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## County Board Asks Clerk For Reports

### Information Desired As To County Funds Now On Hand; Also Want Reports For 1928 And 1929; Commissioner Lee Gets Letter About Roads From Highway Commissioner Wheatly.

The Board of County Commissioners was in session pretty much all day Monday. A considerable variety of matters was taken up by the board for discussion and action. Chairman Bushall and Commissioners Edwards, Gaskill, Lee and Lewis were present.

County Auditor Plint read his report for December and the same was accepted and ordered filed.

The audit of the county's affairs made by Accountant C. F. Delamar of Durham was adopted and an order was passed to pay him for his services in cash or in notes if not sufficient cash is available at present.

A resolution in regard to the supplemental report of Mr. Delamar which was made on the office of Clerk of the Superior Court L. W. Hassell was adopted. The Clerk was respectfully requested to make a report on or before the first Monday in February of all public funds which may be in his hands or held by him, the date and source of such funds, the persons to whom due, how invested and where and in whose name deposited, also date of certificates of deposit etc.

A resolution was also adopted asking the Clerk to file reports as required by law, Consolidated Statutes, section 956, which should have been made on the first Monday in December 1928 and the first Monday in December 1929. "If filed such reports shall be referred to a special committee composed of C. H. Bushall and S. D. Edwards and a report shall be certified back to the board under Consolidated Statutes section 957 for the action of the board. If approved the reports shall be registered in book, Records of Official Reports, and published in a newspaper published in the county. If the board thinks such reports are incorrect it shall take legal action to compel proper reports to be made on the bond of the Clerk or by reporting the same to the Solicitor as provided by law Consolidated Statutes section 958."

Carl L. Gaskill of Sea Level came before the board and asked for some aid for his mother. The matter was referred to County Welfare Agent, Mrs. F. C. Salisbury.

W. C. Sadler of Harker's Island appeared before the board in behalf of John C. Salter who he said was badly in need of help. This matter was also referred to the Welfare Agent.

A resolution was adopted ordering that notices be placed at the entrances of all county bridges requiring drivers to hold their speed to 15 miles an hour.

Chairman Bushall stated that the county had an offer of \$50 for some junk consisting of some old wheels and a hoisting engine. A motion was passed authorizing the Chairman to sell the stuff.

T. C. Davis of Davis asked the board to have some culverts placed in front of his property. The matter was referred to Road Superintendent Jones for investigation.

Commissioner Edwards asked the board for aid for Mrs. Mollie Hester said to be in destitute circumstances. He was informed that at this time the "Poor Allowance Fund" was not in shape to allow any help.

A delegation composed of County School Superintendent J. H. Workman, Superintendent H. L. Joslyn of Morehead City, Alvah Hamilton of Morehead City Superintendent R. L. Fritz and U. E. Swann of Beaufort came before the board to get its approval for some loans from the State Literary Fund. Morehead City asked for a loan of \$75,000 last year and received \$50,000. A loan of \$15,000 is now desired. The Beaufort school board made application last year for \$6500 but has never gotten it. The board approved the requests for the loans.

Commissioner M. S. Lee produced a letter written to him by Highway Commissioner Wheatly in regard to the State's taking over all of the county's roads. The letter referred to a mass meeting held last June and stated that the writer's opinion was that the State Highway Commission would take over the roads from Beaufort to Atlantic and from Mansfield Bogue Sound and incorporate them in the State system and that it would take the County's gas tax money and work the rest of the roads with

it and turn back to the county any funds unused for that purpose.

The road matter was discussed at considerable length and finally the board decided that it was too important for hurried action. The agreement reached was that the board would take the matter under consideration and at a recessed meeting to be held next Monday would take such action as seemed to be for the best interest of the county.

## Most Cases Continued In Recorder's Court

Most of the cases set for trial in Recorder's Court this week were continued until next Tuesday. This was due to the absence of some of the attorneys who were appearing in the cases. Two cases went to trial and there was a submission in another.

