

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