William Rhodes, colored, or 'Buck' as he is better known was tried on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon James O. Harris. This case was sent up from the Beaufort police court along with several others all growing out of the same trouble. The warrant charged that Rhodes pointed a pistol at Harris and snapped it. The testimony seemed to show that Rhodes got mad because his brother Howard hit his sister Viola at Harris' cafe. It seemed that there had been more or less drinking and disorder at the cafe and Buck considered Harris responsible for it. He says Harris pointed a rifle at him but denied using the pistol on Harris. He said he told Harris that if he didn't leave his house that he would "put the man on him."

James Harris, James Harris Jr., Lila McCray and George Kirby said he had a pistol but his mother Missouri Rhodes, Viola Rhodes and Daisy Henry said not. The Judge said that the evidence was conflicting and he decided to acquit the defendant.

John B. Congleton charged with stealing chickens from Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein Lewis on New Year's evening was convicted and got 30 days in jail. His counsel Luther Hamilton gave notice of an appeal to Superior Court.

The cases continued were State against Calvin Taylor, State against J. O. Harris, State against George Kirby, State against Ruth Harris, State against Beverly Jones, State against Louis Henry, State against Jesse Rountree.

## FISHERMEN AND HUNTERS TO HOLD MEETING AGAIN

A further effort to straighten out the tangle as to the respective rights of the hunters and fishermen in Core Sound will be made soon. Captain J. A. Nelson, Fisheries Commissioner, informs the News that a meeting will be held at his offices in Morehead City Saturday January 11, at 12 o'clock noon. Persons who are interested are invited to attend the hearing.

## Birds And Flowers Give Appearance of Spring

Ever since the New Year began the weather in this section has been very mild and pleasant. In fact several days have seemed more like May than January. The birds seem to feel that spring is close at hand. Last week the robins put in their appearance and blue birds and mockingbirds are very much in evidence. The cold snaps in November and December killed most of the out door plants but some flowers are to be seen now blooming in the yards, violets and narcissus. If the weather stays as it has been recently for a few days longer many flowers will be in bloom. However as it has been said, "one swallow does not make summer" and some of the local weather prophets say that there will be several more cold spells and possibly some snow and ice before spring really gets here.

## BIRTH OF SON

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie I. Loftin, Saturday night, January 4, a son, W. I. Loftin Jr.

## MRS. A. J. COOKE DIES SUDDENLY

### Dies From Heart Attack This Morning; Funeral In Louisville Tomorrow

The people of Beaufort were greatly shocked this morning when the word spread around that Mrs. A. J. Cooke had died suddenly at 7:30 o'clock. She was taken ill about seven o'clock and called to her daughter-in-law Mrs. Buell Cooke who immediately summoned Dr. C. S. Maxwell. A heart stimulant was administered and every thing possible was done to revive her but without success. Mrs. Cooke was up and about the house as usual yesterday and in fact was able to attend the funeral of Mrs. Seth Gibbs later in the day taking a walk. However her health has not been good for many months.

The body of Mrs. Cooke left here for Louisville this afternoon accompanied by her son, Buell, her daughter-in-law Mrs. Buell Cooke and grand-daughter Virginia. Funeral services will be conducted from the home of Mr. Cooke's sister-in-law Mrs. Mary Foster and interment will be in the cemetery there by the side of their son. Her husband, who was away on a business trip at the time of her death will join the body in Raleigh and accompany them to Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooke came to Beaufort in the fall of 1917. Mr. Cooke taking over the Davis House which he ran for many years. Mrs. Cooke with her charming manner and vivaciousness made for herself a large circle of friends who are shocked at her passing. She was widely known throughout the state, Mr. Cooke having had charge of other hotels in the State, and Mrs. Cooke's cordiality and ready wit and friendliness drew many to her. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke were married in 1890. She was Miss Stella Branch of Cincinnati, Ohio and a member of a prominent family of that city. Her parents have been dead for a number of years.

## HEAR COUNTY MATTER IN NEW BERN COURT

The hearing before a Superior Court Judge which was to have been held Tuesday in New Bern, was postponed until Friday the 10th at two o'clock. This hearing is in regard to the suits the county has instituted against the Simmons Construction Corporation and various persons. The postponement was done at the request of lawyers for the county who were unable to be present Tuesday on account of other business engagements. The lawyers for the county will undertake to stop Superior Court Clerk Hagsell from holding any more hearings as to these county suits. The attorneys for the defendants will oppose this motion so the News understands.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS INSTALLED

The officers for 1930 of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church were installed at the regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary held in the church on Monday January 6. Installation service was conducted by Reverend J. A. Vache at three o'clock, meeting of the Auxiliary following at 3.30.

The officers for the new year are: President, Mrs. Carrie Norcom. Vice President, Mrs. Bayard Taylor.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Vache. Circle Leader No. 1, Mrs. C. L. Duncan.

No. 2, Mrs. L. W. Hassell. No. 3, Mrs. Maude Chadwick.

The Auxiliary reported that the full budget was raised in 1929, with a surplus in several circles, which surplus was turned over to the church to apply on the Building Fund and Prayer books.

Sunday evening at a special service the officers of the Young Peoples Service League will be installed. The League president is Miss Elizabeth Huntley, Secretary-Treasurer, Billy Mace, Counsellor, Mrs. John Brooks, who is a valuable asset to the League.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

M. T. Merrill and wife to D. F. Merrill, 40 acres Beaufort Township, for \$1.00.  
C. L. Abernethy and wife to U. S. tract Cape Lookout, for \$1.00.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Adrian Salter and Gerletta D. Gaskill, Sea Level.  
Lon M. Piner and Reba C. Vick, Morehead City.

## REVEREND MR. LEE DIES OF WOUNDS

### Former Beaufort Pastor Killed By Negro Prowling About Premises

Durham, Jan. 7.—Rev. E. Frank Lee, who was attacked at his home last Friday night by a large, ginger-colored negro, died Tuesday morning at 3:10 o'clock at a local hospital where he was being treated. News of his death came as a great shock to Durham.

On Sunday an infection had set in which, according to physicians, made recovery almost impossible, at least highly improbable. Monday they became more optimistic over his condition, but late Monday night he took a turn for the worse and died during the night. He had been shot through the abdomen, the bullet puncturing his intestines, and it was the nature of his wound that resulted in the infection.

Mr. Lee was 50 years old and had served charges in Fayetteville, Kinston, Greensboro, Beaufort and other cities. In addition to his widow, formerly, Miss Elsie Barbee, of this city, and one daughter, Elsie Lois, age nine, two brothers, A. F. Lee, of Newton Grove, and N. B. Lee, of Durham, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Barefoot, Newton Grove, and Mrs. Avery Britt of Bentonsville survive.

Funeral service will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Duke Memorial Methodist church, with Dr. J. C. Wooten, presiding elder of the Durham district, in charge. Interment will be made in the Municipal cemetery.

The county commissioners in session here Monday took cognizance of the shooting and offered reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant.

Friday night about 9:30 o'clock the minister, who was pastor of the Calvary Methodist church, in North Durham, went to the coal bin to bring in some fuel. On his return, he spied a negro prowling around the bathroom window. He inquired as to the negro's business, and was answered by two rapidly fired pistol shots, one taking effect in his hand and the other in his abdomen. However, despite his injuries, Mr. Lee picked up the coal bucket and continued into the house. He retained consciousness and declared he could identify the negro, but physicians Monday declared it inadvisable to carry suspects before him for identification.

Bloodhounds from Asheboro were rushed immediately after the shooting. They followed a trail to a negro cafe. John Revice, a negro who visited the cafe about the time of the shooting is being detained, Walter Harris and Jerry Hines, negroes, also are detained.

Reverend Mr. Lee was pastor of Ann Street Methodist church here for two years. He was recognized as a man of scholarly attainments and a preacher of unusual ability. Mr. and Mrs. Lee had many friends here who greatly deplore his untimely death.

## TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. 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, Jan. 10	
3:30 A. M.	9:51 A. M.
3:45 P. M.	9:41 P. M.
Saturday, Jan. 11	
4:29 A. M.	10:51 A. M.
4:49 P. M.	10:39 P. M.
Sunday, Jan. 12	
5:27 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
5:47 P. M.	11:49 P. M.
Monday, Jan. 13	
6:22 A. M.	11:36 A. M.
6:44 P. M.	12:43 P. M.
Tuesday, Jan. 14	
7:16 A. M.	12:33 A. M.
7:39 P. M.	1:35 P. M.
Wednesday, Jan. 15	
8:08 A. M.	1:29 A. M.
8:33 P. M.	2:26 P. M.
Thursday, Jan. 16	
9:00 A. M.	2:26 A. M.
9:28 P. M.	3:16 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jones who have been spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Day have returned to their home in Graham.

## Woman Will Lecture On Beautifying Roads

North Carolina and Florida are the two states that have been chosen by the American Nature Association and the National Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty in which to make a survey and demonstration of what can be done in the way of highway beautification. This survey which has the support of the State Highway Commission and the State Forestry Division is to be financed by the American Nature Association, and North Carolina benefits by it because it, with Florida, was regarded as the most promising for a demonstration of this kind.

Mrs. W. L. Lawton, who has been chosen to make this survey, will be in Beaufort Thursday evening January 23rd to give a lecture with slides, illustrating conditions in many states including a number of North Carolina views.

This meeting will be open to all persons interested in the question of highway beautification, and a special invitation is extended to the Mayor, the Board of Commissioners, the Chairman and Board of County Commissioners, the Home Demonstration Clubs of the County, the men's civic clubs, and to all other people in the county.

## City Commissioners Have Short Meeting

No business of an unusual nature was transacted by the Board of Town Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday. Those present were Mayor Chadwick, commissioners Chaplain, Mason, Taylor, Willis.

Commissioner Chaplain offered a motion which was passed, that the signing of an oil contract for the city be deferred until the next meeting of the board.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Taylor to reimburse Mrs. Mary G. Arrington \$1.75 for overpaid taxes. Motion was carried.

A motion offered by Commissioner Willis to renew liability insurance on fire trucks was passed.

Several bills were ordered paid after auditing them. The board then adjourned.

## Several Cold Days In Month Of December

Like all other months of 1929 December was unusually wet in this part of the country. According to figures of the local Weather Bureau the rainfall for the month was 5.69 inches which is considerably above the average of 4.02 inches. There were 19 clear days in the month though despite the heavy rainfall. For eleven days the wind blew from the southwest and the rest of the time it varied greatly.

December came in with an unusually cold spell, the thermometer on that day recorded 21 above zero. There were several days when it went below 30 and there was considerable light ice here and there. There was no snow or sleet. One day the temperature rose to 69, on the 15th, and the last three days of the month were clear and balmy. The temperature figures for the month are given below:

	Max.	Min.
1.	42	21
2.	65	32
3.	65	35
4.	42	26
5.	55	30
6.	61	39
7.	69	41
8.	65	53
9.	67	43
10.	67	43
11.	69	48
12.	58	48
13.	59	43
14.	63	47
15.	69	51
16.	60	53
17.	59	53
18.	65	53
19.	67	57
20.	60	58
21.	44	28
22.	43	33
23.	60	36
24.	44	30
25.	46	28
26.	44	30
27.	59	38
28.	59	44
29.	64	41
30.	54	37
31.	60	45

## DREDGE PULLEN WORKING ON INLAND WATERWAY NOW

The U. S. dredge Pullen spent several days in this vicinity last week doing some work on the Taylor's Creek canal and also some at the Bulkhead shoals. She has now gone back to the Inland Waterway and is working above Core Creek bridge.

## APPOINTED FISH INSPECTOR

Mr. D. J. Godwin has been appointed Fish Inspector for the town of Beaufort. The appointment was made by State Fisheries Commissioner John A. Nelson.

## MRS. SETH GIBBS HAS PASSED AWAY

### Prominent Beaufort Woman Succumbs After Long Illness; Funeral Here Wednesday

A death that has vitally affected most of the people of Beaufort and many friends elsewhere occurred in the passing of Mrs. Seth Gibbs at her home on Front Street, Tuesday morning, January 7th. Possibly only a few people, if any, in this community had any more friends than Mrs. Gibbs. Born in Beaufort on February 26th, 1871, and spending most of her life here, she with a sunny smile and a kind word for everybody, giving a life of usefulness and consideration for others, has made its impression on great numbers of people who will mourn her passing.

Mrs. Gibbs, affectionately known to her friends as Mattie, was the daughter of Capt. John Sabiston and his wife Hannah Murray Sabiston, one of the old families of Beaufort. Mrs. Gibbs was educated in the local schools and in College in Baltimore. She first married John L. Jones, son of Benjamin L. Jones, and brother of H. C. Jones, one of Beaufort's prominent business men, on June 11, 1890. Mr. Jones died about a year later, leaving an infant daughter, Sunie Bell, now the wife of John A. Hornaday Cashier of the Bank of Beaufort. Mrs. Gibbs was married the second time to Seth Gibbs, formerly Mayor of Beaufort, agent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad and a prominent citizen, on June 24th, 1897. To this union two children were born, Miss Gladys Gibbs and a son Julian Mann, who died at the age of nine.

Mrs. Gibbs leaves surviving also, a sister, Mrs. Belle Journey of Mr. Olive the widow of Rev. N. M. Journey for many years an active and prominent Methodist preacher of North Carolina. Mrs. Gibbs at the age of fourteen joined the local Methodist Church, and for many years was very active in its service, until ill health prevented. For about twelve years Mrs. Gibbs had been a great sufferer and her death was the climax of this illness of years. However with all she bore her trials and suffering with Christian fortitude and rarely did any one know what she suffered because to her friends and loved ones she was always bright and cheerful and refused to worry them with her troubles. Wonderfully patient, with a glad hand and a smiling countenance, she greeted her legions of friends and life was sweeter to them because of her happy ways and cheering words.

A great loss has come to her friends and especially her loved ones, but life will be easier lived and immortality more keenly anticipated by them because of her beautiful life and triumphant death.

The funeral was conducted from Ann Street Methodist Church Wednesday morning at 11:30 by Reverend R. F. Munns, Pastor of the Church, assisted by Reverend J. A. Vache, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Interment was in the Episcopal cemetery by the side of her only son, Julian Mann. Mr. Munns, spoke beautifully of her life, of her bright and happy disposition bright under all adversities, of her friendliness to all, her ability to make and keep her friends, and of her goodness, gifts given her because of her living close to her God. Mr. M. Leslie Davis, sang a solo, "One Sweetly Solmen Thought," and the choir sang "I Would Not Live Always" and "Over There," in the church, and "Blessed Assurance" at the grave. Active pallbearers were Messrs. Hal Potter, Will Potter, Will Mace, Joe House, Murray Thomas, Chas. M. Thomas, Honorary pallbearers were N. W. Taylor, C. B. Manson, E. H. Potter, Jas. Potter, S. A. Thomas, U. E. Swann, W. P. Smith, Alonzo Thomas, W. L. Arrington, H. C. Jones, Jas. Noe, W. L. Paul, R. A. Willis, M. L. Davis, F. R. Seely, C. T. Chadwick, Gilbert Glancey, C. A. Clawson, Jim Fodrie, Otis Moore.

The lovely floral offerings sent by her many friends and loved ones completely covered the cemetery lot.

## Mrs. Winfield Daniels and children

who have been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Forlaw, left Saturday morning for Charlotte.